

CIBA President Newscast for February 2025 – delivered monthly when there's no BEELINE (a PDF of the newscast is also attached to this email)

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

For those of you that were not able to attend our meeting a couple weeks ago, you missed a good one!! We not only had a good program by Chelsea and Connie Bronnenberg (of Spring Valley Honey Farms), we also had great attendance. It is exciting to announce new leadership that stepped up and were voted in as Directors. Let's welcome our new Directors Sarah Anderson and Eric Kenoyer. Their contact information will be updated on our website and in the Beeline when it comes out. Thank you two for accepting these leadership roles!!

We also want to welcome a couple new committee members. Tim Fitzgerald who is now the chair of the Youth Scholarship Committee. I had been the acting chair, so we have been conversing in this transition. He will be a great representative of CIBA to these young future beekeepers. Also, Sally Studer has agreed to serve as Chair of the Bees and Beyond Committee. This is a brand-new committee that is going to be an outreach of CIBA to connect beekeepers to educators. Let's all thank and welcome these new volunteers!!

New ideas from these volunteers are not only welcome but encouraged. Keeping things as status quo is never good for any organization. Having a change in leadership brings about healthy change.

Our new Membership Secretary, Cindy Spiker, has been in her new role for several months and is sooooo good at it. She keeps me in line and informed!! Then to top that off our new Treasurer of several months, Kristin Griffith, is a very talented money gal. It is so refreshing to have these new leaders.

Don Moody, our VP for a couple years now has agreed to continue in that role as well as Jim Crandell is serving in a volunteer capacity as our Recording Secretary. We want to especially thank them for their work.

When at our meetings please thank them for their volunteer time. In my next President's newscast in a month, I will be highlighting the volunteer effort of people that have recently stepped down. That being Linn and Ann Wilbur, Val Just and Scott Fiene.

I think about the years I have served as your President. I feel confident that I brought some good ideas to the group over my 7 years as President but, to be honest, I have exhausted my list of new ideas. I did become reelected but only because no one else agreed to run for the position. I have given so much of myself and gone beyond what is normally expected of a leader. I have been honored to serve you and represent not only Central Iowa Beekeepers but Beeks from across the state. To continue to ask me to give of myself is simply not fair to me. So, after this year we will need a new President, for sure.

Finally, **put on your calendar to attend our annual Winter Seminar on March 15th at the Iowa Arboretum** in Boone County. Great venue and we will have some of the best speakers. Then also our **annual auction will be in April** -- not sure of the exact date. It is normally the third Saturday but that is Easter weekend, so it is <<tentatively>> scheduled for **Saturday - the 12th of April**. Be thinking of what you want to sell and what you will want to purchase at great deals (**new beekeepers take note!!!**).

Thanks for being a member. Jamie

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