Our Accomplishments during 2017

The mission of the Pollinator Stewardship Council is to defend managed and native pollinators vital to a sustainable and affordable food supply from the adverse impact of pesticides.

During 2017 the Pollinator Stewardship Council accomplishments were made possible by the support of members and donors like you. Working together is how we make change for our honey bees and native pollinators.

We have been an active member of the Honey Bee Health Coalition. We worked with Coalition partners developing the CAST paper, revised the Beekeeper and Grower flyers, completed videos of varroa treatment products, and worked to draft soybean BMPs to protect pollinators.

We collaborated with beekeepers writing educational articles for the American Bee Journal sharing knowledge, experience, and solutions.

In order to strengthen beekeeping associations across the country, the Program Director continues to share her knowledge of nonprofit organizations to inform and inspire local and state beekeeping leaders and their members to be the best they can be for their organizational sustainability. We provided direct strategic planning and board development workshops to two state beekeeping associations, and five county beekeeping associations.

We submitted letters to EPA and USDA through Regulations.gov on national issues relevant to beekeepers:

- Honey Labels
- Neonic review
- Pyrethroids
- EPA Regulatory reform
- USDA Regulatory reform

We worked with Senator Merkeley’s staff to revise language in the Pollinator Recovery Act bill.

We provided research materials, handouts, and similar to local beekeepers for their local community meetings. We created power point presentation slides in support of member presentations. We write and publish a newsletter twice a month, and maintain a Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram accounts, and a website with information about pollinators, pesticides, bee health, forage, and more.

General statistics:

- Collected and filed bee kill reports for beekeepers- 9
- Presentations to local, state, national beekeeping and other stakeholder groups- 37

- We act on our mission through our program activities.
  - Advocacy at the national and state level creating six action letters on beekeeper issues for our members and the public to send to EPA, USDA and California.
  - Assist our members and stakeholders with interactions with local policy makers concerning pesticides.
- Provide direct education about beekeeping association management and nonprofits to five beekeeping club member groups.
- Program Director served on the PPDC MP3 Metrics sub-work group determining the evaluation metrics for State Pollinator Plans.
- Work with journalists connecting them to individual beekeepers, state beekeeping leaders, and to convey the concerns of beekeepers for the health of their honey bees.
- We received media coverage in a half-dozen online or print media outlets during 2017.
- We continued our Pollinator Week Collaborative education event with four destination venues in Ohio in partnership with the Ohio State Beekeepers Association and Scotts Miracle-GRO.
- We began development of point of sale educational materials directly to the consumer with Scotts for 2018 release as they remove the systemic, bee toxic class of pesticides, neonicotinoids from their Ortho product line.
- We were the Executive Producer of the short film documentary of the Keep the Hives Alive Tour, a partnership of 30+ nonprofit groups focused on sustainable agriculture.

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