



2018 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Tradeshow Agenda – V13
(agenda is tentative and subject to change)

* Requires additional registration fee

Monday, January 8, 2018		Room
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	BIP TTT Meeting	Nevada 8-9

Tuesday, January 9, 2018		Room
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting	Carson 1
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	BIP TTT Meeting	Nevada 8-9
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	ABF Membership/Education Committee Meeting	Carson 2
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	ABF Research Committee Meeting	Carson 2
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	ABF Honey Queen Committee Meeting	Carson 3
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Ballroom Foyer
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	ABF Resolution/Executive Committee Meeting	Carson 1
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Board of Trustee Meeting	Carson 3

Wednesday, January 10, 2018		Room
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Honey Show Entry Drop-off	Crystal 4
8:00 AM –	Auction Item Drop-off	Crystal 3
8:00 AM – 8:20 AM	Opening Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call to Order & Introductions ▪ Presentation of Colors ▪ “Star-Spangled Banner” & “O Canada” – Led by Gene Brandi & Tim May (via trumpet) ▪ Welcome – Bonnie McLaughlin, President of the Northern Nevada Beekeepers Association, Sparks, NV ▪ Invocation – Blake Shook, Desert Creek Honey, Blue Ridge, TX 	Reno Ballroom
8:20 AM – 8:45 AM	President’s Address – Gene Brandi, President, American Beekeeping Federation (ABF)	Reno Ballroom
8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	USDA	Reno Ballroom
9:15 AM – 9:20 AM	General Session Keynote Sponsor Presentation – Broodminder	Reno Ballroom
9:20 AM – 10:10 AM	Keynote Presentation: The American Beekeeping Federation, Inc. 75 Years Strong - Morris Weaver, President, 1975-1976, Montgomery, TX	Reno Ballroom
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Beverage Break	Ballroom Foyer
10:30 AM – 10:55 AM	Joe DeLorenzo, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	Reno Ballroom
10:55 AM – 11:25 AM	Health of Pollinators: The Threat of Unseen Factors – Dr. Diana Cox-Foster, Utah State University, Logan, UT	Reno Ballroom
11:25 AM – 11:40 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Dadant	Reno Ballroom
11:40 AM – 12:00 PM	EPA Update - Rick Keigwin, Director of EPA Office of Pesticide Programs	Reno Ballroom
12:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Tradeshow Open	Summit Pavilion
12:00 PM – 1:25 PM	Lunch (on own)	
12:00 PM – 1:25 PM	ABF State Delegates Assembly Lunch (by invitation only)	Carson 1-2
1:25 PM – 1:30 PM	General Session resumes w/Announcements	Reno Ballroom
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Introduction of 2017 American Honey Queen and Princess and the 2018 Honey Queen Contestants – Anna Kettlewell, Chairperson, American Honey Queen Committee, Badger State Apiaries, Greenfield, WI	Reno Ballroom
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Mann Lake Ltd.	Reno Ballroom
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM	Legislative Update – Fran Boyd, Meyers and Associates, Washington, D.C.	Reno Ballroom
2:20 PM – 2:35 PM	Report from the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees & Introduction of Foundation Scholars - Joan Gunter, Chairman, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees	Reno Ballroom
2:35 PM – 2:55 PM	Update from the National Honey Board – Catherine Barry, Director of Marketing, National Honey Board, Firestone, CO	Reno Ballroom
2:55 PM – 3:25 PM	Group Refreshment Break (Tradeshow)	Summit Pavilion
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	BIP Board Meeting	Nevada 6
3:25 PM – 4:10 PM	Oxalic Acid/Glycerin – Randy Oliver, ScientificBeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA	Reno Ballroom
4:10 PM – 4:30 PM	Pollinator Stewardship Council’s Work Supports Beekeepers at All Levels - Michele Colopy, Program Director of Pollinator Stewardship Council, Akron, OH	Reno Ballroom
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Barkman Honey	Reno Ballroom
4:45 PM – 5:15 PM	Beltsville Lab Update – Dr. Steven Cook, USDA-ARS Bee Research Lab, Beltsville, MD	Reno Ballroom
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM	ABF New Member Orientation	Carson 1-2
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception in the Tradeshow 7:00 PM Beekeeping Brain Buster Entertainment - Live Auction	Summit Pavilion

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Room

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Tradeshow Open	Summit Pavilion
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	ABRC	Tahoe Room
8:00 AM	All Silent Auction Tables Open	Summit Pavilion

	SIG Meetings			
	Small-Scale/Sideliner (Nevada 8-9-10)	Package Bee & Queen Breeders (Carson 1-2)	Honey Producer/Packer (Carson 3-4)	Commercial (Reno Ballroom)
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Keys to Making It as a Sideliner - Emily Brown, MD Queen Bee, Severna Park, MD	Selecting for Behavioral Resistance to Varroa Destructor – Krispn Given, Apiculture Specialist, Purdue University Department of Entomology, West Lafayette, IN	Marketing Honey to the Food & Beverage Industry - Keith Seiz, National Honey Board, Firestone, CO	An Update on the Canadian Honey Bee Health Survey – Dr. Stephen Pernal, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Beaverlodge, Alberta, Canada
8:35 AM – 9:05 AM	Bee Biology from a Bees Perspective - Dr. Lawrence Connor, Wicwas Press, LLC Kalamazoo, MI	Rapid Expansion of Queens and Nucleus Colonies in the South - Zac Lamas, University of Maryland/Sun Hill Farm, Winooski, VT	Building a Hobby, Sideliner, & Commercial Honey House - Blake Shook, Desert Creek Honey, Blue Ridge, TX	Effects of Agrochemicals on Honey Bee Worker, Drone and Queen Health – Dr. Juliana Rangel, Texas A&M, College Station, TX
9:10 AM – 9:40 AM	All About the Queen – Tina Sebestyen, Founder, Four Corners Beekeepers Assoc., Vice President, Colorado State Beekeepers Assoc., Bayfield, CO	Panel: Successful Queen and Packaged Bee Shipping Facilitator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phillip Russell, Strachan Apiaries, Yuba City, CA Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat Heitkam, Heitkam’s Honey Bee, Orland, CA Patrick Wilbanks, Wilbanks Apiaries, Claxton, GA 	Honey for Sale: Four Generations of Honey Hawking - Jonathan Walker, Walker Honey Farm, Rogers, TX	Science-Based Risk Management of Pesticides and Bees – Daniel Schmehl, Crop Science, a Division of Bayer, Durham, NC
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	SIG Business	SIG Business	SIG Business	SIG Business
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Refreshment Break (Summit Pavilion - Tradeshow)			
10:15 AM	Silent Auction – Amber Tables Close (Summit Pavilion - Tradeshow)			

	Thursday Track Sessions		
	Small Scale - (Carson 3-4)	Serious Sideliner - (Carson 1-2)	Commercial - (Reno Ballroom)
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Panel: Why Are My Bees Dying? Facilitator: Steve Repasky, Meadow Sweet Apiaries, Pittsburgh, PA Panelist:	Engaging Beekeepers with MiteCheck: Implementing a Nationwide Citizen Science Program for Monitoring and Comparing <i>Varroa destructor</i> Infestations – Rebecca Masterman, University of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN	Panel: What's New That's Working for You? Facilitator: Tim May, May's Honey Farms/Sunny Hill Honey, Harvard, IL Panelist:
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meghan Milbrath, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI • Meghan McConnell, Delaware Department of Agriculture, Millville, NJ • Emily Brown, MD Queen Bee, Severna Park, MD • Dr. Lawrence Connor, Wicwas Press, LLC Kalamazoo, MI 	Marketing BEE to Zee, Tim Tucker, Tuckerbees Honey, Niotaze, KS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Hansen, Foothills Honey, Colton, OR • Lincoln Sennet, Swan's Honey, Albion, ME • Brent Woodworth, Woodworth Honey & Bee Co., Halliday, ND
11:35 AM – 12:05 PM	Honey Bee Biology and Behavior - Lance Wilson, Austin Beekeepers Association, Austin TX	RNA Viruses and Varroa Mites: Temporal Variation in Honeybee Pathogens Influences Patterns of Coinfection – Alex Burham, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT	Immunosuppressive Syndrome Mediated by Neonicotinoids – Gennaro Di Prisco, PhD., University of Napoli Federico II, Napoli, Italy
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	AAPA Business Meeting Lunch (Ruby Room, Executive Level)		
12:05 PM – 1:30 PM	* Auxiliary Lunch/Meeting (Nevada 6-7)		
12:05 PM – 1:30 PM	Group Lunch (on own)		

Thursday - General Session		Room
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Comparative Chronic Toxicity of Three Neonicotinoids on New Zealand Packaged Honey Bees - Dr. Sarah Wood, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada	Reno Ballroom
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	The Honey Bee Health Coalition: One Agriculture, Moving Forward – Matthew Mulica, Honey Bee Health Coalition, Keystone, CO	Reno Ballroom
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	The Bee's Nutritional Landscape: Amino Acid and Carbohydrate Analysis of the Nectar and Pollen of Plant Species in the United Kingdom – Dr. Geraldine Wright, Newcastle University, Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom	Reno Ballroom
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow	Summit Pavilion
3:15 PM	Silent Auction – Water White Tables Close	Summit Pavilion
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Bee Informed Partnership Update – Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp, University of Maryland, College Park, MD	Reno Ballroom
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Project Apis m. Update - Danielle Downey, Executive Director, Project Apis m, Sacramento, CA	Reno Ballroom
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Honey Packer Perspectives – Brent Barkman, Barkman Honey, Hillsboro, KS	Reno Ballroom
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	NC1173 Business Meeting	Nevada 6
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	ABRC Reception (for 100 ppl plus posters)	Tahoe Room
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	*Social Activity	GS Bowling

Friday, January 12, 2018		Room
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Tradeshow Open	Summit Pavilion
8:00 AM – 5:15 PM	ABRC	Tahoe Room
8:00 AM	Silent Auction – Dark Tables Open	Summit Pavilion
8:00 AM	General Session resumes with announcements	Reno Ballroom
8:05 AM – 9:00 AM	Panel: Successful Indoor Wintering of Bees Facilitator: Tim Tucker, Tuckerbees Honey, Niotaze, KS Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zac Browning, Browning Honey Co., Inc., Jamestown, ND • John Miller, Miller Honey Farms, Gackle, ND • Tony Noyes, Noyes Apiaries, Inc., Turtle Lake, ND • Brandon Hopkins, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 	Reno Ballroom
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kids and Bees	Nevada Room
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Baton Rouge Lab Update – Michael Simone-Finstrom & Lilia de Guzman, USDA-ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics, and Physiology Research, Baton Rouge, LA	Reno Ballroom
9:30 AM – 9:35 AM	Silver Sponsor Presentation – Brushy Mountain	Reno Ballroom
9:35 AM – 10:20 AM	Honey Bee Nutrition – Dr. Dale Hill, Semi-Retired Animal Nutritionist, Quincy, IL	Reno Ballroom
10:20 AM – 10:50 AM	Group Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow	Summit Pavilion
10:35 AM	Silent Auction – Dark Tables Close	Summit Pavilion
10:50 AM – 11:20 AM	Almond Industry Update – Mel Machado, Blue Diamond Almond Growers, Modesto, CA	Reno Ballroom
11:20 AM – 11:35 AM	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – Healthy Bee LLC	Reno Ballroom
11:35 AM – 12:05 PM	Updates from the Tucson USDA-ARS Lab – Dr. Vanessa Corby-Harris, USDA-ARS, Carl Hayden Bee Research Center, Tucson, AZ	Reno Ballroom
12:05 PM – 1:35 PM	Lunch (on own)	
12:05 PM – 1:35 PM	* Foundation Luncheon	Carson 1-2
1:35 PM – 1:40 PM	General Session Keynote Sponsor – The Buzz	Reno Ballroom
1:40 PM – 2:30 PM	Keynote Presentation: Addressing the Sustainability of Beekeeping in the 21 st Century – Dr. Jamie Ellis, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Reno Ballroom
2:30 PM – 2:40 PM	Gold Sponsor Presentation – Beekeeping Insurance Services	Reno Ballroom
2:40 PM – 3:10 PM	Bringing Collaboration, Innovation and Results to Pollinator Habitat – Peter Berthelsen, Partnership Coordinator, The Bee & Butterfly habitat Fund, St. Paul, NE	Reno Ballroom
3:10 PM – 3:40 PM	Group Refreshment Break	Summit Pavilion
3:40 PM – 6:00 PM	ABF Business Meeting	Reno Ballroom
Immediately following the ABF Business Meeting	Honey Show Live Auction w/cash bar	Reno Ballroom

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Room

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7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Commercial Beekeepers Breakfast/Meeting/Current Issues Panel Discussion Facilitator: Gene Brandi, Gene Brandi Apiaries, Los Banos, CA Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim May, May's Honey Farms/Sunny Hill Honey, Harvard, IL • Mario Jacob, D&J Apiary, Umatilla, FL • Joan Gunter, Gunter Honey Farms, Towner, ND 	Reno Ballroom
7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration/Information Desk Open	Ballroom Foyer
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Delegating with Confidence - Ralph Jones, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID	Carson 1
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	How to Taste and Evaluate Honey: Matching Flowers to Flavors – Carla Marina Marchese, American Honey Tasting Society, Weston, CT *Advanced registration required (limited to 20)	Carson 2
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Serious Breeding Program for Mite Resistance – Randy Oliver, ScientificBeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA	Carson 3-4
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Bee Political – Beth Conrey, Bee Squared Apiaries, Berthoud, CO	Crystal 4
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Growing into a Commercial Beekeeping Operation Facilitated by Blake Shook, Desert Creek Honey, Blue Ridge, TX 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Tips and Tricks of the Trade Panel - <i>Challenges and pitfalls in commercial beekeeping and how we overcame them</i> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Key Principals for Running a Successful Commercial Operation 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Diversification Opportunities in Commercial Beekeeping Panel: <i>Commercial opportunities from the perspective of a honey producer, honey packer, pollinator, and bee producer</i>	Reno Ballroom
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	BIP Stakeholders Meeting	Nevada 8-9-10
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Refreshment Break	Grand Ballroom Foyer
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Team Building - Ralph Jones, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID	Carson 1
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Seeking Solutions in the Aftermath of the SC Bee Kill - Jennifer Tsurda, Clemson University, Clemson, SC	Crystal 1
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	The Art and Science of Mead Making: How to Make Delicious & High-Quality Mead - Tom Repas, Canyon Rim Honey Bees, Hermosa, SD	Carson 3-4
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Managing Media to MAKE More Money!! - Emily Brown, MD Queen Bee, Severna Park, MD	Nevada 6
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Classroom/ABJ - Jerry Hayes, Grey Summit, MO	Crystal 4
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch (on own)	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Role of a Supervisor - Ralph Jones, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID	Carson 1
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Bee Handling Techniques – Randy Oliver, ScientificBeekeeping.com, Grass Valley, CA	Carson 3-4
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Where Does Your Bee Club Want to Go and How Are You Getting There? - Michele Colopy, Program Director of Pollinator Stewardship Council, Akron, OH	Crystal 1
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	How to Taste and Evaluate Honey: Matching Flowers to Flavors – Carla Marina Marchese, American Honey Tasting Society, Weston, CT *Advanced registration required (limited to 20)	Carson 2
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Building a Genius Hive Through Citizen Science – Joseph A. Cazier, Ph.D, Chief Analytics Officer, and James Wilkes, Ph.D and CEO of HiveTracks.com, Boone, NC	Nevada 6
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	ABF Board of Directors Meeting	Nevada 7
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	* ABF Annual Banquet w/Live Auction	Reno Ballroom