

January 2022 CIBA President's message

January 1, 2022

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

A few things to talk about in the beginning of 2022. We do want to start off the year right -- so here is my January 2022 President's Report to the CIBA Membership

Our January 2022 meeting should be an excellent one. One that I am personally looking forward to hearing. Our speaker, Jeff Johnson co-owner of Premier Foundation, will be presenting on all aspects of different types of foundation or even foundationless frames to be placed in our hives so the bees have a place to build comb quickly. Jeff's quote to me on the phone the other day was "foundation IS the foundation of beekeeping." Yes, understanding how to maintain our hives and treat for mites is also very important but the bees' comb is critical to their survival. In the years I have been going to bee meetings -- I do not think I have heard much of anything on choosing foundation.

When: Saturday January 15, 2022

1:00 PM business meeting and elections

2:00 PM speaker

Where: Northridge Baptist Church, 3700 6th Avenue, Des Moines. See the CIBA web page for more information on location, including where to park and enter the church.

Speaker: Jeff Johnson, Managing Partner, Premier Bee Products, LLC, Sioux Falls, SD

Topic: *Bee Foundation Products*

Jeff has decided to offer our members that come to our meeting a 20% discount on Premier Foundation that you can use to order online after the meeting. Check out their website, [Premier Bee Products | Beekeeping Supplies & Bee Products](#), for the different types of foundation and their pricing to get an idea of what you may want. I know that since I started using Premier my bees comb is built faster and I have less "whacky" comb.

So, to get the discount, you must be a CIBA member as well as you need to be at the meeting. Jeff will be there in person -- this is not a Zoom meeting.

Okay, the next subject I want to talk about is our **2022 CIBA Winter Seminar** that is going to be on Saturday, March 19, 2022. That seems like a long time in the future, but it is amazing how fast time goes by. Please mark your calendars, mail in your registration and come. Current CIBA members get a discount, so take advantage of this opportunity to learn and connect again with other beeks. Handouts for the seminar and registration form are attached or you can get info and updates at the CIBA website: www.centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org/winter-seminar-march-2022.

Two more subjects

- All of you should have gotten a membership renewal letter from CIBA for 2022 membership. If you haven't already, please get those sent in as you do not want to miss out on all the fun this coming year in being a member.
- We will have a CIBA Board meeting on Monday, January 10 starting at 7:00 PM and everyone is invited to sit in. It will be by Zoom. Here is the link:

Topic: CIBA January 2022 Board Meeting

Time: Jan 10, 2022 7:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Zoom opens at 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88585246317?pwd=Nnd3VFQ3a0FWZjA4NldBNXF3K2JEqT09>

Meeting ID: 885 8524 6317

Passcode: 039629

Find your local phone number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbOXwpfJOH>

The CIBA Board has decided to have these meetings every second Monday of each month. Remember all of you are invited to sit in on them. Easy to do since most of them will be by Zoom. The link for future meetings will be in the BEELINE or the President's message, so if you receive CIBA information only by mail and want to participate, contact a CIBA Board member in those month's the BEELINE is not published.

One last thing—if you are interested in a leadership position in CIBA and willing to serve as either a director or officer, it is not too late to step forward. Contact Jermiah Kusel, chair of the nominating committee, at (515) 447-3203 or 12beeshoney@gmail.com for more information. We will be electing all the CIBA officers and one 3-year director position at the January meeting.

Thanks for being a member.

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Attachments: 2022 CIBA winter seminar handout, registration form and agenda