
CSBA Member Notice: Proposed Revision to the CSBA Constitution and Adoption of New Bylaws

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CSBA Bylaw Revision - Key Area Comparison.pdf; Board Approved Final Recommendation for Bylaw Updates - CSBA.docx; CSBA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS - Amended November 2024.pdf;

Dear CSBA Non-Voting Member,

The California State Beekeepers Association Board of Directors has undertaken a comprehensive review of our governing documents. Following an extensive process of evaluation and consultation, the Board is proposing a complete revision of the current Constitution and the adoption of a new set of Bylaws.

These proposed Bylaws were developed using a legal template prepared by counsel to ensure that they meet all requirements for nonprofit organizations under California law. The revisions are designed to provide a clear and legally sound framework that supports the effective operation of the association and protects the interests of our members.

The Bylaws Committee, consisting of Ryan Burris (President), Bryan Ashurst (Research Chair), Chris Zanobini (Executive Director), and Brooke Palmer (Associate Director), led this effort with consultation from the full Board of Directors throughout the revision process and incorporated feedback to ensure the new Bylaws align with the Association's mission and governance needs. The Board of Directors formally approved the proposed Bylaws at the September Board meeting.

The proposed Bylaws include significant updates in several key areas, including:

- **Membership structure**
- **Board of Directors structure**
- **Officers and Executive Committee structure**
- **Committee structure**
- **Amendment process**

Attachments:

- A presentation comparing these sections with the corresponding portions of the current Constitution is available for member review in the attachment ***CSBA Bylaw Revision – Key Area Comparison***.
- The full board approved recommended bylaws are attached as ***Board Approved Final Recommendation for Bylaw Updates – CSBA***
- The current constitution is attached as ***CSBA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS – Amended November 2024***.

Members are invited to review the proposed Bylaws and submit any questions or comments to the **Bylaws Committee no later than November 7th**.

The voting membership will vote on the Board's recommendation to adopt the new Bylaws at the Annual Business Meeting, which will be held during the upcoming CSBA Annual Convention at 9:15 AM on November 20th at the Pechanga Resort Casino.

Please note that only voting members in good standing are eligible to vote. **Our records indicate you are a Non-Voting member and have not paid your dues for 2025/2026.** You can request a copy of your dues invoice or renew here:

<https://www.californiastatebeekeepers.com/membership-application/>

Voting members that are renewing must be paid no later than 24 hours prior to the business meeting to ensure voting eligibility. Any new applications for Voting membership must be received by Friday, November 14th, 2025, to be approved at the Monday, November 17th board meeting.

The Board of Directors appreciates your attention to this important matter and your continued dedication to the California State Beekeepers Association.

Sincerely,



Ryan Burris, President and Bylaws Committee



Bryan Ashurst, Research Chairman and Bylaws Committee

On behalf of the Board of Directors
California State Beekeepers Association

Submit Comments or Questions by November 7th to the following:

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