



*Pollinator Stewardship Council*

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## **Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

*Whereas* our majority of donors originate within the beekeeping community;

*Whereas*, the beekeeping community specifically has a history of “becoming members” of organizations to show their support physically and fiscally;

*Whereas*, prospective donors, current donors, and other interested parties have communicated to the Board a desire to show their support as a member;

*Whereas*, our name infers we are a “council” within the field of beekeeping concerning the impact of pesticides upon managed and native pollinators;

*Whereas*, creating membership categories, with prescribed member benefits aligns with our mission, our objectives, and funding;

We, the Board of Directors of the Pollinator Stewardship Council (PSC) amend the Bylaws of the nonprofit organization to allow membership within the organization.

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## **Defined Member criteria and benefits:**

### Member definitions

1. **Board of Director members** are those individuals serving on the Board of Directors.
2. **Members** are those individuals/groups remitting dues in their applicable member category, receiving member benefits as prescribed by their member category, and are eligible to be nominated to the Board of Directors based on their interest and interactions as a member of the Pollinator Stewardship Council (PSC).
3. To be nominated to the Board of Directors, and to maintain membership on the Board of Directors, member dues must be current.

### Member dues

1. Member dues are determined by the Board of Directors. (an initial chart is attached)
2. Donations exceeding the membership requirements (tax deductible under applicable law) may be made to the organization.
3. Donors may contribute to the organization for projects or programs without becoming members.
4. Dues are renewable upon the anniversary date of each individual member/group.
5. Communication with the membership will be conducted through the organizational newsletter (Pollinator News) emailed twice a month, posted on the organization's website and Facebook page.
6. Due to the number of beekeeping seminars, workshops, and conferences across the U.S., members have opportunities to meet in person. The Board and membership may plan to hold a formal annual member meeting at one of these other state, regional, or national conferences if they determine a need.

### Board elections

1. Members *would be eligible to be nominated* to the Board of Directors by a nominating committee comprised of representatives from the current Board of Directors, PSC Staff, and members.
2. A member may be nominated to the Board of Directors after one year of active membership in the PSC.
  - a. Active membership is defined as a member/member group:
    - i. participating in /receiving their member benefits
    - ii. constructively interacting with the Board and Staff on national, state, and local issues

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- iii. working to fulfill the mission of this nonprofit as a member, and at the local, state, and national levels
3. Members would elect the individuals to the Board of Directors based on the nominees presented by the nominating committee.
4. The general membership votes for any and all nominees to the Board of Directors, one ballot per member.
5. Voting will be held electronically, either via email or similar electronic method where the PSC membership can be validated, and votes tallied electronically, with the ability to print onto paper, and for the record/archive, the final vote tally.
6. Board elections will be held the last quarter of each year. The first elections to be held in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Board member term of office:

1. Terms of office for Board members will consist of two and three year terms staggered across the Board of Directors, to ensure the continuity of organizational history and action.
2. Board members can only be re-elected to the Board serving consecutive terms once, then an individual has to take off a term, before returning to the Board.
3. Terms will be staggered so the entire Board is not replaced annually.
4. Maximum number of Board members= 16 (minimum number of Board members 7)
5. As the Pollinator Stewardship Council is an individual nonprofit organization, and not an affiliate of any other nonprofit, Board members do not need to be comprised of a majority from either the American Honey Producers Assn. or American Beekeeping Federation, but can comprise members equally from both national entities. The PSC represents all beekeepers, and supporters of honey bees, native pollinators, and beekeeping, and the Board of Directors will be representative its membership.

Board meetings

1. Board of Directors will hold meetings a minimum of once a month.
2. Board meetings will be held via telephone conference calls at as mutually convenient a time as can be managed across the four times zones of the U.S.
3. Board members must notify staff and the Board President when they are unable to attend a Board meeting conference call at least one day prior to the meeting.
4. A Board member who misses three consecutive Board meeting conference calls (regular or special sessions) will be determined to have automatically resigned from the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may appoint an interim Board member. If the Board elections are within four months of a Board member's departure; the Board may choose to allow the Board position to remain vacant until the election.

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Changes to the Membership or Board Elections:

The Board of Directors may make needed adjustments to this Amendment and the By Laws to fulfill duties to the members, the staff, and mission of the organization as needed.

Right to decline membership

The Pollinator Stewardship Council (PSC) withholds the right to not accept a membership of an individual or organization if the Board determines the association with the individual or organization conflicts with the PSC mission. While PSC has a non-discrimination policy, PSC will not affiliate itself with groups that do discriminate.

The Board instructs the Program Director and the Secretary/Treasurer to submit the necessary legal documentation to the State of Kansas and the U.S. IRS informing these two entities of this amendment to our Bylaws. Individual States will also need to be advised of the change in our Bylaws.

*This Amendment is approved August 20, 2015 during a regular Board meeting by the Directors.*



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Steven Coy, Secretary/Treasurer  
Pollinator Stewardship Council

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