

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

A quick note to our members:

At our September meeting, the discussion of overwintering techniques of three accomplished Iowa beekeepers that overwinter their bees in Iowa was a great one. Bob Fassbinder, Craig Greene and Arvin Foell gave out some very useful tips to successfully overwinter our bees.

We can be so proud of our programs and the quality of them. We do have a lot of talented beekeepers that are willing to share their techniques with all of us. CIBA is dedicated to continuing the high quality of our programs.

At our last meeting there were a couple of new beekeepers that are looking for mentors. As we all know a mentor to a new beekeeper is critical to their success. Coming to our meetings gives our members a chance to connect with each other and possibly finding a mentor. All of us on the CIBA Board of Directors have been and are still mentors for others, so don't be afraid to ask questions of any one of us.

I want to welcome Tony Christensen to our Board of Directors. Talk about being a mentor -- he mentored our current Queen, Olivia Moody and that is the reason she was excited about becoming our Queen. Thank you, Tony, for this connection and for being one of our Directors.

I want to remind everyone that Olivia's term as our CIBA Queen will end in December of this year so we are taking applications for next year's CIBA Royalty -- Queen and or Ambassador. Please connect to CIBA website for more info. [Queen / Ambassador | Central Iowa Beekeepers Association | United States](#)

It is a great opportunity for a young person that keeps bees to share their passion to the community. CIBA provides the resources to assist in this mission.

Hope you're getting your bees ready for winter. They need to be mite free and have plenty of honey to survive.

Thanks for being a member.

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