



Newfoundland & Labrador Beekeeping Association

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www.nlbeekeeping.ca **Membership 2019**

Dear fellow bee enthusiasts;

The Newfoundland & Labrador Beekeeping Association (NLBKA) has just completed its fourth year of operation for the benefit of the beekeepers of the province. Membership has grown to over 135, with hives located right across the province. Through workshops and presentations we continue to help new beekeepers or “wannbe” beekeepers learn about starting or maintaining an apiary. For the people who have had success in their first couple of years and want to grow their beeyards or become commercial, the Association provides an opportunity for networking and help to develop further. We provide an avenue for communication on best practices in beekeeping for our province, and work together to prevent the importation of the diseases and pests that have affected most of the bees elsewhere in the world. The NLBKA also supports protection and research concerning native bees and pollinators in the province. An active membership provides opportunities for discussion and a voice for communication with the provincial and federal governments.

Membership includes:

- a subscription to the quarterly electronic newsletter, ***The Buzz From Here***;
- a copy of ***Hivelights***, the Canadian Honey Council quarterly newsletter – delivered by regular mail;
- 10% discount at The Seed Company (formerly Gaze Seed);
- early notices of workshops as they are planned;
- special prices on NLBKA courses;
- a vote (2 votes for a Family Membership) at the Annual General Meeting and special meetings of the Association;
- access to the members only Facebook page (for more restricted discussion among the membership);
- updates with links to resources as they are found.

I am also pleased that the Association’s insurance policy covers members while they host a NLBKA demonstration or visit at their apiary. While not replacing your own household or business insurance, you would be covered for any related incident, as long as the NLBKA knows about the demonstration or apiary visit and it is considered part of our programming for the year.

It is time to renew your membership or join the NLBKA for January – December 31 2019. There are four categories:

- Full or Individual membership costs \$40.00 per year, from January 1st to December 31, This allows one vote at any general meeting held by the Association
- Family or Group Membership is \$60.00 per year. It is intended for two to four people tending bees together. This category will allow for two votes at any general meeting. It is a good membership for people who have children and want them to feel part of the beekeeping, or for friends who keep a hive communally.
- Associate Membership (\$35.00) is for those people who do not keep bees, but have a business or do research related to pollinators. There is no vote with this membership or early registration for workshops.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Commercial Membership (\$60.00) is for people who have more than 20+ hives and are moving towards registering with the province for commercial status. Commercial beekeepers can apply for funding to develop their operations and other financial benefits. They also qualify for health inspection services by the provincial government. The Association wants to better understand the needs of its commercial members and assist prospective commercial operators with the development of their businesses (e.g., by offering appropriate workshops related to pollination services, CFIA regulations, etc.).

We hope you will join our Association or renew and help us keep a strong voice for the beekeepers and pollinators in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Yours truly,

Catherine Dempsey,
President, Newfoundland & Labrador Beekeeping Association.