

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

Hopefully your bees are winterized and mite free. Now is the time to figure out winter projects that can be accomplished when the snow blows outside. I hate to think about the number of times I have designated something as a winter project and then forget about it until the spring. Spring comes and I say "oh yeah" I was supposed to get that done.

I have attached proposed changes in the CIBA bylaws to clean up some of the writing, clarify some wording that was subject to interpretation as well as revise procedures to make our association more efficient. Some shuffling of the order was also done to make it consistent. As we are now officially a federal nonprofit 501(c)(3) as well as a nonprofit state corporation, this wording is now in the proposed bylaws.

Please read thru and send me and/or Linn Wilbur (lwilbur50201@gmail.com) any questions/comments or changes that you think we should incorporate. We will discuss these bylaw changes at our November 19 meeting -- there we will make any additional corrections. We will then vote on all the changes at our January meeting.

Speaking of our meeting on Saturday the 19th of November -- Randall Cass, Iowa State University Extension Bee Specialist, will be speaking on hive infestations. Particularly wax moths and small hive beetle will be discussed. If you have never had these critters in your hive -- count yourself lucky and also count on one or both showing up sooner or later. Learn how to deal with them from Randall. The meeting will be at Northridge Baptist Church, 3700 6th Ave., in Des Moines. We will have refreshments and drinks for everyone. Check out CIBA's website for more info: [Beekeeping Club | Central Iowa Beekeepers Association](http://www.centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org/) (www.centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org/).

Thanks for being a member and I look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

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