



Apiary Inspectors of America



September 16th, 2019

Greetings Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) Members!

We are excited to announce that this year we will be holding the AIA annual meeting in collaboration with the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) and the American Association of Professional Apiculturists (AAPA) in Schaumburg, IL at The Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, January 6-11th, 2020. During this meeting, we will have the opportunity to interact with beekeepers, honey producers, researchers, and state regulatory authorities to gain the most up to date information related to honey bee health, apiary regulation, hive management and honey production. We will also hear about the status of honey bee health nationwide, including incidences of regional concern, how states or provinces deal with incoming threats, new legislation, updates on state level Pollinator Protection Plans, and different approaches to coordinating apiary programs and performing health inspections.

As customary, we have also scheduled in time for individual presentations from each state or province in attendance to provide an update on their associated apiary programs and local honey bee health metrics. We consider the conversations, discussions and group networking that occurs at the AIA meeting to be the most valuable interactions, resources and support in our positions throughout the year. Given this, we strongly encourage you to become a member of AIA and join us for the meeting this year. Note that your registration to AIA will also include registration to the ABF and AAPA meetings so you can check out diverse and engaging presentations offered at all three organizations allowing you to get the most out of this meeting!

Please take a minute to fill out and return the attached Membership and Registration form to Keith Tignor using the address below. If you would like to see a topic added to the meeting agenda or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Kim Skyrn at 857-319-1020 or at kim.skyrm@mass.gov.

We look forward to seeing everyone in January and wish you safe travels!

Sincerely,

Samantha Brunner
AIA President

Kim Skyrn
AIA Vice President



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2020 AIA Annual Meeting - January 6-11th, 2020
Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, Schaumburg, IL
Euphoria Meeting Room

Monday, January 6th

8:00am-8:15am – Welcome and Introductions (meet in *Euphoria* room to depart as group)

8:15am-9:15am – Transit to Field Trip

9:15am-12:00pm – Field Trip to Field Museum exhibit *Fantastic Bug Encounters!*

12:00pm-1:30pm – Group Lunch (on your own at museum café)

1:30pm-2:00pm – Transit to Field Trip

2:00pm-5:00pm – Field Trip to Garfield Park Conservatory Apiary

Tuesday, January 7th

8:00am-8:15am – Welcome and Introductions

8:15am-9:00am – AIA Business Meeting, State Reports

9:00am-9:30am – Update on Apimondia International Apiary Regulators meeting – *Mary Reed* (Texas Apiary Inspection Service)

9:35am-10:05am – Update on Exotic Hymenoptera Trapping Project – *Karen Roccasecca* (Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture)

10:10am-10:25am – Break

10:25am-11:15am – Update on Apivar (amitraz) Resistance – *Ulrike Marsky* (Véto-pharma)

11:15am-12:00pm – Illinois Varroa Mite Monitoring Project/Beescape – *Adam Dolezal* (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

12:00pm-1:30pm – Lunch (on your own)

1:35pm-2:15pm – USDA Beltsville Bee Lab sample analysis summary – *Samuel Abban* (USDA Beltsville Bee Lab) [*UPDATE: TBD – may be canceled if remote presentation not possible*]

2:20pm-2:50pm – Pathogen Testing Services for Apiary Inspection Programs - *Zack Bateson* (National Agricultural Genotyping Center - NAGC)

2:55pm-3:10pm – Break

3:15pm-3:45pm – Bacteriophages and Honeybee Disease – *Scott Brady* (Esplin Biotechnology)

3:50pm-5:00pm – USDA APHIS National Honey Bee Survey/Bee Informed Partnership (BIP) update – *Dennis VanEnglesdorp* (University of Maryland) and *Karen Rennich* (BIP)

5:00pm-5:15pm – Update from Managed Pollinator Protection working group – *Megan Milbrath* and *Ana Heck*

5:15pm-5:45pm – Training Veterinarians as Beekeepers – *Megan Milbrath* (Michigan State University)

6:00pm-8:00pm – AIA Group Dinner (on your own)



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Wednesday, January 8th

8:00am-10:00am – ABF Meeting Opening Ceremony & Sessions

10:00am-10:30am – Break

10:30am-12:00pm – ABF Meeting Sessions

12:00pm-1:30pm – Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm-2:30pm – ABF Meeting Sessions

2:30pm-3:00pm – Break

3:00pm-6:00pm – ABF Meeting Sessions

6:00pm-7:00pm – ABF Meeting Welcome Reception in the Tradeshow

7:00pm-7:30pm – AIA/ABF Discussion to Determine Ways to Increase Collaboration Between Groups
[Will take place in the Euphoria Room]

7:30pm-8:00pm – AIA Business Meeting, State Reports continued

Thursday, January 9th

8:00am-10:00am – ABF and AAPA/ABRC Meeting Sessions

10:00am-10:30am – Break

10:30am-11:00am – ABF and AAPA/ABRC Meeting Sessions

11:00am-11:15am – AIA Update Report to ABF – *Kim Skyrms/Samantha Brunner (AIA)* *[Will take place in Schaumburg E-H & East Rooms]*

11:15am-12:00pm – ABF and AAPA/ABRC Meeting Sessions

12:00pm-1:30pm – Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm-2:00pm – ABF and AAPA/ABRC Meeting Sessions

2:00pm-3:15pm – AIA/AAPA/ABF Joint Discussion to Identify Research Gaps and Prioritize Needs
[Will take place in the Ballroom/Salon West Room]

3:15pm-3:45pm – Break

3:45pm-5:00pm – ABF and AAPA/ABRC Meeting Sessions

6:00pm-8:00pm – AAPA/ABRC Welcome Reception/Poster Session



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Friday, January 10th

8:00am-10:00am – AIA Business Meeting

- ❖ Officer Reports
- ❖ Committee Reports
- ❖ New/Unfinished Business
- ❖ Officer Elections

10:00am-10:30am – Break

10:30am-12:00pm – AIA Business Meeting continued

12:00pm-1:00pm – Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm-1:30pm – AIA Joint Discussion with *Jerry Hayes* (Bee Culture) to Include Inspector Articles

1:30pm-2:00pm – Discussion on Asian Giant Hornet (*Vespa mandarinia*) in British Columbia – *Paul Kozak* (Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs)

2:00pm-3:00pm – AIA Business Meeting, if needed or Executive Meeting

3:00pm-3:30pm – Break

3:30pm-5:00pm – AAPA/ABRC Meeting Sessions

Saturday, January 11th

8:30am-10:00am – ABF Meeting Sessions

10:00am-10:30am – Break

10:30am-12:00pm – ABF Meeting Sessions

12:00pm-1:30pm – Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm-2:45pm – ABF Meeting Sessions

2:45pm-3:45pm – AIA Panel for ABF: What to Expect from Your Apiary Inspector (*Kim Skyrn* (MA), *Michael Studer* (TN), *Daniel Ziehli* (WI), *Jennifer Lund* (ME), *Stephen Stanko* (UT)) [*Schaumburg D Room*]



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TRAVEL

Flight – Book flights to either nearby airports: Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) or Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW). Note that ORD is in closer proximity to the hotel compared to MDW.

Shuttle – The hotel does not provide shuttle service to either airports. There are several options available including public transportation (Chicago Transit Authority - CTA), shuttle, taxi, Uber, Lyft, etc. We will send around a transportation sheet so folks can coordinate if they want to do a ride share. Note that estimated taxi fees are \$26-\$65 one way to/from ORD airport or \$53-\$75 one way to/from MDW airport.

Hotel – The Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel reservations can be made online at: <https://book.passkey.com/go/AmericanBeekeepingConf2020>. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 847-303-4100. Please be sure to request the “**ABF**” or “**beekeepers**” room block. The ABF room block rate is \$119.00 per night plus tax. Current occupancy tax is 15% and sales tax is 12%. No resort fees or any other fees will be added to this rate. Note the discounted group rate is available until **Monday, December 16th, 2020**, or until the room block is full (whichever comes first). After this date, the discounted group rate may no longer be available.

Parking – Complimentary on-site self-parking at hotel. Valet parking with in/out privileges is \$19/day plus tax.

REGISTRATION

Registration to AIA, ABF and AAPA/ABRC – \$100 for meeting registration to AIA provides entry and access to all meetings. If interested in attending the optional ABF activities, note that these are NOT included as part of your AIA registration and as such you will need to register for these separately on the ABF website: <https://abfconference.com/registration>.

Registration forms and payments must be postmarked on or before **Friday December 20th, 2019** so that a list of attendees can be given to ABF prior to the meeting. Please visit the ABF Registration Desk starting **Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at 4pm** to pick up your registration materials (i.e. name badge, bag, program booklet).

ABF will be able to accommodate “late” (after postmarked date above) registrations to AIA or registrations on day of meeting, but please try to meet the deadline above so that we may have an accurate head-count to provide to ABF Registration Desk prior to the start of the meeting. If registering on day of the meeting, use promo code “**2020CONFAIA**” at the ABF Registration Desk after submitting AIA Registration form in person to Keith Tignor.

Monday Field Trips – Transportation and admission to the Field Trip venues (i.e. Field Museum and Garfield Park Observatory) are included as part of your AIA registration. However, an accurate head count is needed in advance to secure reservation to these venues, so please alert Keith Tignor



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(keith.tignor@vdacs.virginia.gov) ASAP if you are planning to register for the AIA meeting, but have not submitted your Registration form and want to attend these Field Trips.

T-shirts – Members will receive an AIA logo printed unisex t-shirt as part of registration this year. If you desire to purchase additional t-shirts, please alert Kim Skyrms (kim.skyrm@mass.gov) ASAP to ensure the quantity/size requested can be ordered prior to the meeting.

SERVICES & AMMENITIES

WiFi – Complimentary wireless internet in lobby and public areas at hotel. May also be available in the conference center and meeting rooms, but check with ABF desk upon arrival to determine availability. High speed wireless internet is available for in hotel room at a rate of \$15/day plus tax.

Dining – Continental breakfast is available at hotel for \$15/day plus tax or breakfast buffet for \$20/day plus tax. Several other restaurants are located within the hotel. Remember to budget for single night group dinner and note that NO single group lunch will be provided this year with registration fee.

SPEAKERS & PRESENTATIONS

Registration – All speakers receive complimentary registration to not only to the AIA meeting, but also the [American Beekeeping Federation \(ABF\)](#) and [American Association of Professional Apiculturists \(AAPA\)](#) annual meetings as well so be sure to check these out! Visit the ABF Registration Desk starting **Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at 4pm** to pick up your registration materials (i.e. name badge, bag, program booklet).

Presentations – Your presentation will take place in the AIA meeting room - *Euphoria*. The meeting room will be equipped with an LCD projector, screen, PC laptop, and remote slide advancer/laser pointer for your convenience. You are welcome to either upload your presentation directly to the laptop available in the room prior to your presentation or email it in advance to Kim Skyrms (kim.skyrm@mass.gov). If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kim Skyrms.