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<u>Diana Cox-Foster</u>, Ph.D., is a Professor of Entomology at Pennsylvania State University. Her research focuses on bees and their interactions with pathogens and stresses (parasites, lack of nutrition, and pesticide exposure). She is among the researchers working to unravel the causes of abnormal colony losses. Her research has revealed new information on the transmission routes of viruses and the impacts of stress on the infections. Dr. Cox-Foster is determining if any of the factors affecting honey bees are impacting native pollinators, keystone species essential for food security and environmental health. Diana Cox-Foster received her Bachelors of Science at Colorado State University, her Master of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a post-doctorate at Vanderbilt University. At Penn State, Dr. Cox-Foster participates in the Huck Institute for Life Science, Center for Pollinator Research, and Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics.

<u>Debbie Dekleva</u> is a results oriented entrepreneur who has a successful track record of protecting biodiverse monarch habitat while creating value from milkweed raw materials. Ms. Dekleva has worked for Natural Fibers/Monarch Flyway, the oldest milkweed company in the world, for over 25 years, she has witnessed the benefits to communities and habitats as she implemented a conservation system that benefits underserved communities. Ms. Dekleva pioneered the sales and marketing of the first value-added milkweed product, Hypodown®, a combination of milkweed fluff and goose down, which is still sold today in high-end specialty bedding markets. Dekleva has helped launch successful businesses and has had the foresight to curtail various unsuccessful attempts at poorly conceived milkweed products. As uses are discovered, and milkweed is more readily accepted as a viable material, Dekleva wants to ensure that milkweed used in commercial products help monarchs and other pollinators, rather than hurt them. She enjoys collaboration with diverse people to benefit multiple stakeholders while protecting and expanding monarch habitat. Ms. Dekleva has worked with Fortune

500 companies, USDA scientists, North Carolina State University, companies in Canada, Mexico, Hungary, Italy, Japan, China, and Germany, and the University of Nebraska research departments to meet product specs and evaluate barriers to market of milkweed raw materials. Ms. Dekleva is passionate about protecting pollinators and the overwintering sites that are important to the monarch migration. Ms. Dekleva uses her experience to compel educators, businesses, landowners, government, and the public at large to protect habitat across the migratory path of monarchs.

<u>Jane DeMarchi</u> joined ASTA from the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), where she was Director of Government Affairs for Research and Technology, and involved with research-related policy issues and industry-wide efforts to bring biotechnology to wheat. She coordinated the Wheat Innovation Alliance and served as secretariat for the National Wheat Improvement Committee. Prior to NAWG, Jane was Director of Government Affairs for the North American Millers' Association (NAMA), responsible for advocating on behalf of the corn, wheat, and oat milling industry. Before NAMA, she worked in economic development and trade promotion for the Ohio Department of Development and the U.S. Department of Commerce in Ohio, Hong Kong and Shanghai. Jane received her Bachelor's degree in Asian studies from Dartmouth College.

<u>Jenn Duerr</u> has worked in non-profit outreach and development for over 25 years, including as a fundraiser for Clean Water Action, Citizen Action, Human Rights Campaign Fund, The San Francisco Symphony, Greenpeace, and most recently for the The Save Our Monarchs Foundation. Ms Duerr has played an integral role in the creation and development of two different non-profit arts organizations: Arena Interplay in San Francisco, and DADA (The Durham Association for Downtown Arts) in North Carolina, which played a vital role in the regeneration of the Durham downtown area. She is Spanish bilingual and has worked with Hacienda La Cruz (Forests for Monarchs) reforestation efforts in Michoacan, Mexico and organized eco-tours to the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve in Mexico. Currently, she is the outreach and volunteer coordinator for the Save Our Monarchs Foundation, and also serves on the planning committee for the Nebraska Monarch and Pollinator Initiative, a statewide conservation plan.

<u>Jay Evans</u> is Research Leader of the USDA-ARS Bee Research Laboratory in Beltsville, Maryland. The BRL uses laboratory and field approaches to identify and mitigate abiotic and biotic stresses faced by honey bees. Dr. Evans' research is focused on managing disease in honey bees and improving our understanding of bee defenses. Prior to joining the BRL in 1998 he studied social insects while earning A.B and PhD degrees at Princeton University and the University of Utah, respectively.

<u>Kim Fellows</u> has been working part-time since September 2011 at Seeds of Diversity Canada, as the Pollination Outreach Co-cordinator for Pollination Canada. Kim's related background includes a BScH and MSc in Biology from Queen's University, and three years working at Harrow Research Station, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

<u>Rob Fiegener</u> is Director of the Native Seed Network at the Institute for Applied Ecology, based in Corvallis, Oregon. He is interested in the development and use of native plant materials in natural areas as well as managed landscapes such as agricultural and urban environments. He organizes the National Native Seed Conference, the next meeting of which will be February 2017 in Washington, D.C.

<u>Chiara Galassetti</u> is an undergraduate student majoring in Environmental Science and working in the Urban Bee Lab at UC Berkeley. She is currently compiling data for her senior thesis on the optimization of man-made nesting blocks on farms around the Bay Area.

<u>Randall Gilbert</u> has a BA from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a long history of conservation activity. He has worked for many years as an activist and citizen scientist, helping with reforesting projects and undertaking habitat restorations. An avid outdoorsman and naturalist with a vocational background in corporate project management and consulting, Mr Gilbert has been organizing the Foundation's 'Corridors for Pollinators' project since 2015, providing pollinator habitat restoration services and plantings at various sites for utilities property owners and right-of-way holders in the Monarch flyway.

<u>Christina Grozinger</u> is a Distinguished Professor in Entomology and the Director for the Center for Pollinator Research at Penn State. Grozinger's research program consists of two main areas of study, which examine the mechanisms underlying social behavior and health in honey bees and related species. Grozinger's studies on

social behavior seek to elucidate the proximate and ultimate mechanisms that regulate behavioral variation and plasticity in insect societies, in particular focusing on complex chemical communication systems. Grozinger's studies on honey bee and bumble bee health examine how biotic and abiotic stressors impact the individual at the molecular, physiological and behavioral level, how these individual effects lead to colony-level changes, and how responses to these stressors can be modulated by social and environmental contexts. Grozinger and her team use a highly trans-disciplinary approach encompassing genomics, epigenetics, physiology, neurobiology, behavior, and chemical ecology.

Howard Ginsberg is a Research Ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. He is Unit Leader of Patuxent's Rhode Island Field Station, and Professor in Residence at the University of Rhode Island. He received his Ph.D. in entomology from Cornell University in 1979. Dr. Ginsberg has published widely on the ecology of vector-borne diseases, especially tick-transmitted infections such as Lyme disease, and on mosquito ecology. His emphases are on transmission dynamics and factors that influence human exposure to vector public health while minimizing negative effects on sensitive natural systems. He is also interested in conservation of invertebrates and bee foraging ecology, especially the interactions between native and introduced species. Dr. Ginsberg received the Director's Award for Natural Resource Research, 1999, from the U.S. National Park Service.

<u>Megan Haidet</u> is the National Collection Curator for Seeds of Success, the national native seed collection and banking program led by the Bureau of Land Management. She manages seed collection program; teaches seed collection courses, provides guidance on the SOS Technical Protocol; supports native seed collection teams on a day-to-day basis; manages and analyzes collections data; and works with Bureau of Land Management botanists to prioritize collections.

Becky Hassebroek is the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge liaison and Habitat Chairman for National Garden Clubs, Inc., the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world. The 200,000 members are planting and extending pollinator gardens all across the country.

<u>Carol Heiser</u> is the Education Program Section Manager and the Habitat Education Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), where she has worked since 1993. She provides train-the-trainer workshops to Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners and oversees approximately 200 Habitat Facilitator volunteers. Her program area includes Schoolyard Habitat, Corporate Habitat, and Habitat at Home© outreach. Carol also serves on the State Steering Committee of the Virginia Master Naturalist Program; she's a Co-Chair of the Virginia Native Plant Marketing Partnership Steering Committee; and she represents DGIF on the Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council, where she is currently assisting as a Technical Advisor to help implement a new Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Certification Program.

<u>Harmen Hendriksma</u> is a honey bee researcher with a focus on colony disease and nutrition. His PhD research included environmental risk assessment of transgenic pollen on honey bees. As postdoctoral fellow he studied how colonies balance their nutritional intake. The essential amino acids and fatty acids in pollen, and the preference and need for an optimal balance between protein and carbohydrate for colonies are to his key interest. Currently, Harmen works on the honey bee gut parasite Nosema, and the interaction with plant products which suppress infection. This NAPPC supported research may show how bee nutrition (pollen and nectar) allow colonies to self-medicate diseases.

<u>Chris Hiatt</u> is co-owner of Hiatt Honey, a family owned beekeeping business that was started by his father 48 years ago. They traditionally are in the top 5 honey producers in the country, with 6 brothers and over 20 employees pollinating crops in California and Washington and producing honey in North and South Dakota in the summers. Chris is on the executive board of the American Honey Producers Association. AHPA represents over 60% of the managed beehives in the country. He lives in Madera, CA during the winter and spring and Bowman, ND in summer and fall.

<u>Lisa Horth</u> is currently an Associate Professor of Biology at Old Dominion University where she teaches Conservation Biology and Population Genetics. She has a PhD in Ecological Genetics from the Florida State University and a MS in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology from the University of Maryland, College Park. She and her students are currently working on several pollinator projects. These include 1) adding native bees to farms to improve berry production, 2) assessing urban bee species diversity in

understudied communities, 3) evaluating disease transmission between bee species on farms and in urban spaces, and 4) evaluating the role of ultraviolet floral patterns in crops on pollinator recruitment and visitation.

<u>David Inouye</u> is a Professor in the Department of Biology at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he teaches classes in ecology and conservation biology. He does research each summer at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory in Colorado where the National Science Foundation funds his long-term work on the phenology, pollination, and demography of wildflowers. The data he has collected there since 1973 are providing insight into the effects of global and regional climate change, particularly on the phenology and abundance of flowering. David is on the Steering Committee of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign, on the Board of Directors of the National Phenology Network, and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Endangered Species Coalition.

<u>Christopher Jadallah</u> is a fourth-year undergraduate student pursuing a B.S. in Conservation in Resource Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. He has worked as a research assistant with Dr. Gordon Frankie studying bee-plant relationships in urban, wildland, and agricultural landscapes throughout California with the UC Urban Bee Lab.

Gary Krupnick is the head of the Plant Conservation Unit in the Department of Botany, National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. His research examines how data from herbarium specimens can be used in assessing the global conservation status of plant species. He has conducted assessments of the flora of Hawaii and the flora of the West Indies. With the American Society of Botanical Artists, he co-curated the traveling exhibition, "Losing Paradise? Endangered Plants Here and Around the World," a convergence of art, science, conservation, and education. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California Irvine, with a thesis examining the link between the effects of insect herbivory and pollination on plant reproductive fitness. He is the co-editor of the book Plant Conservation: A Natural History Approach (University of Chicago Press; 2005), and the editor of two newsletters—the Biological Conservation Newsletter and The Plant Press.

Lindsay Kwong's interest in plants and nature stemmed from gardening weekly with her mom at a young age. She expanded her interest to pollinators while assisting Dr. Vicki Wojcik on her dissertation on how habitat is used by bees in urban landscapes and what factors make a particular site more attractive to local bees. In addition, Lindsay has also worked as a Program Assistant at the Chinatown Public Health Center, Nutrition Services, for the Network for a Healthy California—Chinese Project, which strives to empower the low-income Chinese community in San Francisco to improve their nutritional and physical well-being. Through working at both organizations, Lindsay has had the opportunity to connect food production systems (P2) with public education on proper nutrition, drawing healthy environments and healthy living together. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Molecular & Cell Biology with an emphasis in Cell & Developmental Biology: Physiology from the University of California, Berkeley. In her spare time, she loves to cook, bake, garden, and spend time with her dog and rabbit.

Hongmei Li-Byarlay was born in a farmer's family and grew up in the countryside. She likes insects since she was a little girl. She came to Purdue University in Indiana for her graduate school and majored in Entomology. After obtaining her doctoral degree specialized in insect genetics, she started to study honeybee behavior and genetics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Since 2010, she has led ground breaking projects on brain genes determining aggression behavior, functional studies of honey bee genome and epigenome, and stress-related physiology in different environmental settings. Currently she is holding a National Research Council Senior Research Associateship working with Drs. Olav Rueppell at UNC-Greensboro and David Tarpy at NC State University. Ongoing research topics include viral pathogenic stress in brood development, oxidative stress, and longevity of honey bees. She has published 26 peer-reviewed scientific papers and one book chapter. Her publications were cited 626 times so far. She was awarded travel grants by the Entomological Society of America, research grants by the American Association of University Women, and Army Research Office. She has given talks to many beekeepers and public in Central Illinois and North Carolina and helped public and K-12 kids to know more about bees through school museum talks

<u>Becky Longenecker</u> is the northeast regional pollinator coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She facilitates a regional team, comprised of various USFWS programs, that is focused on implementing pollinator

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<u>Dave Moskowitz</u> has a PhD in Entomology from Rutgers University. He has also been an environmental consultant with EcolSciences, Inc. in the northeast for 33 years. Dr. Moskowitz co-founded National Moth Week, the global Citizen Science project, focusing attention on moths. He also created the Facebook group, Bug Addiction – Confessions of a Bug Addict and is the Administrator of the Rutgers University Department of Entomology Facebook page. He is also an amateur beekeeper, has published widely on insects and other natural history aspects and his insect photography has graced the cover of American Entomologist magazine three times.

<u>Heather Moylett</u> is a biological science technician with USDA APHIS PPQ Science and Technology. One of her responsibilities is to provide scientific support to Science and Technology on pollinator issues, especially as it relates to agriculture. Heather is a subject matter expert with regulatory experience and expertise in pollinator biology and ecology. Prior to working with APHIS, Heather studied the impacts of land. management on wild, native bee communities in the Sandhills of North Carolina and also worked as the scientific assistant to Dr. Jerome Rozen at the American Museum of Natural History at New York. She is currently interested in how agricultural landscapes can be managed to shift pollination reliance from honey bees to local, wild pollinators.

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<u>Thalia Pappas</u> current assignment is as a consultant for the Delaware Department of Agriculture, to help achieve the goals for Delaware's Pollinator Protection Plan. She worked for DuPont Agricultural Products, in research and discovery roles (environmental fate of pesticides, and rice global herbicide discovery program leader), followed by an assignment as a global regulatory manager leading registration teams and negotiations with regulators to retain permission to sell commercial Ag. Chem. Products. In her last assignment she worked in the Industrial BioSciences business as a regulatory manager to develop and execute compliance strategies for bio-based chemicals and polymers. Thalia received a Ph.D. from Purdue University in Plant Physiology, a M.S. in Horticulture from University of Arkansas, and a B.S. in Plant Science from the University of Delaware.

<u>Dan Price</u> founded the Sweet Virginia Foundation a non-profit 501(c)3 conservation and education organization dedicated to teaching and inspiring children to appreciate and care about honey bees.

<u>John Purdy</u> is an environmental research scientist who has completed more than 100 major field and laboratory research projects to meet Good Laboratory Practice Standards and 18 published papers and book sections over the past 38 years. His work includes ground-breaking research on the analytical chemistry, environmental behavior and modelling of pesticides, ecotoxicology and effects of pesticides on bees. After retiring from industry in 2008, John remained active as an independent scientist operating as Abacus

Consulting Services Limited. John joined the Canpolin pollinator research group led by Dr. Peter Kevan at the University of Guelph from 2008 to 2014. He is an elected member of the Board of Advisors of the Canadian Ecotoxicology Workshop (CEW). John is an active member of ACS, CIC, ICPPR, NAPPC and SETAC and has been a beekeeper for over 16 years.

Thelma Redick is the Sr. Director of Content & Partnerships for the Wildlife Habitat Council, Ms. Redick brings more than 25 years of experience in conservation education and community engagement to her work in 'sharing the success stories of corporate conservation' through workshops, on-line learning, conferences, white papers and other publications. She is responsible for tracking and coordinating productive partnerships with NGO's, educational institutions and government.

Kelly Rourke is Program Coordinator for the Pollinator Partnership (P2). Kelly holds a degree in Environmental Studies and a minor in Anthropology from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Her background in ecology, conservation, and culture has propelled her career in the non-profit sector. Prior to P2, Kelly worked at another bay area-based environmental non-profit called Conservacion Patagonica (CP). CP's mission is to establish national parks in Chile and Argentina where there is not only fragile ecosystems, but also, complex cultural and societal struggles. Kelly is currently working towards a Master's of Science in Environmental Management at the University of San Francisco.

Dolores Savignano is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Pollinator Conservation Coordinator, and liaison to the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. She chairs the USFWS Pollinator Work Group, which works to raise awareness of and support for the value, conservation, protection, and enhancement of native pollinators and their habitats. The Service has a wide range of pollinator projects throughout the county and internationally (learn more at: www.fws.gov/pollinators). Dolores is also the Conservation Education Team Lead and Climate Coordinator for the Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program. Dolores received a B.S. in Biology from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in Zoology from Univ. of Texas at Austin for her research on the facultative mutualism between Karner blue butterfly larvae and attendant ants. She also conducted status surveys on the now endangered Karner blue butterfly and assisted in the preparation of an Element Stewardship Abstract on the Karner blue butterfly for The Nature Conservancy.

Rod Scarlett Prior to joining the Canadian Honey Council as the Executive Director in January of 2011, Rod Scarlett was the Executive Director of Wild Rose Agricultural Producers, Alberta's general farm organization, for fourteen years and concurrently, the General Manager of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum for six years. He was chosen as one of the 50 most influential Albertans in 2003 by Alberta Venture Magazine. Prior to his administrative work in the agricultural field he owned a small farming operation running feeder cattle and hay. He also managed a farrow to finish hog operation. After obtaining his MA in Canadian Studies from Carleton University, Rod worked for eight years with the Government of Alberta where he was Executive Assistant to three different Cabinet Ministers. He has served on the executive of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and currently sits on the Board of the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council. He is also currently co-chair of the Canadian Bee Health Roundtable.

Elizabeth Sellers (B.Sc. Honors – Botany & Geomorphology) has served the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) as a Technical Information Specialist (Biology) for 11 years. She currently serves under the USGS Core Science Analytics, Synthesis and Libraries Program (http://www.usgs.gov/core_science_systems/csas/) acquiring and processing species occurrence data for the Biodiversity Information Serving Our Nation (BISON – http://bison.usgs.ornl.gov) species mapping application and US Node of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF); working with Dr. John Ascher (AMNH) to update the bee taxonomic data and 2009 World Bees Checklist in the Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS – www.itis.gov); and participates in the newly formed USGS Pollinator Research Community of Practice. She is also a co-author of the draft FWS National Bee Monitoring Protocol with Sam Droege (USGS), Joseph Engler (FWS), and Lee O'Brien (FWS).

<u>James Sherman</u> is a graduate of UC Berkeley in evolutionary biology, Jamie has been an energy project financier, C-level finance and operations manager, and water resource executive. He has also served on the boards of private and not for profit organizations, the later in chairman and development roles. In addition to natural history, Jamie enjoys fishing, ranching, sailing and woodworking. A fifth generation San Franciscan, he has lived and worked in Chicago, London, Sydney, and Los Angeles during his career. Jamie is married to his high school sweetheart, and is the father of three children, and a faithful Labrador.

Steve Shestag is the director of Enterprise Remediation for The Boeing Company. He is responsible for shaping an integrated strategy for completion of environmental remediation activities, as well as leading environmental due diligence activities to support the company's mergers, acquisitions and property transactions. Shestag has over 30 years of experience in environmental permitting, geotechnical studies, remedial investigation, contaminant treatment, engineering design, stormwater management, sustainable remediation, water supply studies and program management. His expertise includes working with diverse groups of stakeholders to find practical and timely solutions that improve the environment and reduce risks. Shestag has also led the visioning, design and creation of a variety of restoration projects, including riparian habitat in the Arroyo Seco watershed, nearly 500 acres of native habitat near Reno, NV and pollinator habitat outside Kansas City, KS. Prior to joining Boeing in 1996, he was an engineering geologist for two major environmental engineering firms. Shestag earned a bachelor's degree in geochemistry from San Diego State University. He is registered as a professional geologist and a certified engineering geologist in California. Shestag serves on the Board of Directors for the LA Conservation Corps, which provides job skills training and education for inner-city youth and young adults. He resides in Ventura, California where he enjoys participating in beach cleanups and habitat restoration events. In his spare time, he enjoys cycling, mountain biking, general aviation, fly-fishing and hiking with his wife, Carol.

<u>John Skinner</u> is Professor and Extension Apiculture Specialist at the University of Tennessee where he has worked on research, teaching and extension for 26 years. Research included mite pest management, pesticides movement in soil and from seed treatments, pollination ecology of native and crop species, plantings for pollinators, and developing web based information about bees and beekeeping. He trains extension agents to work with local bee associations throughout Tennessee. He coordinates a Master Beekeeper Program, leads the Bee Health eXtension site and is part of the BIP and NAPPC to reduce colony losses. He enjoys reading, hiking, fly fishing and tying, singing and foraging.

<u>Jonathan Snow</u> Assistant Professor of Biology at Barnard College, has been working on the cellular and molecular causes of organismal disease since 1998. Dr. Snow received his Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from the University of California, San Francisco, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Children's Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School. His graduate and postgraduate work focused on signal transduction, regulation of gene expression, and organismal stress responses in blood development of mammals. He subsequently became fascinated with the honey bee and changed his research focus to the study of these same biological processes in the honey bee, especially in light of the epidemic of colony collapse. After beginning this research while a visiting faculty member at Williams College in 2010-2012, he joined the Biology Department at Barnard College in 2012. He continues his avocation as a bee-keeper while teaching and maintaining an active research laboratory.

<u>James Strange</u> is a Research Entomologist for the USDA-ARS at the Pollinating Insect- Biology, Management and Systematics Research Unit in Logan, UT. His work focuses on bumble bee genetics, pathology and commercial production. He is currently leading a nationwide bumble bee pathogen survey to understand the distribution and prevalence of potential bumble bee pathogen in the United States.

<u>Lawrence Stritch</u> received his B.S. in Biology at Illinois Benedictine College and both his M.S. in Biological Sciences and Ph.D. in Botany at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. From 1985 to 1989 he worked as a Natural Heritage Biologist for the Illinois Department of Conservation. From 1989 to 1992 he worked as the Forest Botanist/Ecologist for the Shawnee National Forest and from 1992 to 1995 served as the Regional Botanist for the Eastern Region of the U.S. Forest Service and 1995 to 1998 served as the Midewin Project Director for the conversion of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant to the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. In 1998 Larry came to the Washington Office where he serves as the National Botanist for the U.S. Forest Service. Larry has served as an adjunct professor at several universities and as a research associate at Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois.

<u>Barry Thompson</u> is a long-term "sideliner" beekeeper, Dr. Thompson manages pollination services for "pick your own" orchards and for individuals who wish to support efforts to promote the health of honey bees and native bees by having colonies on their properties. Dr. Thompson has participated in honey bee research at DARPA, USDA, and as part of the Sustainable Honey Bee Project in VA. He has served, for several years, as a co-chair of the Pesticide Education Task Force for NAPPC.

Tom Van Arsdall With three decades of experience in the national policy arena, Tom Van Arsdall is widely known and highly respected for his expertise and demonstrated track record on environmental, energy, bioenergy, ag research and conservation issues affecting U.S. agriculture, agribusiness and agriculture's "downstream neighbors." Tom currently serves as the Public Policy Representative for the Pollinator Partnership (P2) and the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC), managed by P2. He is particularly well known for helping diverse stakeholders work together toward consensus-based actions. He has a thorough understanding of the legislative and regulatory process and how to get results. Other current clients include the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research [Executive Director]; NCRA, a farmer-owned cooperative petroleum refinery; the Pesticide Policy Coalition; and biodiesel and biobased education and outreach for the United Soybean Board and the National Biodiesel Board. Tom received his MA in economic geography from the University of Illinois. Tom is an active outdoorsman, conservationist and river rat. Currently a houseboat is his home and office on the Chesapeake Bay.

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<u>Diane Wilson</u> is a plant ecologist and has been the director of research at Applewood Seed Company for 30 years. Her research includes the formulation of regional seed projects. Applewood works with a diverse customer base to promote pollinator conservation: seed companies that cater at the home garden market, commercial landscapers, golf courses, highway departments and other government agencies. Applewood also works with farmers and ranchers working on NRCS pollinator conservation projects. Dianne has her own government agencies for seed collection work.

<u>Jeff Wilson</u> holds doctorates in veterinary medicine, pathology, and epidemiology. Between 1991 and 2007, he was cross-appointed between the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, and the Public Health Agency of Canada, specializing in surveillance and epidemiologic research. Since then he has led Novometrix Research Inc. as president, which specializes in network integration and engagement, as well as data and information synthesis and analysis for solutions in the one health space; he is also currently an associate faculty member in the Department of Population Medicine, University of Guelph.

<u>Kimberly Winter</u> is the National Program Leader for the Forest Service NatureWatch Program. As former Habitats Program Manager at the National Wildlife Federation and the first International Coordinator for the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign, Kim has dedicated most of her efforts towards partnerships for conservation. Her passion for outreach to diverse audiences inspires her to travel internationally as much as possible, and her fluency in Spanish brings her most often to Latin America. Kim holds a Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology and Management and a M.A. in Ecological Anthropology.

<u>Terry Witzel's</u> career has focused on agriculture, food processing and food distribution. He is also interested in promoting sustainable food systems and serves as a member of the San Mateo County Food System Alliance. Additionally, Terry serves on the Agricultural Advisory Council for the California State Fair. He joined

the Pollinator Project because of its emphasis on the global and economic importance of pollinators in food crop production.

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