

AAS New Board Members



Amelia Moody, LMT I love to spend time with Nature and all of the elements that contribute to the sustaining cycles of Life. I thrive when I have my hands in the dirt. Cultivating, studying and creating remedies with bioregional botanical medicines is a continual life learning and deep passion. I have been living in the high desert of the Southwest for the last 21 years. For the last 12 years I have been cultivating a medicinal botanical urban garden in Santa Fe, NM. The onelovehoneybee urban backyard medicine garden was featured on the 2015 Sustainable garden and coop tour, an annual fundraiser for HomegrownNewMexico. My high desert urban garden consists of several raised garden beds of edible, medicinal, pollinator botanicals, fruit trees, cacti garden, roof water harvesting, chickens and backyard beehives. I have been tending to backyard beehives for the last 11 years and studying and self treating with apitherapy for the last 10 years. I create remedies utilizing the medicinal beehive products along with cultivated and wildcrafted local plants. I have been a full time natural therapeutics

specialist and holistic bodyworker for the last 18 years . Many modalities and trainings are included in my practice. A few are hotstone massage, polarity therapy, ortho bionomy, cranio sacral, flower essences and vibrational remedies. I believe in empowering my clients and friends and community to connect with the plants growing around them in their 'backyard medicine garden' to utilize food/ medicine plants to assist the innate wisdom of the body to heal disease and disconnection through connection.



Joyce Roetter, Certified HoShin Practitioner (Ryoho) I Reiki Practitioner Joyce Roetter is originally from Connecticut, where she grew up on the Long Island sound. Joyce originally became interested in alternative healing as her career in photography led her to photograph sacred sites and ceremonies in Peru, Guatemala, and Belize. In 2001 Joyce studied with Dr. Jorge Gonzales Ramirez in Tarapoto, Peru at the Escuela de Shamanism Amazonica. She studied ancient healing plant ceremonies with Dr. Gonzales, as well as at Sacha Mama Botanical Gardens, in Iquitos, Peru. In 2003 she moved to Sydney Australia for a one-year residency and traveled to aboriginal sacred sites. Joyce studied laboratory alchemy with the Al-kemi school in Oregon, as well as essential oils, homeopathics, reiki and other modalities of integrative healing methods. Motivated by severe disabling late stage neurological Lyme/encephalitis, Joyce was first

introduced to Apitherapy in 2005. Having been disabled for many years and after seven years of extensive drug and anti-biotic use, and over a decade of numerous therapies, she focused on Apitherapy and apprenticed Joyce Durling- Jones for two and ½ years and learned Hoshindo and was certified by the Hoshindo Society of the Americas.

Since studying Apitherapy and becoming a beekeeper in 2006, Joyce traveled to China's Fujian Apitherapy Institute and a Red Cross Apitherapy Clinic in Beijing. In Brazil Joyce gave lectures on Japanese Meridian Api-therapy at the Federal University of Amazonas, the Bee Young Essential Oil and Phyto-Medicine Conference in Manaus, Brazil, and the Amazonas Chiropractic Center. In Alta Floresta Brazil, she visited the stingless bee agricultural project, and worked in Maui at the Haiku Aina Permaculture Institute. Joyce has been an Apitherapy practitioner since 2010 and works at Dr. Russ Canfield's integrative medicine clinic in Santa Fe, NM, **360 Medicine**, with her Apitherapy colleague Gillian Michelson. She has been a member of the AAS since 2014.



Tina McDonald, RN I have always been fascinated by bees. Whenever in the presence of a beekeeper, I would spend hours asking questions about all aspects of beekeeping and bee behavior. Having recently moved to a more rural area, I finally felt capable of pursuing my dream. I am now a second year beekeeper. I currently have 6 hives in 3 different locations: one traditional langstroth hive, 2 topbar hives, and 3 AZ Slovenian hives. Each type of hive is so different, I couldn't choose just one! I love watching the bees, studying them and continuously learning from them.

I have been a Registered Nurse for the last 15 years, with mostly hospital experience. I recently left the hospital setting seeking to achieve more balance in my life. After losing my 2 hives over the winter last year, I especially am hoping to be able to dedicate more time to watching my bees and helping them to prepare for the New England winters. As a nurse, I have a special interest in the medicinal properties of all the products (or gifts) from the hive. I attended the AAS CMACC conference last year, and the experience led me even further

into the study of the health benefits of honey bees. I wrote about my experience for my local bee club newsletter, and I was so honored to have it also published in the AAS newsletter following the conference. I have served on several different nursing boards, both regionally and nationally. I am also a current board member of my local bee club. My experience includes maintaining a regional nursing website, sending blast emails, maintaining a facebook page and newsletter, uploading conference material for attendees, taking (amateur) photos for promotion and managing society email. It is my hope that I can contribute to the AAS Board and offer whatever support I am able to promote the forward movement of this valuable work.

I have stepped away from some of my Nursing board work, in hopes of pursuing some of my other interests. I will be finishing my term with the Wound Ostomy Continence Nurses Society's Certification Board this Fall, freeing my time up to dedicate to Apitherapy. I am currently working on a bee bus project with friends (The "Bee Api Bus") which involves a full size bus that we have all manner of apitherapy plans for. I am a member of our local underground "sting club" of local beekeepers who meet regularly for bee venom therapy and to share knowledge and mutual support. Most recently we are working on a technique of stinging that preserves the bee's stinger, minimizing the impact on the bee. We are currently marking the bees to determine the life expectancy following the sting. I have presented to regional bee clubs and the local community college on the basic overview of apitherapy and bee venom therapy. As a very enthusiastic amateur I hope to at least instill interest and hope in a subject that I consider is underrepresented in our culture, as well as vastly broad and great in possibility.



Renae Barton I joined the board of directors of the AAS to offer my skills in support of their mission to educate and share information about the many gifts of the honeybee. I have a diverse and extensive educational background including the following:

SHAMANIC PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION | ONGOING | SACRED TRUST CENTRE, UK

- 3 year Shamanic Practitioner Training with Simon Buxton, Founder/Director of the Sacred Trust Centre and the UK Faculty for the Foundation for Shamanic Studies, Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute, author of The Shamanic Way of the Bee, Co-authored Darkness Visible
- 2 week Shamanic Intensive Training (completed 2016) and other workshops with Simon Buxton

PATH OF POLLEN INITIATE | OCTOBER 2017 | SACRED TRUST CENTRE, UK

- Arte Triptych Melissae 1 year training completed with Naomi Lewis and India Rose Waters
- Way of the Melissae training, December 2015 with Naomi Lewis and India Rose Waters

BEEKEEPING MENTORSHIP | 2015-2017 | BRISTOL COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

- Mentorship by Wayne Andrews, 40+ years beekeeper, medical entomologist & virologist
- 2014 Bee School Graduate
- Travel twice yearly to Slovenia to learn directly from the AZ beekeepers and bring better beekeeping practices back to the USA

OWNER/FOUNDER | BEE HOUSE ART | FEBRUARY 2016 - PRESENT

- Seeking to pollinate Compassionate Resonance through art, healing, education and action. The Bee House hosts workshops and events promoting Compassionate Apitherapy, Shamanic Healing, Ecological Awareness, Beecentric Beekeeping and Slovenian AŽ hive management

OWNER/FOUNDER | BEE-API-BUS | 2016-PRESENT

- The Bee Api Bus is a place to experience Compassionate Apitherapy/BVT with Slovenian AZ hives. This is a full-sized school bus that has been converted to house honeybees in AZ hives and a livable environment similar to an RV. One can sleep, dream and heal with the Bees on the Bee-API-Bus! Seeking to pollinate Compassionate Resonance through art, healing, education and action. The Bee House hosts workshops and events promoting Compassionate Apitherapy, Shamanic Healing, Ecological Awareness, Beecentric Beekeeping and Slovenian AŽ hive management.

GENERAL MANAGER | MOBY DICK INN, INC. | 2008 - PRESENT

- Manager of all operations & advertising/web presence

BEEKEEPING TOURS TO SLOVENIA | SLOVENIAN BEEKEEPING TOURS & HIVES | 2015 - PRESENT

- Education, Photography & Social Media

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY | MASSACHUSETTS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION | MARCH 2016 - PRESENT

- Editor of quarterly newsletter "The Massachusetts Bee"
- Established their Facebook presence: Page & Group
- Responsible for sharing information to all county beekeeping associations on a continual basis

I am also currently a board member for the Bristol County Beekeepers Association and have attended CMAACC 2016 and 2017 in Redondo Beach, CA.