

# MSBA Board of Directors Nominees 2023

## President: Beth Goodwin



Beth is President of York County Beekeepers Association and currently participates in MSBA as a chapter representative. She lives in Wells with her husband Neil who does the 'heavy lifting' in the bee yard, a house bunny named Claire and an assortment of chickens. Beth is a recently retired special education teacher and uses that expertise to promote YCBA's mission of education and outreach. In her eighth year of beekeeping, she does presentations on the importance of honey bees and other pollinators at schools, libraries, summer camps and community events. She is interested in exploring ways to promote beekeeping education throughout Maine.

## Vice President: Jane Dunstan



Jane is currently vice president and editor of The Bee Line newsletter. She became intrigued with honey bees 15 years ago during a renovation project to her 1778 farmhouse. In addition to managing 40 colonies, making soap and products using wax and honey, Jane enjoys mentoring new beekeepers. When not caring for her remaining 2 geriatric llamas, 4 cats, and 66 chickens, she works part time as an emergency room nurse. She is the director of Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers Bee School, teaching both beginner and intermediate classes.

## 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 13 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: Kevin McDonnell



Kevin lives in Kennebunkport and has been keeping bees for 7 years. He is a member of the York County Beekeepers Association. Kevin has been an At Large Director of the Maine State Beekeepers Association for the past two years, serving on the Information and Education committee and the Marketing and Fundraising committee. He often hosts the webinar series. Kevin is a Cornell University certified master beekeeper. He retired in 2019 after a 38-year career in engineering at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft.

## Director At Large: Dylan Turner



I'm a Massachusetts native but a Mainer at heart. I moved to Maine in 2013 to get a degree in Marine Biology and love it here so much I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. In college I fell in love with beekeeping through one of my professors and have pursued it as a hobby for the last five years. I own a small business out of Sanford and currently live with my wife and two dogs in Parsonsfield. I'm passionate about the environment as well as locally produced goods.

## Director At Large: Dick Vermeulen



Dick Vermeulen lives in Lincolnville with one Langstroth and two four-chamber insulated AZ type hives he designed and built. Dick is a mechanical engineer, retired catamaran designer and boat builder. He is an avid woodworker building all bee woodenware that can help his bees stay healthy, less stressed and living well. He has written articles about his bee hive-related projects for *The Bee Line*, *Bee Culture* and *American Bee Journal*. He is a member of the Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers club and a graduate of the apprentice beekeepers program from University of Montana, working his way toward a Master Beekeeper certificate in two years.

## Director At Large: Jessica Matt



I found beekeeping through gardening. I was quickly captivated and developed a love for bees. I am a fourth year beekeeper in Sanford, Maine and I manage hives at the Sanford/Springvale Community Garden and Two Toad Farm. My favorite part in beekeeping is witnessing mesmerizing and often comical bee behavior. When I am not beekeeping I can still be found out in my bee yard enjoying the buzz, usually accompanied by my curious flock of hens and ducks. I love to garden and walk with my dog. During the year I am an elementary and middle school teacher.

## Director At Large: David LeGloahec



David has been keeping bees for six years and helped write Gardiner's beekeeping ordinance, which allows anyone to have honey bees anywhere in the municipality, dependent on lot size. He's served as an MSBA at large director for three years and is a member of the education committee. A retired educator from Lewiston, David is also an active member of Kennebec Beekeepers Association where he serves as treasurer and teaches at KBA's annual Bee School.