

President: Judith Stanton



Judith is currently president of MSBA, serving previously on the board as vice president, at large director and chapter representative, 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 programs for children in schools and summer camps. Judith is retired from a career in advertising and graphic design, and serves on the board of Harpswell Community Garden.

Vice President: Jane Dunstan



Jane is currently MSBA vice president and editor of The Bee Line newsletter. She became intrigued with honey bees 12 years ago during a renovation project in her 1778 farmhouse. After removing a colony of bees from her bathroom wall, she purchased two packages the following spring. In addition to keeping 33 colonies, raising her own queens, harvesting honey, making candles, soap, and cosmetics, Jane has mentored many new beekeepers. When not caring for her 15 geriatric llamas, 5 cats, and 45 chickens, she works as an emergency room nurse. In spare moments she enjoys kayaking, quilting, making floor cloths and knitting. Jane is the director of Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers Bee School, teaching beginner and intermediate classes, and also is the editor of the KLCB quarterly newsletter The Buzz Word.

Treasurer: Keith Kettelhut



Keith is the past president of Cumberland County Beekeepers Association and was named MSBA's 2017 Beekeeper of the Year. A resident of Durham, he has been keeping bees for 12 years and runs 55 hives. Keith is an active member of the Swarm Team, and has been very involved with education and outreach with regard to honey bees and other flying insects. He is a satellite communications engineer working for WMTW TV-8, operating and maintaining their satellite truck. Keith is also a scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 109 in Lisbon Falls.

Secretary: Thalassa Raasch



As a teenager Thalassa apprenticed with a commercial beekeeper in Minnesota. After settling in Maine, she embarked on her own bee business called "Keepers" which provided hive management services across southern Maine, and produced "Little Dude" honey. For the past two summers she has worked as Assistant Apiary Inspector for the Maine State Apiary Program. She has presented a variety of talks and workshops about bees and beekeeping most recently for Girl Scout Troop 1209 in Oxford, for a francophone club at the Audubon, and for the Penobscot Beekeepers Association.

At Large Director: Timothy Moran



Tim joined the New York City Beekeepers Association in 2010 to learn about honey bees. First he made a top-bar hive, an experience which led him to the Langstroth hive. Under the tutelage of Hyro Hoxha, an Albanian beekeeper, Tim learned much more about the mechanics of the beekeeping year. He has attended Eastern Apicultural Society's conference several times with his brother, a beekeeper for 24 years. Tim's wildflower honey won 4th prize in blind jar tasting in 2016, and 5th prize in 2017. Having spent many Septembers visiting Vinalhaven, Tim and his wife Tina settled in Rockland in 2018. He joined the Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers and he became an At Large Director in 2020. This will be his second three-year term.

At Large Director: Meg Patterson



A beekeeper since 2005, Meg has kept bees in different parts of the United States. She is a past vice president of her bee club in North Carolina, where she was educated by Dr. David Tarpy, and became a Journeyman Beekeeper through the University of North Carolina. She expanded her knowledge and training through the University of Florida Master Beekeeper Program. Meg and her husband live in Augusta where they maintain large vegetable and wildflower gardens. They have a registered Monarch Waystation on the property, tagging monarch butterflies on their yearly migration. She is a practicing medical provider in the community. Meg is a skilled spinner, quilter and does various kinds of needlework.

At Large Director: Alex Bradstreet



Alex is a part time beekeeper with 16 colonies and a slowly growing honey business. A member of Waldo County Beekeepers, he spent his childhood on the Bradstreet family farm in Palermo, which dates back to 1799. He now lives there with his own family. He served on the MOFGA Common Ground Fair planning team for four years, and has also served on a team for the Sheepscot Lake Association, evaluating proposed changes to management of the dam on the lake to allow native Maine alewives to migrate up into the Sheepscot river. He works in IT, writing and editing nonfiction technical and business documents. These include marketing and awareness documents, training guides, and technical and functional requirements documents.