

# Tri-State Beekeepers Summer Convention Program

**Registration Hours:** Thursday 4:00-5:30pm (Pre-registered only),

Friday 8:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 8:00am- 12:30pm

**Tradeshow Hours:** Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am- 12:00pm

**Silent Auction:** Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am- 10:15am

**Quilt Drawing:** Close of meeting on Saturday

<b>Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>	
10:30-12:00	Committee Meetings
1:00-5:00	Board Meetings
6:00-6:30	Welcome Reception sponsored by WSR Insurance
6:30-7:00	Late Summer OTS (on the spot) Queening, Phil Breed
7:00-7:15	Break
7:15-7:45	Building Your Bee Business: This Didn't Work, Phil Breed
7:45-8:30	The Future of Honey Bee Colony Health- Panel - Record for Beekeeping Today Podcast (Randy Oliver, Katie Lee, Rogan Tokach)
8:30-9:00	Liars and Braggers Crop Report

**Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

7:30	Registration Opens	
8:00-8:15	President's Welcome Panel	
8:15-9:30	Randy's Recent Research, Randy Oliver	
9:30-10:15	University of Minnesota Apiculture Extension Updates, Katie Lee	
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-10:45	Norroa – Adam Pachel	
10:45-11:00	North Dakota Apiary Program - Samantha Brunner	
11:00-11:15	South Dakota Apiary Program – Bob Reiners	
11:15-12:00	Your Bees, Our Testing: Revealing the Invisible and Supporting Colony Care – Zack Bateson, National Agricultural Genotyping Center	
12:00-1:15	Lunch	
1:15-2:00	Brandon Hopkins, Washington State University	
2:00-2:45	Technology in the Bee Yard – Jeff Ott, Beekeeping Today Podcast	Industry Updates (15 minutes each): Almonds- Mel Machado American Beekeeping Federation – Debbie Seib American Honey Producers Association -
2:45-3:15	Brandon Hopkins, Washington State University	Bee and Butterfly Habitat Fund, Elsa Gallagher
3:15-3:30	Break	
3:30-5:00	State Association Meetings	

6:00pm Cocktail Hour

6:30pm Beekeeper Banquet (ticket required)

7:30pm Program (open to everyone)

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

7:30	Registration Opens	
8:00-8:15	Minnesota Beekeepers Association Ambassador, Lilja Anderson	
8:15-9:30	Simplified Breeding Program Suggestions for Varroa Resistance, Randy Oliver	
9:30-10:15	NDSU Honey Bee Lab research overview and updates, Rogan Tokach	
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:00	UMN Bee Squad, Jessica Helgen	The Bee Health Regulatory Consortium: Uniting science and regulation to accelerate access to critical bee health tools in the U.S. and Canada, Izzy Hill, Project Apis m.
11:00-11:45	Protecting the Beekeeping Industry- Panel - Record for Beekeeping Today Podcast (Randy Oliver, Izzy Hill, Brandon Hopkins)	
11:45-12:00	Quilt Drawing and Meeting End	
<b>See You Next Year!</b>		