

From the Central Iowa Beekeeping Association (CIBA) President:

The only item I am going to be talking about in this month's President's Report is our November meeting:

When: Saturday, November 20, 2021, Business meeting starts at 1:00 PM

Where: Northridge Baptist Church, 3700 6th Ave., Des Moines. This is where we had our last meeting

Speakers: Sarah Nizzi of the Xerces Society

Curt Hadley of FieldWatch

Representative from Pesticide Bureau, IDALS

Sarah Nizzi's presentation: *The Important Role of Pollinator Habitat in Iowa*

Pollinators play a critical role in our environment, agriculture systems and human health. Many of the food, vitamins and minerals we consume on a regular basis can be traced back to a pollinator. Iowa is home to a number of pollinator species. Join us to learn more about the biology and ecology of native pollinators, the importance of habitat, and the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. Sarah also will be talking about registering your property with the Xerces Society as Pollinator Habitat.

Sarah Nizzi Bio. She is a Farm Bill Pollinator Conservation Planner and NRCS Partner Biologist for the Xerces Society. She is originally from central Iowa and is a graduate from Drake University with a BS in environmental science. Currently, Sarah covers all of Iowa, providing technical and financial assistance to farmers and landowners interested in pollinator conservation, as well as training NRCS and partner staff on pollinators and pollinator habitat.

Curt Hadley's presentation: *Fieldwatch and the role it plays in protecting honey bees from pesticide use*

FieldWatch is a non-profit company established in 2012 with a Google Maps based registry built to enhance communications that promote awareness and stewardship activities between producers of specialty crops, beekeepers and pesticide applicators. FieldWatch is the Source of Trusted Data between Protected crops / Pollinators and Chemical Applicators in North America. Our mapping tools are FREE for use, and all areas mapped in our registries have oversight by each given state / province or area in which they are mapped. FieldWatch currently operates registries in 23 US states/districts and 1 Canadian province.

Curt Hadley's Bio: He is the FieldWatch Business Development Manager. Curt joined FieldWatch in January 2021. Curt maintains FieldWatch's registries and implements marketing and development strategies to enhance support from our diverse agricultural stakeholders. Curt has always been involved in agriculture and is excited to return to his roots in the industry. Growing up on his family's farm, in Allen County, Indiana, he was actively involved on the farm, in FFA and 4H organizations. He has more than 30 years of experience in manufacturing, operations, sales and nonprofit work.

Pesticide Bureau Presentation:

A brief presentation and question period with an Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Management (IDALS) representative on what you should do and what the Pesticide Bureau can do if you suspect a pesticide event occurred with your hives

So -- these should be great presentations. I am anxious to see everyone at our meeting -- they are free to come to and it's a great way to connect with fellow beekeepers. This is the best way to learn about bees.

Finally, since the CIBA Winter Seminar will be held at what is our normal March meeting we will not have enough time to conduct our annual business meeting and elections at that meeting. The CIBA Board is recommending the annual business meeting and elections be moved to the January CIBA meeting. During the business meeting we will have a discussion and vote on this temporary change to the CIBA bylaws. This year the CIBA Board positions up for election are all the 1 year Officer's positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer/Secretary) and 1 three-year Director position.

CIBA has a great leadership team but we are always looking for those of you that want to assist in promoting beekeeping in Central Iowa. By becoming a Director or an Officer, it is an opportunity for you to contribute and give back the beekeeping community. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity.

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