

AAPA Award for Apicultural Excellence

Each year the American Association for Professional Apiculturists will entertain nominations for a national honor called the **Award for Apicultural Excellence**. Only active or emeritus AAPA members are eligible for nomination. A member can receive this award only once.

Selection of the recipient will be based on the quality of his or her contributions to the field of apiculture. Areas of expertise may include one or more of the following (or any other honey bee-related specialty):

1. Apicultural Research Activities

Candidate is recognized as having made significant contributions to the field of honey bee research. His or her accomplishments have advanced the understanding of one or more specific aspects of apiculture such as bee biology (e.g., behavior, genetics, physiology, or diseases); colony management, crop pollination, pollinator protection, etc. Results of these accomplishments have been disseminated through appropriate publications.

2. Apicultural Extension Activities

Candidate is recognized as having made significant contributions to the field of apicultural extension. He or she has a very strong record of acting as a liaison between the research community and others who benefit from receiving information about honey bees and other pollinators. Clientele contacts are expected to include many of the following: university and USDA ARS researchers; county extension personnel; hobby, sideline, and commercial beekeepers; national, regional, and local beekeeping organizations and commodity boards; regulatory personnel, legislative contacts; grower groups, and various groups among the general public.

3. Apicultural Regulatory Activities

Candidate is recognized as having made significant contributions in regulatory aspects of apiculture. He or she has demonstrated a sincere desire to formulate and champion laws and regulations that benefit the entire industry while protecting the individual. Effective leadership in this area would include contributions such as working with local beekeepers to determine their regulatory needs; relating those needs to administrators and legislators; and relaying industry concerns to regulatory groups (e.g., A.I.A., Plant Boards, NASDA, and USDA APHIS).

4. Apicultural Teaching Activities

Candidate is recognized as having made significant contributions in the area of apicultural instruction. Specific examples should relate how he or she positively impacted audiences through teaching efforts. While formal classroom teaching is emphasized, materials developed for mass

distribution deserve recognition. Creativity and innovation in the classroom, as it relates to appreciation by the students and its ability to foster learning, are key considerations.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the AAPA Secretary/Treasurer. Completed forms, including signatures from three nominators, will be submitted to the Chair of the three person Selection Committee at least three months in advance of the next AAPA Annual Business Meeting. Nominations received following the cutoff date will not be considered for the current year's award.

Selection Committee members, appointed by the AAPA President from the active membership, will reach a consensus on a potential recipient. The Committee Chair will submit the choice, with written justification, to the Officers of AAPA at least two months before the next Annual Business Meeting.

Following approval by AAPA Officers, the President will inform the recipient of the choice and invite the recipient to attend the next Annual Business Meeting to receive the award. The award recipient will receive a plaque engraved with his or her name, the title of the award, and the date and place at which the award was presented. Additionally, the award will be accompanied by a check from AAPA for \$250.