

CONSTITUTION
of the Center for Urban Bee Research, Inc. (dba)
DC Beekeepers Alliance

Article I: Name and Object

Section 1

This Association shall be known as the " Center for Urban Bee Research." The Center for Urban Bee Research will act as an umbrella foundation which would support multiple beekeeping-related community and research projects and organizations. The DC BEEKEEPERS ALLIANCE is the only active organization under the Center for Urban Bee Research. In 2013, an official filing was made with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulator Affairs to adopt DC BEEKEEPERS ALLIANCE as the "name under which business is conducted or transacted." The name of the Corporation therefore is officially the CENTER FOR URBAN RESEARCH doing business as (dba) DC BEEKEEPERS ALLIANCE, hereinafter "DCBA."

Section 2

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote scientific and practical urban bee culture, advocate for a sustainable environment for both native and managed pollinators, promote the use of honey and other bee products, and to secure such legislation as is necessary to protect and further the beekeeping industry and to advance the interests of its members.

Article II: Officers

Section 1

The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and three Directors who shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

Section 2

There shall be an Executive Board consisting of all the above officers. The two immediate past Presidents shall be members.

Section 3

The terms of officers shall begin on the first day of January following their election and run until a successor is elected. A term may be a year or a multiple thereof. The President and Directors, however, may not serve more than two successive one-year terms.

Section 4

Any vacancy in office shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Board. The person selected shall serve until his/her successor is elected and takes office.

Article III: Membership

Section 1

Any person, corporation or association interested in beekeeping may become a member upon application and payment of dues. Duration shall be on a rolling basis for one year from date of completed membership application and payment of dues.

Section 2

Only paid-up members may serve as officers or as delegate, chairman, or member of a select committee.

Section 3

A member whose membership has not been renewed by one year from the past membership application and payment of dues shall be dropped from the rolls.

Section 4

A member shall also be dropped upon complaint stating fair cause if considered justified by the Executive Board.

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1

There shall be an annual scheduled meeting at which time the following will be accomplished:

- (a) a slate of officers shall be presented by the nominating committee for vote by members present; and
- (b) there shall be a Treasurer's report, including submission of a proposed budget for vote by the membership.

Section 2

Each meeting of the association shall be held at a time and place designated by the Executive Board.

Article V: Amendments

When a quorum is present at any scheduled meeting of the association, this constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present. A written notice of the proposed amendment must be sent to each member by way of such publication as is available prior to the scheduled meeting or by a reading of said proposed amendment at a prior meeting of the association.

