

MSBA Board of Directors Nominees



President: Judith Stanton

Judith is the current president of MSBA, serving previously as a chapter representative and at large director, as well as secretary and VP for Sagadahoc County Beekeepers. She has been keeping bees for 16 years and sells honey through local shops. An active mentor and troubleshooter to other Harpswell beekeepers, she also does frequent honey bee presentations for children in schools and summer programs. She is retired from jobs in advertising and graphic design, and serves on the board of Harpswell Community Garden.



Vice President: Jane Dunstan

Jane became intrigued with honey bees during a renovation project in her 1778 farmhouse in 2009. In addition to keeping 30 colonies and making products of the hive, she is a mentor to new beekeepers and promotes stewardship and education. Jane is past president of Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers and the current director of KLCB Bee School. In addition to teaching classes (beginner and intermediate levels), she currently serves as MSBA vice president and editor of MSBA's newsletter The Bee Line.



Treasurer: Keith Kettelhut

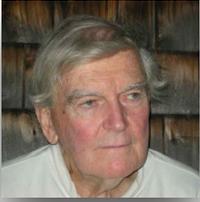
Keith is the current MSBA treasurer and past president of Cumberland County Beekeepers Association. A resident of Durham, he has been keeping bees for thirteen years and runs 50 hives. In 2017 he was named MSBA's Beekeeper of the Year. Keith is an active member of the Swarm Team, and has been very involved with education and outreach. He is a satellite communications engineer working for WMTW TV-8. Keith is also a scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 109 in Lisbon Falls.



Secretary: Thalassa Raasch

Thalassa became involved with honey bees as a teenaged apprentice to a commercial beekeeper in Minnesota. After settling in Maine Thalassa embarked on her own solo bee endeavor, operating a business called "Keepers," which provides hive management services, live colony removals, and bee hive tours. Her personal apiaries in Portland and Brunswick produce her "Little Dude" honey. This past season Thalassa was the Assistant Inspector for the Maine State Apiary Program.

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At-Large Director: Thomas Bartlett

Thomas, a member of the Penobscot County Beekeepers, has been keeping bees for 10 years and has five hives in Bangor. In addition, he is a master gardener, founder of GEMS and former gentleman farmer who raised sheep. Thomas is currently studying to become a Master Beekeeper and believes his involvement as a board member will afford him the opportunity to contribute his knowledge and experience to assist others in the membership.



At Large Director: Lynne Lindsey

Lynne is a retired nurse who recently relocated to Washington County from the midcoast area and has been a beekeeper for six years. While actively pursues new learning opportunities for herself, she has also been a mentor for new beekeepers. Lynne previously served two years as secretary of Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers. Additional hobbies include gardening and stained glass during the winter months.



At Large Director: Kevin McDonnell

Kevin has kept bees for five years in Kennebunkport. He shares 11 hives located in three different areas in southern Maine with his daughter, and also mentors several new beekeepers. Kevin is currently enrolled in the Cornell Master Beekeeper program and participates in the sentinel apiary program. Kevin's numerous outside interests include volunteering on his town's zoning Board of Appeals, lobstering, traveling and learning Spanish.



At Large Director: Peter Richardson

Peter is an EAS Master Beekeeper and has been keeping bees since 2008. He regularly mentors “newbees” and has taught Beginning Beekeeping at the Cumberland County Extension office for several years. When not in the bee yard, Peter serves as treasurer and chair of the finance committee overseeing the Good Shepherd Food Bank and enjoys travel, reading, community volunteering.