

WASHINGTON STATE
BEEKEEPERS



PACIFIC NORTHWEST BEEKEEPING CONFERENCE



OCT 7-8, 2023

OLYMPIA HOTEL AT
CAPITOL LAKE

RECORDINGS OF SESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ATTENDEES FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE!



SATURDAY, 10.7

8:00-8:30am

WELCOME + MINGLE

WASBA Welcome
Alan Woods
WASBA President

WSU Welcome Address
Laura Lavine,
WSU Entomology Chair

8:30-9:15am

Nature-Based Beekeeping
Dr. Thomas Seeley,
Cornell University

9:30-10:15am

BREAK + MINGLE

SCIENCE TRACK

HOBBYIST TRACK

10:15-11:00am

**Dealing with Deadouts -
What to Do With Old Comb**
Dr. Meghan Milbrath,
Michigan State University

**Sustainability in Prisons Project:
Beekeeping in WA State Prisons**
Jennifer Bass,
Evergreen State College

11:15am-12:00pm

**Measuring the Costs & Benefits
of Keeping vs. Replacing Year
Old Queens**
Dr. Katie Lee,
University of Minnesota

**Hive Immunity - Trans
Generational Immune
Priming (TGIP)**
Nathan Reid,
EAS Master Beekeeper

12:00-1:00pm

LUNCHBREAK

SAT 10.7 PART 2

12:00-1:00pm

LUNCHBREAK

SCIENCE TRACK

HOBBYIST TRACK

1:00-1:45pm

**The Future of Beekeeping:
From New Techniques to
New Technologies**

Dr. Erica Shelley,
CEO/Founder of Best for Bees

**Using Technology
in The Bee Yard**

Jeff Ott,
*WA Master Beekeeper,
Beekeeping Today Podcast*

2:00-2:45pm

**Bee Breeding in the
Age of Genomics**

Dr. Garret Slater,
*USDA-ARS Baton Rouge
Bee Laboratory*

**Producing Queens for
Growing Operations
in the PNW**

Seth Smith
PNW Commercial Beekeeper

2:45-3:15pm

BREAK + MINGLE

3:15-4:00pm

RESEARCH PROJECT SHOWCASE

Honey Bee & Pollinator Graduate Students,
Washington State University

4:15-5:00pm

PANEL DISCUSSION

Dr. Meghan Milbrath, Dr. Katie Lee, Dr. Erica Shelley, Dr. Garret Slater,
Dr. Chris Looney, Dr. Tim Lawrence, & Sue Cobey

5:00-6:30pm

SOCIAL HOUR & MEAD TASTING

6:30-9:30pm

Join us in the Hotel Restaurant!

WA BEEKEEPING AWARDS BANQUET

DESSERT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION & RAFFLE

**SEE YOU TOMORROW FOR DAY 2!
SUNDAY 10.8 STARTING AT 9AM**



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Giant Hornets After 5 Years - What We've Learned & Hope to Learn

Dr. Chris Looney,
WSDA Entomologist

Bias in Beekeeping

Jerry Hayes,
Editor of Bee Culture Magazine

10:15-11:00am

The Life & Times of Drones: A Review

Dr. Tim Lawrence,
Washington State University

AZ Hives

Debra Langley-Boyer,
WA Master Beekeeper & President, Belfair & Beyond Beekeepers Association

11:15am-12:00pm

The Extraordinary Reproductive Strategies of Honey Bees & Implications for Natural & Artificial Selection

Sue Cobey,
Washington State University

Vitellogenin and Honey Bee Lifespan

Dawn Beck,
President, Puget Sound Beekeepers Association

12:00-2:00pm

All members encouraged to attend!

WASBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING + BOD MTG