

As most of you will be aware, the DBKA Presidents Day and Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and I hope you will all be able to attend.

It's at this meeting that officers are appointed for the coming year. Any member can put their name forward for consideration, for any role, providing they are members of the DBKA. There are currently two vacancies to fill.

#### General Secretary.

This office is currently held by Andrew Kyle. After three years in the role he has decided to stand down to spend more time with his family and to make a greater contribution to his local branch (he is now the Education Officer for our Exeter branch).

The task is not too onerous, although the job description emphasises good knowledge of beekeeping, this is probably secondary to strong admin and organisational skills.

#### Education Officer

This role appears on page 18 of the Beekeeping magazine (January edition). I know that Chris Utting has carried out his varied tasks with enthusiasm for some time and that he is standing down for personal reasons. It involves mainly acting as a liaison officer between BBKA and local branches, promoting the various courses and exams available from BBKA.

No direct training is involved.

If you are interested enough to want to know more about either role, please give me a call, I would be more than happy to have a confidential chat.

Viv Skarratt  
(Chair)