How Beekeepers Can Take Action for Local, State, & National Beekeeping Issues
Mobilizing the local and state beekeepers to communicate with their policy makers and regulators is key to showing support of beekeeping. Learn how we support local and state bee associations to ensure the beekeeper’s voice is heard.

Bee Club Leaders: Brave and Hardy Souls
Learn the responsibilities and liabilities of Beekeeping Association leaders, ways to break a bee club, and how to improve club management from this nonprofit leader with 20 years of nonprofit experience.

Bee Toxic Pesticides Impact on Bee Forage, Mosquito Control, and Stakeholder Communication to Protect Honey Bees
Learn the pesticide exposure routes for bees, the synergistic effects created, and how we can work to reduce pesticide exposures, and ensure healthier honey bees.

Program Director bio:
Michele Colopy has been the Program Director of the Pollinator Stewardship Council since March 2013. Her father was a beekeeper in southeast Ohio. She keeps honey bees in the city, and has replaced her crabgrass front yard with pesticide-free pollinator flowers for her honey bees and native pollinators.

Ms. Colopy holds a Master’s degree in Nonprofit Management/Arts Administration. Her nonprofit experience includes work in the performing arts, housing and homelessness, foreclosure prevention, community development, and health and wellness. She is currently the Treasurer of Ohio State Beekeepers Association.

For information and to schedule a presentation contact:
Michele Colopy, Program Director, progdirector@pollinatorstewardship.org or call 832-727-9492.
Seeking a presentation for your Conference, bee school, beekeeping association, garden club, community group? The Pollinator Stewardship Council offers a variety of topics addressing the health crisis of honey bees, the impact of pesticides upon pollinators, beekeeping association management and strategic planning.

**Presentation length:**
45 minutes including Q & A

**Equipment needs:**
Screen or blank wall, electricity, power point projector (Program Director can bring a power point projector and screen if needed.)

**Honorarium:** $100 for one or two presentations across a one or two day conference, plus travel expenses.

Program Director works from Ohio and will drive within a ten hour radius: beyond that radius, airplane travel will be required.

**Presentation Topics:**

- **State Pollinator Protection Plans: What Beekeepers Need to Know**
  This presentation will feature the issues of concerns to beekeepers, how beekeepers can be involved in the planning process, and the Plans in other states.

- **Understanding the Pollinator Crisis and How You Can Help**
  Discussion of the national pollinator crisis, and the impact upon and value of honey bees and native pollinators to one-third of our food supply will be presented.

- **Pollinator Stewardship Council Collaborations: Education, Advocacy, Action**
  How to turn advocacy and education into action at the local level will be presented.

- **Migratory beekeeping: why keeping them alive is so difficult.**
  Learn about the issues affecting beekeepers as they work to provide pollination services for our fruits, nuts, vegetables, and seeds.

- **Pesticides wintering in your hives**
  The health of honey bees is impacted by the cumulative effects of pests, pathogens, pesticides, and poor forage. Learn the pesticide exposure routes for bees, the synergistic effects created, and how we can work to reduce pesticide exposures, and ensure healthier honey bees.

- **Mosquito Abatement Programs Can Damage Honey Bees and Native Pollinators**
  We can protect public health and protect pollinators. This presentation presents issues surrounding mosquito control programs and their impact upon pollinators.

- **Creating your own pesticide-free pollinator habitat**
  Learn how to create pesticide free pollinator forage on your land providing “natural bee food” for pollinators.

- **Pesticide risk assessment, label, and enforcement**
  This presentation will review the pesticide registration/review process and the mitigation of risk to non-target organisms such as honey bees.

- **Should you become a nonprofit beekeeping club?**
  Will becoming a nonprofit generate more income for your bee club? What are the costs, liabilities, responsibilities, of a nonprofit? Michele Colopy will answer these questions and more from her 20 years of nonprofit experience.

- **Fundraising for Bee Clubs**
  Beekeeping member association dues do not financially support all of the activities of a club. Other methods of raising money are needed to grow a club, and support its programs for members and the public. This presentation will provide information about the basics of fundraising and grant writing and management, and help you determine funding for your local project.