



# 2022 Committees

## Apiary Inspectors of America



*Denotes Chair \* and Co-Chair\*\**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Executive Committee</b></p> <p>President - <i>Natasha Garcia-Andersen*</i>            Vice President - <i>Alyssa Piccolomini**</i>            Secretary - <i>Emily Wine</i>            Treasurer - <i>Keith Tignor</i>            Past President/Webmaster - <i>Kim Skyrn</i>            North Director - <i>Samantha Brunner</i>            South Director - <i>Mike Studer</i>            East Director - <i>Meghan McConnell</i>            West Director - <i>Jenna Crowder</i>            At-Large Director - <i>Darcy Oishi</i>            Canada Director - <i>Samantha Muirhead</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Membership Committee</b></p> <p>North Director - <i>Samantha Brunner</i>            South Director - <i>Mike Studer</i>            East Director - <i>Meghan McConnell</i>            West Director - <i>Jenna Crowder</i>            At-Large Director - <i>Darcy Oishi</i>            Canada Director - <i>Samantha Muirhead</i></p> <p>This committee is comprised of the Directors selected by the AIA membership. The role of this committee is to communicate with each state, province and territory within the designated region and strive for full representation at AIA meetings.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Site Committee</b></p> <p><i>Alyssa Piccolomini*</i>  <i>Brad Cavin</i>  <i>Brooke Decker</i>  <i>Meghan McConnell</i></p> <p>The purpose of this committee is to gather information about the upcoming annual meeting and assist the Vice President in organizing the meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nominating Committee</b></p> <p><i>Karen Roccasecca**</i>  <i>Barbara Bloetscher**</i>  <i>Don Hopkins</i>  <i>Shanda King</i></p> <p>The purpose of this committee is to nominate AIA members for the officer positions. Elections are made at the annual meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Auditing Committee</b></p> <p><i>Joan Mahoney*</i></p> <p>The purpose of this committee is to review the financial records and receipts maintained by the AIA Treasurer prior to the annual meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Resolutions Committee</b></p> <p><i>Jennifer Lund**</i>  <i>Tammy Horn Potter**</i>  <i>Joey Caputo</i></p> <p>The purpose of this committee is to gather Resolutions throughout the year and submit all standing and proposed Resolutions to the AIA members prior to and during the annual meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Awards Committee</b></p> <p><i>Mike Studer*</i>  <i>Keith Tignor</i>  <i>Don Hopkins</i></p> <p>The purpose of this committee is to request, review, procure and award nominations for the Researcher of the Year Award, determine and award membership service awards, retirement awards, and student travel scholarships.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communications Committee</b></p> <p><i>Tammy Horn Potter*</i>      <i>Taylor Powell</i>  <i>Brooke Decker**</i>      <i>Kim Skyrn</i>  <i>Adam Pacht</i>      <i>Samantha Muirhead</i>  <i>Paul Kozak</i>      <i>Samantha Brunner</i></p> <p>The purpose of this committee is to generate the AIA Newsletter, update and maintain the AIA website and generate content for all other industry publications (i.e. ABF Newsletter, Bee Culture, etc.).</p>

### Stand Operating Procedures Committee

<i>Mike Studer*</i>	<i>Joan Mahoney</i>
<i>Barbara Bloetscher**</i>	<i>Joey Caputo</i>
<i>Samantha Brunner</i>	<i>Paul Kozak</i>
<i>Brooke Decker</i>	<i>Alexandra Panasiuk</i>
<i>Paul Tessier</i>	<i>Kim Skyrms</i>

The purpose of this committee is to gather SOPs from states and provinces to then develop a document containing guidance, advice, and examples for inspection programs that either don't have an SOP developed or need to update one.

### Industry Associations Committee

*Natasha Garcia-Andersen\**  
*Tammy Potter*  
*Jennifer Lund*  
*Barbara Bloetscher*

The purpose of this committee is to maintain/initiate communication and collaboration between AIA and other industry organizations (i.e. Honey Bee Health Coalition, NAPPC, etc.).

### Nonprofit Committee

<i>Keith Tignor*</i>	<i>Alyssa Piccolomini</i>
<i>Natasha Garcia-Andersen**</i>	<i>Meghan McConnell</i>
<i>Mike Studer</i>	<i>Kim Skyrms</i>

The purpose of this committee is to gather information needed to convert AIA to a 501c status and suggest changes to the AIA constitution and by-laws in order to meet the requirements of that nonprofit status.

### Survey/Annual Health Data Committee

<i>Kim Skyrms**</i>	<i>Emily Wine</i>
<i>Jennifer Lund**</i>	<i>Paul Kozak</i>
<i>Darcy Oishi</i>	<i>Gabrielle Claing</i>
<i>Erin Christiansen</i>	<i>Julie Ferland</i>

The purpose of this committee is to collect data from states, territories and provinces about the status of the apiary industry in these individual regions and generate reports for the USDA and other industry stakeholders.

### Educational Outreach Committee

<i>Paul Kozak</i>	<i>Alyssa Piccolomini</i>
<i>Taylor Powell</i>	<i>Brooke Decker</i>
<i>Ed Burlett</i>	<i>Bridget Gross</i>
<i>Jennifer Lund</i>	<i>Brooke Decker</i>

The purpose of this committee is to generate educational content and products for beekeepers in North America (i.e. IPM manual, info cards, etc.).

### Regulatory/Veterinarian Committee

<i>Darcy Oishi*</i>	<i>Natasha Garcia-Andersen</i>
<i>Brad Cavin**</i>	<i>Julie Ferland</i>
<i>Paul Kozak</i>	<i>Dave Priebe</i>
<i>Taylor Powell</i>	<i>Don Hopkins</i>
<i>Sam Muirhead</i>	

The purpose of this committee is to facilitate communication and collaboration with veterinarians. This committee may generate and provide feedback and resources beneficial to veterinarians, apiary inspectors, and beekeepers.

### Pollinator Committee

<i>Emily Wine*</i>	<i>Natasha Garcia-Andersen</i>
<i>Alyssa Piccolomini**</i>	<i>Tammy Potter</i>
<i>Therese Sutton</i>	<i>Bridget Gross</i>
<i>Jenna Crowder</i>	<i>Graham Parsons</i>

The purpose of this committee is to establish communication and collaboration with non-*Apis* and native pollinator organizations.

### Social Media/IT Committee

<i>Natasha Garcia-Andersen*</i>	<i>Dave Priebe</i>
<i>Meghan McConnell</i>	<i>Jenna Crowder</i>
<i>Kim Skyrms</i>	

The purpose of this committee is to provide technical support to AIA, as well as coordinate social media outreach for the association.

### Research/Diagnostic Labs Committee

<i>Jenna Crowder*</i>	<i>Barbara Bloetscher</i>
<i>Kim Skyrms**</i>	<i>Karen Roccasecca</i>
<i>Lewis Cauble</i>	<i>Paul Kozak</i>
<i>Don Hopkins</i>	<i>Brad Cavin</i>

The purpose of this committee is to gather information on research and diagnostic labs that provide services for apiary inspection services and beekeepers. Additionally this committee will facilitate communication and collaboration between the AIA and these labs.

### Integrated Pest Management Committee

<i>Paul Kozak*</i>	<i>Lewis Cauble</i>
<i>Paul Tessier**</i>	<i>Samantha Muirhead</i>
<i>Jennifer Lund</i>	<i>Don Hopkins</i>
<i>Adolphus Leonard</i>	<i>Adam Pacht</i>

The purpose of this committee is to develop beekeeping management practices geared towards safely and effectively managing honey bee pests and diseases in North America.