

# 81st Annual American Beekeeping Federation Program Schedule

## Tuesday January 9, 2024

8 am to 11 am ABF Board of Directors Meeting  
(Bacchus)

8 am to 5 pm AIA Meeting  
(Balcony L)

11:30 am to 12:30 pm ABF Education Committee Meeting  
(Balcony N)

11:30 am to 12:30 pm ABF Membership Committee Meeting  
(Balcony J)

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm ABF Marketing Committee Meeting  
(Balcony J)

1 pm - 6 pm Vendor Move In  
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

1 pm to 2 pm ABF Research Committee Meeting  
(Balcony K)

2 pm to 3 pm ABF Legislative Committee Meeting  
(Balcony J)

3 pm to 4 pm ABF Resolutions  
(Balcony J)

3 pm to 5 pm American Honey Queen Program Committee Meeting  
(Balcony N)

3 pm to 7 pm Conference Check In  
Acadia Foyer

4 pm to 5 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
(Bacchus)

5 pm to 7 pm Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
(Balcony K)

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Dinner and Social  
(Acadia)

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Video on Commercial Operations  
(Acadia)

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## Wednesday January 10, 2024

8 am to 10 am Honey Show Entry Drop Off  
(Balcony M-N)

8 am to 4 pm Auxiliary Auction Item Drop Off  
(Balcony I)

7 am to 5 pm Conference Check In  
(Acadia Foyer)

8 am to 5 pm AIA Meeting  
(Balcony L)

8 am to 5 pm Tradeshow Open  
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

8:00 am - 8:20 am Opening Ceremonies  
(Acadia)

8:20 am - 8:35 am President's Address - Dan Winter  
(Acadia)

8:35 am - Keynote Speaker  
Frank Rinkevich  
(Acadia)

Times	Commercial, Package Bee & Queen Breeders, Honey Producer & Packers (Acadia)	Sideliner (Salons A - D)	Small Scale (Salons E - H)
9:45 - 10:45	The Latest from Honey Bee Health Coalition	Perspectives from a Master Beekeeping Program	Entering Products in a Honey Show
Presenter	Matt Mulica	Kathy Clay	Mark Fiegl
10:45 - 11:00	Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet		
11:00 - 11:30	National Honey Board Update (Acadia)		
11:30 - 11:40	Introduction of the 2023 American Honey Queen and Princess and the 2024 American Honey Queen Candidates (Acadia)		
11:40 - 12:00	Fran Boyd - Government Relations Update (Acadia)		
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch Break		
12:00 - 1:15	State Delegates Luncheon (invitation only) (Riverview 1 & Prefunction)		

1:15 - 2:15	Plenary Session Moderated by Jay Miller Panel Discussion with Bee Hero (Acadia)		
2:15 - 3:15	Pollination contracts between grower and beekeeper	Breeding the Bee that Bites the Mite	Thoughtful, Deliberate Colony Inspection
Presenter	Dan Winter	Krispn Given	Kathy Clay
3:15 - 3:30	Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet		
3:30 - 4:30	Implementation of a Cooperative Group Focused on Queen breeding and Health in the Southeastern U.S.	Promoting Hive Growth	Seasonal Management
Presenter	Esmaeil Amirid/Jeff Harris	Shelby Kittle	Joe Komperda
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm New Member Orientation ABF Board of Directors (Salon D)			
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Dinner (Acadia Foyer)			
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Adaptive Bee Breeders Alliance (ABBA) (Regent)			
6 pm to 8 pm Varroacide Resistance and Testing Team (VRTT) (Bonaparte)			
7 pm to 8 pm Ice Cream Social (Acadia)			
7 pm Beekeeping Brain Buster Entertainment and Live Auction (Acadia)			

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**Thursday January 11, 2024**

7 am to 5 pm Conference Check In  
(Acadia Foyer)

8 am to 4 pm Auxiliary Auction Item Holding  
(Balcony I)

8 am to 5 pm ABRC Meetings  
(Balcony J-K)

8 am to 5 pm Tradeshow Open  
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

8:00 am All Silent Auction Tables Open  
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

8:00 am - 8:05 am Announcements  
(Acadia)

8:05 am - Plenary Session  
Dr. Samuel Ramsey  
(Acadia)

9:05 am - PAm  
Danielle Downey  
(Acadia)

Times	Commercial, Package Bee & Queen Breeders, Honey Producer & Packers (Acadia)	Sideliner (Salons A - D)	Small Scale (Salons E - H)
9:45 - 10:45	Panel Discussion on H2A Moderated by Joan Gunter	How To Become a Commercial Beekeeper	Beekeeping with Disabilities
Presenter	Brian Pasternak & Brian Breaux	Blake Shook	Frank Linton
9:45 - 12:00	Honey Show Judging Training Rick Sutton, Jim Belli (Bacchus)		
10:45 - 11:00	Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet		
11:00 - 12:00	Nucs, Packages or Honey Production	Plants that can Provide Nectar to Produce Honey with High Medical Potential	Programs and Resources for Beekeepers

Presenter	Tim Wilbanks	Dr. Ozturk	Ana Heck
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch Break		
12:00 - 1:30	Axiliary Luncheon (ticket required) (Riverview 1 & Prefunction)		
1:00 - 2:00	Encaustic Painting Setup Only George Hansen (Regent)		
1:30 - 1:45	SIG Elections	SIG Elections	
1:45 - 2:30	Winter Sheds: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly	What to Know for a Beekeeping Business	Chemical and Non-Chemical Approaches to Small Hive Beetle Control
Presenter	Dr. Medhat Nasr	Niki Canotas	Dr. Cameron Jack
2:00 - 5:00	Encaustic Painting George Hansen (Regent) (ticket required)		
2:00 - 5:00	Science Policy and Advocacy Training for Beekeepers Dr. Judy Wu-Smart (Bacchus)		
2:30 - 3:15	Evaluating the Effectiveness of Prophylactic Nosema Treatment in Commercial Beekeeping Operations	Value Added Products from the Hive for Health and Wealth	Open Question Panel for New Beekeepers
Presenter	Anne Marie Fauvel	Deborah Klughers	Dr. Garrett Slater, Ana Heck
3:15 - 3:30	Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet		
3:30 pm - Plenary Session Panel Discussion: Who Does/Should ABF Represent Moderator - Dave Hackenberg with 1 Commercial, 1 Sideliner, 1 Small Scale (Acadia)			
5 pm to 6 pm NC1173 Meeting (Bacchus)			
6 pm to 8 6 pm ABRC Welcome Reception Poster (Balcony L-M)			

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

House of Blues

(ticket required)

# 81st Annual American Beekeeping Federation Program Schedule

## Friday January 12, 2024

7 am to 1 pm Conference Check In  
(Acadia Foyer)

8 am to 3 pm Tradeshow Open  
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

8 am to 5 pm ABRC Meetings  
(Balcony J-K)

7:30 am to 10:15 am All Silent Auction Tables Open  
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

8:00 am - 8:05 am Announcements

8:05 am - General Session  
Science Discussion - Moderated by Frank Rinkevich  
Dr. Garett Slater, Dr. Mike Strain, Dr. Katie Lee  
(Acadia)

9:05 - 10:30	ABF Business Meeting (Acadia)			Beginning Beekeeping Classes (Balcony L)	Forklift Certification (Regent) (English or Spanish)
10:30 to 1:30	Honey Auction				
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch Break				
12:00 - 1:30	Foundation Luncheon (ticket required) (Riverview 1 & Prefunction)				
12:00 - 1:30	ABRC Luncheon (ticket required) (Balcony M-N)				
1:30 - 3:30	ABF Board of Directors Meeting (Bacchus)				
Times	Commercial, Package Bee & Queen Breeders, Honey Producer & Packers (Acadia)	Sideline (Salons A - D)	Small Scale (Salons E - H)		
1:30 - 2:30	Overwintering Queens in Bank Colonies	Quality Queens: Tips and Tricks	Apriary Delight: How Beekeeping Apps are Creating a Buzz in the Industry		
Presenter	Ellen Topitzhofer	Tucka Saville	Erica Shelley		
2:30 - 3:00	Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet				
3:00 - 4:00	The Many Facets of Honey Bee Nutrition	Selecting for Disease and Varroa Resistance In Your Own Bees	Collecting Pollen: How and What To Do After		
Presenter	Priya Chakrabarti Basu	Michael Simone-Finstrom	Mike and Debbie Seib		
6 pm to 9 pm ABF Banquet Presidents Award Innovative Product Award Passing of the Torch Sweepstakes Live Auction Other Auctions Quilt Sweepstakes Coronation of the 2024 Honey Queen & Princess (Acadia)					

# 81st Annual American Beekeeping Federation Program Schedule

Saturday January 13, 2024

7 am to 10 am Commercial Breakfast

Speakers

Wes Card, President LA Beekeepers Association

Izzy Hill, USDA Honey Bee and Pollinator Research Coordinator

(ticket required)

(Riverview 1 & Prefunction)

8 am to 4 pm (bus 1)

10:15 to 4 pm (bus 2)

USDA Baton Rouge Bee Lab Tour

(ticket required)