



2023 Committees

Apiary Inspectors of America



*Denotes Chair * and Co-Chair***

Executive Committee

President - *Natasha Garcia-Andersen**
 Vice President - *Brooke Decker*** Secretary - *Alyssa Piccolomini*
 Treasurer - *Samantha Brunner*
 Past President/Webmaster - *Kim Skyrn*
 North Director - *Frances Hegarty*
 South Director - *Don Hopkins*
 East Director - *Kim Skyrn*
 West Director - *Jenna Crowder*
 At-Large Director - *Darcy Oishi*
 Canada Director - *Samantha Muirhead*

Membership Committee

North Director - *Frances Hegarty*
 South Director - *Don Hopkins*
 East Director - *Kim Skyrn*
 West Director - *Jenna Crowder*
 At-Large Director - *Darcy Oishi*
 Canada Director - *Samantha Muirhead*

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.

Site Committee

Brooke Decker *
 Brad Cavin
 Meghan McConnell
 Natasha Garcia-Andersen
 Chris Rosario
 Jenna Crowder

The purpose of this committee is to gather information about the upcoming annual meeting and assist the Vice President in organizing the meeting.

Nominating Committee

*Karen Roccasecca***
*Barbara Bloetscher***
Don Hopkins
Shanda King
Adam Pachl
Hannah Blackburn

The purpose of this committee is to nominate AIA members for the officer positions. Elections are made at the annual meeting.

Auditing Committee

*Joan Mahoney**
Jared Spokowsky
Hannah Blackburn

The purpose of this committee is to review the financial records and receipts maintained by the AIA Treasurer prior to the annual meeting.

Resolutions Committee

*Jennifer Lund***
*Tammy Horn Potter***
Joey Caputo

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.

Awards Committee

*Mike Studer**
Keith Tignor
Don Hopkins

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, Inspector of the Year Award, and student travel scholarships.

Communications Committee

*Tammy Horn Potter** *Taylor Powell Brooke*
*Decker*** *Kim Skyrn*
Adam Pachl *Samantha Muirhead*
Paul Kozak *Samantha Brunner*
Jenna Crowder

The purpose of this committee is to generate the AIA Newsletter, update and generate content for all other industry publications (i.e, ABF Newsletter, Bee Culture, etc.).

Standard Operating Procedures Committee

Mike Studer* Joan Mahoney
 Barbara Bloetscher** Joey Caputo
 Hannah Blackburn Paul Kozak
 Brooke Decker Alexandra Panasiuk
 Paul Tessier

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* Barbara Bloetscher
 Tammy Potter Kim Skyrms
 Jennifer Lund Mike Studer

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

Keith Tignor* Meghan McConnell
 Alyssa Piccolomini Mike Studer
 Natasha Garcia-Andersen** Jenna Crowder

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

Jennifer Lund* Emily Wine
 Kim Skyrms** Paul Kozak
 Darcy Oishi Gabrielle Claing
 Erin Christiansen

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

Paul Kozak Lewis Cauble
 Jenna Crowder Paul Tessier*
 Bridget Gross Samantha Muirhead
 Ed Burlett Jennifer Lund
 Frances Hegarty Don Hopkins
 Adam Pacht Adolphus Leonard

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 Committee

Samantha Brunner* Don Hopkins
 Brad Cavin* Karen Roccasecca
 Natasha Garcia-Andersen Scott Opatril
 Sam Muirhead Jacob Bates
 Paul Kozak Darcy Oishi
 Dave Priebe Branden Stanford
 Taylor Powell

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Pollinator Committee

Emily Wine* Natasha Garcia-Andersen
 Alyssa Piccolomini** Tammy Potter
 Graham Parsons Bridget Gross
 Jenna Crowder Kim Skyrms
 Shanda King

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

Social Media/IT Committee

Natasha Garcia-Andersen*
 Dave Priebe
 Meghan McConnell
 Samantha Brunner
 Jonathan Jones
 Jenna Crowder

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

Research/Diagnostic Labs Committee

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

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. Currently inactive – maintain list of labs

Historical Records and Proceedings Committee

Don Hopkins, Historian* Keith Tignor
 Bill Baxter Brad Cavin
 Barbara Bloetscher Mike Studer
 Karen Roccasecca Adam Pacht

The purpose of this committee is to gather and maintain historical AIA records and publish a report of set meetings and conferences.