

Beezette

October, 2023

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers

Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church

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Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 1:30, and will meet at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

Meeting sign-in:

1:20-1:30

Speaker Introduction & Presentation:

1:30-2:15

Questions:

2:15-2:30

Club Member Demonstration & What To Do in the month ahead:

2:30-2:45

Social (Door prizes & Snacks).

2:45-3:05

At the October Meeting:

The speaker at our October meeting will be Dr. Hongmei, the Current Director of Research in grooming behavior and landscape ecology of bees, at Central State University.

Dr. Hongmei Li-Byarlay is currently a tenured Associate Professor at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio and a Fellow of Royal Entomological Society, President-Elect of the International Branch of the Entomological Society of America (ESA). She obtained her Bachelor degree of Science in Biology and Education at Tianjin Normal University and Master of Science in Zoology at Nan Kai University in China. Her doctoral degree is in Entomology from Purdue University (Indiana) and studied the genetics and physiology of *Drosophila melanogaster*. Then she worked at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) and North Carolina State University to study functional genomics and social behavior of honey bees. In 2017, she started her own research lab on bee genetics, genomics, pollinators & ecology. She has received 12 million dollars of external funding from the USDA & NSF for Central State, mentored 40+ undergrad students of HBCU and 1890 land grant, published 49 peer reviewed papers and book chapters including P.N.A.S., Nuclear Acid Research, BMC Genomics etc. She has presented 120 talks for research.

She's on the editorial board of Current Research in Insect Science, Nature Scientific Reports, and Journal of Insect Science. She is the past Chair of the Diversity Inclusion Committee of ESA.

Lab website: <https://sites.google.com/view/libyarlaybee/>

Fb page: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralStateUniversityBees/>

Google Scholar Page: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=x4jL5SkAAAAJ&hl=en>

The September Picnic Meeting:

Thank you Patty and Wayne Siebert for reserving the perfect picnic shelter, cleaning the tables and all the little things they covered for our picnic. It was a delightful gathering of like-minded bee enthusiasts.

Thanks to all of the attendees who contributed to an excellent array of food shared for our lunch. Warren County Ohio Beekeepers donated WCOB logo ball caps for door prizes, Door prize winners were Wayne Siebert, Keith Mealy and Kevin Lawson.



Smoker Contest at the Picnic!

As planned, Mike Hutchinson demonstrated his fool-proof smoker method. The event resulted in a tie-breaker by number selection. Pictured below is our winner, Paul Dorger. The smoker was donated by Mike Karraker of Bella Bees.



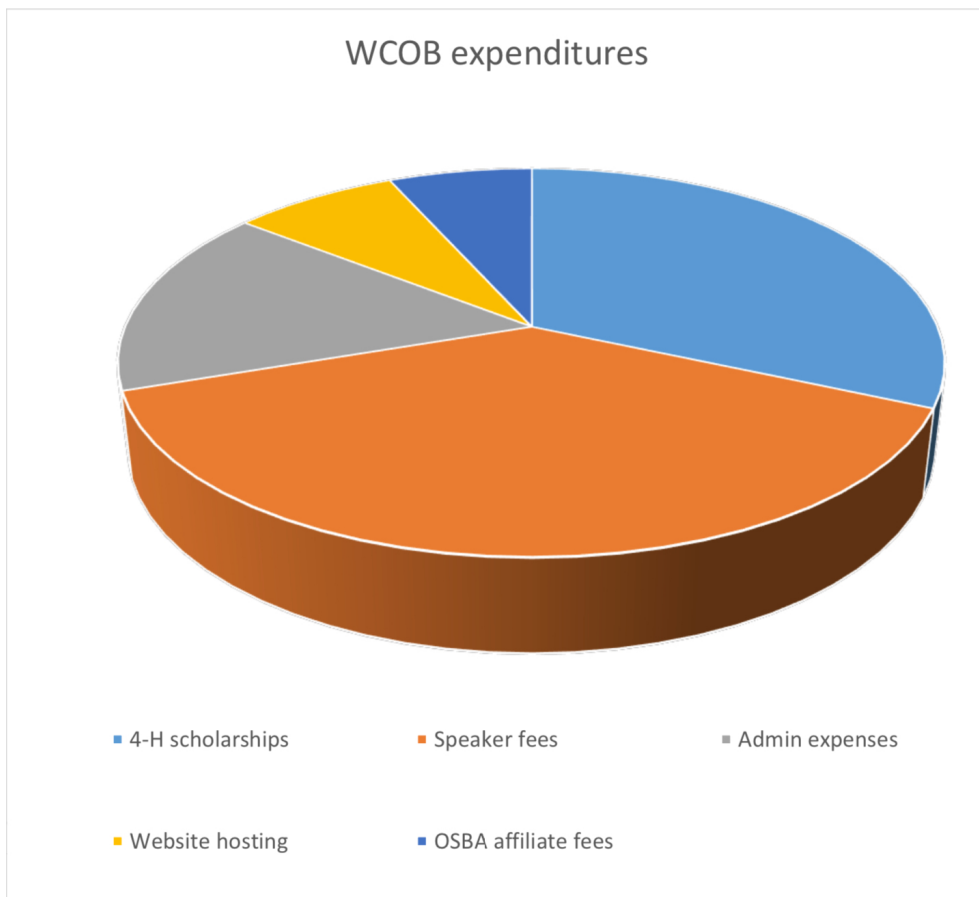
MEMBERSHIP

- New members can apply at [WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers.org](https://warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org).
- Membership dues are due on January 1st of each year. If you have not done so already, renew your WCOB membership now for 2023. Member dues remain the same at \$20/individual and \$25/family. Registration is online. Fill out the form at: <https://warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/join-or-renew-with-paypal/>
- Payments are made via PayPal, but a PayPal account is NOT required.
- Warren County Ohio Beekeepers welcomes 4 new members joining in September: Laura Fazekas, Mary Rutterer, Stephen and Jenna Bresnahan.

Have you ever wondered what your WCOB dues are used for? As of August 30, 2023, the expenditures of the club are:

Speaker fees	38%
4-H scholarships	32%
Admin expenses*	15%
Website hosting	8%
OSBA affiliate fees	7%

*Admin expenses include logo setup fee, Paypal processing fees, P.O. Box rental, picnic shelter rental, State of Ohio registrations and office supplies.



HONEY EXTRACTOR RENTAL

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers has a honey extractor that can be rented by members for \$5.00 per day. Any questions or comments should be directed to wcobeetreasurer@gmail.com.

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Club members with a minimum of three years of beekeeping experience looking to mentor are welcome to fill out a Mentor Form on the club website.
- For members looking for mentors, go to www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/mentors.
- Calling bee enthusiasts, many hands make light work; please consider getting involved with the club in a volunteer position. A great way to learn and share bee experiences. Send an email with your comments or questions to info@warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org
- A more complete list of responsibilities for our board positions is documented and posted on the WCOB website under “Members” at www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/members/officer-job-responsibilities/

WCOB Club Officers:

<u>President</u>	Paul Dorger
<u>Vice President</u>	Beatriz Woodall
<u>Treasurer</u>	Alan DeJarnette
<u>Web Manager</u>	Rose DeJarnette
<u>Director of Education</u>	Currently an open position.
<u>Secretary</u>	Pat Miller

- WCOB Business meetings are scheduled via Zoom on the second Wednesday of most months from 7:00-8:20p.m.
- WCOB logo hats, shirts and outerwear can now be purchased online. Go to our website warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org, then click on Members/WCOB LogoWear.

What To Do In The Month Ahead:

- Referenced from “Beekeeping for dummies by Howland Blackiston from the Beekeeping Calendar for October:
 - Check food reserves
 - Feed colony if low on capped honey
 - Feed a pollen substitute
 - Check ventilation
 - Test for varroa mite
 - Prepare hive for winter

Do you have an announcement to include in the Beezette, or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Do you have ideas to benefit our club members and our bees? Let us know at the next meeting, or reach out to info@warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org.

