



**PIERCE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
January 5, 2015
WSU Puyallup Campus
Allmendinger Center**

The general meeting of the Pierce County Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:28 PM. President Franclyn Heinecke greeted members and showed a 4-minute DVD about what is happening inside the bee colony when it clusters together in the winter.

Suppliers who advertise in the PCBA newsletter were introduced.

Bylaws language changes: It was moved and seconded to consider Bylaws language changes under consideration. With a 2/3 vote of the members present, those bylaws changes were approved.

Business meeting agenda adjusted: It was moved and seconded to adjust the agenda for the business meeting to provide more time for member interaction and less time for "business. With a 2/3 vote of the members present, the meeting agenda can be adjusted as needed for the remainder of the year or until changes to that agenda are adopted in the bylaws.

2014 accomplishments were discussed. 2014 Washington State Beekeeper of the Year was introduced – Alisa Shorey, PCBA member and 2015 Vice President.

The 2015 Board of directors was introduced.

Michael DeAngelo gave a treasurer's report – balance of \$5959.40.
Becky Sundstrom was acknowledged for her work to revise the PCBA website.
Ginger Cater was introduced as the new newsletter editor.

Results of the member survey were reviewed.

February meeting to cover healthy hives with fewer chemicals was discussed.

Hannah Carter's 15th birthday was celebrated with song and cakes.

Program – Hives in the 'Hood -- Larry Golden reviewed his membership database, and introduced the Community Clusters. Community groups gathered to meet beekeeping neighbors and discuss what beekeepers can do for their bees right now, and how to prepare for spring.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.