

# ILLINOIS QUEEN INITIATIVE CONSTITUTION

Original Constitution Adopted March 25, 2014

## Article I – Name

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Illinois Queen Initiative.

## Article II - Purpose and Function

Section 1. The purpose and function of the organization shall be to promote interest in honey bee queen rearing in Illinois and the beekeeping industry in Illinois.

## Article III – Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Illinois Queen Initiative shall be open to all persons interested in honey bees, beekeeping and bee queen rearing.

## Article IV - Officers

Section I. Officers and their tenure of office

- a. All elected Officers shall be members in good standing and shall be residents of the state of Illinois.
- b. Officers of the Association shall be State Director, Assistant Director, Northern Region Director, Central Region Director, Southern Region Director, Chicago Region Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Web Master and IQI Advisor.
- c. The Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve for one year each.
- d. The Director may not serve for more than three successive terms; the Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary may not serve for more than six successive terms. Officers may be reelected after retirement from office of at least one year.
- e. Regional Directors shall serve three years each, but only one Regional Director shall be elected each year.
- f. The State Director, Assistant Director, Regional Directors, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Board.

## Section 2. Board Representation

- a. To insure statewide representation within the Board of Directors the state shall be divided into four sections, Northern, Central, and Southern, and Chicago area. One Director shall be elected from each section.

## Article V - Meetings

### Section 1. General meetings

- a. There shall be at least one annual meeting usually held in the fall.
- b. Annual fall meeting shall be held in a central location usually the first or second week of October. The date, place and program shall be arranged by the Executive Board.

## Article VI – Elections

### Section 1. Election of IQI Officers

- a. The election of officers shall be held during the fall convention.
- b. A majority of the votes cast is required to elect a candidate.

## Article VII – Amendments

### Section 1. Amending IQI Constitution and By-Laws

- a. The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, or any special meeting called for that specific purpose.
- b. The IQI Constitution and Bylaws cannot be suspended during any meeting unless a motion for this purpose is made, seconded, and carried by a two-thirds majority vote of those present.

Respectfully submitted, the Executive Board Illinois Queen Initiative, L. Langley, Ass. Dir. (T.B.D.), D. Dham, P. Raines, T. Kilty, G. Grobe, C. Stroud, C. Gerberding.

# Illinois Queen Initiative By-Laws

March 25, 2014

## Article 1: Name of organization

Section1: This organization is and shall be known as the Illinois Queen Initiative or the IQI.

## Article 2: Purpose of organization

Section1: The IQI is a non-profit organization based in Illinois and composed of beekeepers, queen producers and nuc producers.

Section 2: The organization provides educational programs, training and information necessary to produce queens indigenous to Illinois and thus bees that are more likely to survive and produce well under Illinois conditions.

Section 3: The IQI helps to coordinate an exchange of brood stock of bees and queens between the IQI producers and members wanting to participate.

Section 4: The IQI will promote the Illinois bee and queen industry and will promote healthy bees adapted to Illinois.

Section 5: The IQI will serve as a conduit between beekeepers and producers of queens and nucs from Illinois.

## Article 3: Membership

Section 1: Membership is open to any person.

A: Membership dues are \$25.00 per year and are subject to change.

B: Students in an approved curriculum may be eligible for reduced fees of 50%.

C: Dues are paid annually at or before the annual fall meeting.

Section 2: Privileges of membership.

A: To attend and participate in board meetings.

B: To vote on matters brought up before the organization.

C: To hold office.

D: To chair and be part of a committee.

E: To receive club discounts.

F: To receive a copy of the By-Laws and Constitution.

G: To receive any newsletters.

H: To advertise on the producers' page.

#### Article 4: Officers

Section 1: The officers shall consist of the following positions.

A: State Director

B: Assistant Director

C: Northern Region Director

D: Central Region Director

E: Southern Region Director

F: Chicago Region Director

G: Secretary

H: Treasurer

I: Web Master

J: IQI Advisor

Section 2: Any member in good standing can be nominated for any office listed in Section 1 of Article 4 by contacting their Region Director. These nominees are then elected by a majority vote of members present at the annual fall meeting.

Section 3: The executive board will consist of the offices A thru H listed in Section 1 of Article 4. Five (5) board members present at a meeting will constitute a quorum. Because of travel distance this meeting may be held in person, via telephone, web conference, e mail or USPS as deemed necessary by the IQI Director.

Section 4: In the event any office becomes vacant and there are no nominees, the State Director shall have the authority to appoint a replacement for the remainder of that vacant term.

Section 5: Duties of the officers.

A: State Director shall:

- 1: Be responsible for the direction of the IQI by scheduling yearly educational programs.
- 2: Promote the Illinois Bee Industry.
- 3: Appoint committees.
- 4: Fill any office vacancies.
- 5: Review the financial reports of the organization.
- 6: Have no vote except in the event of a tie.

B: Assistant Director shall:

- 1: Act with the full authority of the State Director in the absence of the State Director.
- 2: Assist the State Director as needed with organization operation.

C: Regional Directors shall:

- 1: Assist the State Director with organizational operations and special events.
- 2: Act as liaison for situations unique to their respective regions and the IQI.

D: Secretary shall:

- 1: Keep written minutes of all state level and executive board meetings, correspondence and official documents of the organization.
- 2: Maintain a record of the organization's property and equipment.
- 3: Assist the State Director as necessary with organizational operations.

E: Treasurer shall:

- 1: Be the custodian of the organizations finances.
- 2: Keep the official membership list and provide that list to the secretary and executive board.
- 3: Receive and disburse monies of the organization and keep accurate records.
- 4: Supply a report of finances to the Executive Board upon demand and to the general membership yearly.

F: Web Master shall:

- 1: Maintain and update the IQI web site as necessary.
- 2: Maintain and update the Gmail account.

G: IQI Advisor shall:

- 1: Advise the Executive Board on IQI matters including but not limited to functionality, direction and purpose.

#### Article 5: Expenditures

Section 1: Disbursements for other than routine expenses must be approved by the State Director.

Section 2: Expenditures of more than \$350 must be approved by a majority of the Executive Board.

#### Article 6: Voting

Section 1: All members shall be eligible to vote on any issue brought to the membership.

Section 2: All members shall have one vote and must be present to vote.

Section 3: All voting shall be done by voice or a showing of hands unless a ballot is called for.

Section 4: After approval, all votes are final.

#### Article 7: Disclaimers:

Section 1: All members and guests participating in IQI sponsored events do so at their own risk.

Section 2: The IQI, its officers and members are in no way responsible or liable for personal injury or property damage during any IQI sponsored activity.

Section 3: All members and their guests participating in IQI activities must be respectful of others privacy and property.

Section 4: This disclaimer shall be posted at all IQI sponsored activities.

#### Article 8: Dissolution of membership and privileges:

Section 1: Any member or student participating in any IQI sponsored activities or meeting will comply with the instructions of the presenter and guidelines of the IQI. Any disruptive behavior may result in permanent dissolution of membership by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Any grievance for above said dissolution may be sent, in writing, to the IQI State Director for the Executive Board's further evaluation.

Article 9: Web site usage:

Section 1: The Web Master is responsible for the web site and must serve in the best interests of the IQI and its membership.

Section 2: Before being placed on the web site's producer list, any producer wanting to use the IQI to advertise their queens and nucs must meet IQI approved criteria including, but not limited to, the following - complete an IQI approved queen rearing course, embrace and promote the IQI philosophy, produce your queens in Illinois, and have current proof of state bee inspection of the mating yard from which you are selling queens/nucs.

Section 3: The price and description of the product must be displayed on the IQI web site.

Article 10: IQI association dissolution process:

Section 1: In the event of the dissolution of the IQI and after all expenses or bills have been paid, any remaining assets will be donated to one or more associations selected by the Executive Board.