



Advisory Board Charter

Center for Integrative Bee Research (CIBER)
University of California, Riverside

I. Purpose

The CIBER Advisory Board serves as a consultative and collaborative body supporting the mission of the Center for Integrative Bee Research (CIBER) at the University of California, Riverside. The board is composed of representatives from local and regional non-profit beekeeping clubs and other non-profit entities, who bring practical insights, community perspectives, and advocacy to the Center's research, teaching, and extension programs.

The Advisory Board provides a structured platform for collaboration between CIBER and the broader beekeeping community, with the aim of promoting sustainable beekeeping practices, advancing pollinator health, and enhancing public engagement and education.

II. Functions and Responsibilities

The Advisory Board provide non-binding advice and guidance and shall:

1. Facilitate Communication and Collaboration

- Serve as a liaison between local beekeeping clubs and CIBER researchers and staff.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of information on current challenges, innovations, and priorities in the beekeeping community.

2. Support Research and Extension Activities

- Offer input on research needs relevant to practical beekeeping.
- Help identify opportunities for collaborative field research and citizen science initiatives.
- Promote and assist in the dissemination of CIBER's research findings to practitioners and the public.

3. Assist with Conference Planning and Outreach

- Contribute to the planning and execution of the annual CIBER Bee Research Conference and other events.
- Leverage club networks to increase outreach, participation, and visibility.

4. Contribute to Grant Development and Resource Mobilization

- Collaborate on identifying funding opportunities.
- Provide letters of support or community impact statements for relevant grant proposals.
- Assist with outreach activities related to funded projects.

5. Advise on Educational and Teaching Programs

- Offer feedback on training programs, extension materials, and teaching initiatives.
- Help promote youth and adult education in beekeeping and pollinator biology.

III. Membership

The Advisory Board is composed of members representing local, non-profit beekeeping organizations.

Currently, five nonprofit local beekeeping associations are represented by two members each:

- OCBA (Orange County Beekeepers Association)
- LBB (Long Beach Beekeepers)
- LACBA (Los Angeles County Beekeepers Association)
- BASC (Beekeeper Association of Southern California)
- SDBS (San Diego Beekeeping Society)
- California Master Beekeeper Program (CAMBP) OC Bee Team

Additionally the following organization is represented by one member, each

- Hives for Heroes

Each organization may appoint their representatives to serve on the board, with the expectation that members are actively engaged in their organizations and have a working knowledge of regional beekeeping challenges and opportunities.

Board members serve on a volunteer basis and do not receive compensation.

IV. Meetings

The Advisory Board shall meet a minimum of two times per year, either in person or virtually.

Special meetings may be called as needed by the CIBER Director or by request of a majority of board members.

Meeting agendas shall be prepared and distributed in advance, and minutes shall be recorded and shared with all members.

V. Governance and Reporting

The Advisory Board functions in an advisory capacity and does not hold decision-making authority over the operations of CIBER.

Recommendations from the board will be used by the CIBER Director and relevant university personnel to guide research, education and outreach activities of CIBER.

A board chair and secretary may be elected by consensus or rotated annually to help facilitate communication and meeting organization.

VI. Terms and Review

Advisory Board membership is reviewed annually, with opportunities for new clubs and their representatives to join as interest grows. This charter will be reviewed every second year by the board to ensure alignment with the evolving goals of CIBER and the beekeeping community it serves.

VII. Current List of Board Members

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