

Western Apicultural Society's secretary, Betty Farber, invites beekeepers to join WAS, both individually and as associations. Those interested in serving as WAS directors (who represent their state on the WAS Board for 3 years) or delegates (who represent individual beekeeping organizations) can check our website for more information: visit our Helpful Beekeeping Sites page under "Resources & Links" and click on the PDF file.

WAS Directors: Are chosen to represent their state or provincial jurisdiction from their membership; terms are for a period of 3 years. A Director sits on the WAS Board of Directors and has voting privileges. A Director must be a member of WAS. Each jurisdiction chooses their own method of electing or appointing a Director to represent their geographic area.

Delegates: Are chosen to represent their individual beekeepers' club or organization. To have a Delegate at WAS, the local club or organization must be a dues paying association member of WAS. Delegates must also be a paid member of WAS and can participate in pre-conference and post-conference Executive/Director/Delegate meetings.

Association membership: Includes dues paying clubs and/or organizations of beekeepers in the United States and Canada, primarily in the western area. Representation in the Society is by Delegate, as provided in ARTICLE VII, who have voting privileges at Delegates/Directors meetings.

Individual members: Are those who choose to pay dues to be a member of WAS. Individual members have voting rights at meetings.

Those filling the position of Director and Delegate have the role of:

- explaining the function and purpose of WAS to the beekeeping community and to local clubs and organizations
- encouraging membership in WAS
- encouraging attendance at WAS conventions
- soliciting feedback from clubs/individual beekeepers of possible timely nonpolitical issues that would assist the WAS Board and conference organizers in seeking speakers for conferences
- taking information from WAS meetings to beekeeping clubs and organizations to keep them informed of what is happening at WAS

At all times it must be recognized by Directors, Delegates and members that WAS is a nonpolitical organization and that conferences are held for the betterment of beekeeping and not for discussion or debate of political issues in the world of beekeeping.

Please send your membership dues to: James Bach, WAS Treasurer, PO Box 397, Selah WA 98942-0397. See <http://groups.ucanr.org/was/> to obtain a membership form.