



Ohio State Beekeepers Association

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The Ohio State Beekeepers Association Officer/Director Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: Jamie Walters	Nominated by Individual: Peggy Garnes
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County: Defiance	Home Club: Black Swamp Beekeepers Association
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What position is the individual being nominated for:	
President: OSBA President	Secretary:
Vice-President:	Treasurer:
Director/Region:	Representative/Region:

How long has the nominee been involved in Ohio beekeeping: 14 years

What beekeeping clubs and organizations is the nominee a member of:

- Ohio State University Defiance County Master Gardener – Past President (11 years)
- Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist – member Defiance County.
- Ohio State Beekeepers Association (OSBA Life Member) – Past Regional Director, Youth Scholarship Committee Chairman, Live Webinar Training Series – Host, Maumee Valley Regional Representative, Webmaster/IT and Networking.
- Ohio State Beekeepers Traveling Speaker (6 years) ADK, Sustainability, Small Scale Queen Rearing, Honeycomb Management, Successful Overwintering, Sustainable Beekeeping
- Ohio Certified Private Pesticide Applicator (Core & Class 4)
- Ohio State University - Pollinator Specialists Advocate – OSU Professor Denis Ellsworth
- Montana Master Beekeeping Program – Completed Apprentice, Journeyman,
- Northwest Ohio Beekeepers Association (affiliate of OSBA) – Past Vice President (5 years)
- Black Swamp Beekeepers Association (affiliate of OSBA) – President (6 years & founder)
- Pollinator Sanctuary & Training Facility of Defiance County – President & NACo Award
- Educator for Defiance Beginning Beekeepers Internship - 10-month course
- Educator for Defiance Advanced Beekeepers Internship - 10-month course

- CSAW Class I & II in Forestry Management
- Instrumental Insemination Queen Breeder – Purdue Class 2016
- Ohio Department of Agriculture – Defiance County Apiary Inspector
- Currently Own & Operate: Kaydee's Bee's & Honey
- Currently Franchise Owner of H&R Block in Defiance, OH

List the beekeeping activities and achievements the nominee has participated in or received:

- OSBA Beekeeper of the Year 2017
- OSBA Propolis Award 2018
- NACo Award for the Pollinator Sanctuary & Training Facility of Defiance County
- Ohio State House of Representatives – Acknowledgement Award
- OSBA President's Award - 2020

Outreach Committees:

- OSBA Youth Scholarship Program
- OSBA Live Webinar Training Series
- Pollinator Sanctuary & Training Facility of Defiance County

What qualifications does the nominee bring to the position:

- Computers (IT, Networking, Communications),
- Management (Owner of H&R Block, Defiance)
- Marketing (Graphics – digital and print, Social Media, Audio/Video)
- Leadership Skills (President, Vice-President, Secretary of many organizations)

Have you read the Constitution and understand the position for which the individual is nominated? yes

Please attach a short bio, personal photo, and any additional information that may assist in describing the individual's skills:

I started beekeeping in 2009 as an Ohio State University ~ Master Gardener. My first year (by myself) as a beekeeper was a complete disaster, I got myself stung, my wife, my daughters (1 to the ER), and my black lab. After taking my 4th beginner beekeeper class, with advice from Bob Hooker and John George, I was fortunate to meet Dwight Wilson. He is now and always will be my "father & mentor of beekeeping." He graciously gave me 10 full colonies to learn from and work with. Not every colony survived in the early years!

From this time with Dwight and I've pushed my passion for these awesome creatures, we (wife & I) quickly grew our operation to over 200 colonies; nucs, mating, and full size. Years past, I have cut way back to 35 colonies due to work, life, and back surgeries. Since my background is in computer programming, graphics, video, and audio...this has let me help OSBA with outreach. I will continue to learn, educate, and work towards my Master's Beekeeper Degree with the University of Montana and Eastern Apiculture Society. I will die being a beekeeper and have the greatest journey along the way with fellow beekeepers!