



72nd Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 2:00 pm
Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, BC

Approved Minutes

1. Welcome

Oana Enick, P.Ag. , BCIA president welcomed attendees and acknowledged JP Ellson, L.L.B. Executive Director, who would assist in presenting the meeting. Oana acknowledged the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the x^wməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (tSLAY-wah-tooth) First Nations.

Special guests and key partners were in attendance:

1. David Lloyd, P.Ag. Alberta Institute of Agrologists (AIA)
2. Valerie Pearson, P.Ag. Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists (SIA)
3. Max Logan, Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (EGBC)
4. Morgan Kennah, Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP)
5. Christine Golowitz, Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP)
6. Christine Houghton, Executive Director - College of Applied Biology (CAB)
7. Brenda Southam, The Real Estate Institute of BC (REIBC)

Oana introduced the current 2018-2019 Council members and expressed thanks for all of their support throughout the year.

President Elect	Jane Kerner, P.Ag.
Treasurer/CCI Br	Rebecca Martin , P.Ag.
Fraser Valley	Brian Mauza, P.Ag.
Vancouver	Warren Mills, P.Ag.
Kamloops	Kevin Eastwood, P.Ag.
Kootenary Boundary	Melissa Graydon, on leave
Okanagan	Jessica Morgan, P.Ag.
Peace River	Karrilyn Vince, P.Ag.
Victoria & Islands	Maryam Mofidpoor, P.Ag. (not in attendance)

There was a moment of silence for Steve Sadownick and other BCIA members who have passed away this past year.

Meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag. from Okanagan branch was introduced as the parliamentarian. Mr. Kupchanko confirmed that there were 230 voting members in attendance and thus quorum was confirmed. 116 votes would be required to pass a motion and 173 votes for those matters that may require a 2/3rd majority. Members were referred to the Rules of Order as listed in the AGM Report.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda. ***Motion carried.***

4. Adoption of Minutes of 2018 AGM

Motion to adopt the 2018 AGM minutes. ***Motion carried.***

5. President's Report

Oana Enick, P.Ag. referenced members to read the President's Report on page 7 of the AGM report. She presented slides highlighting the challenges faced by Council this past year with the Professional Reliance review and the resulting Professional Governance Act. Within the new strategic plan, Council worked to follow the BCIA mandate "to ensure the professional integrity and competency to protect the public interest in the sustainable use of resources." Council plans to review the areas of practice in the future.

6. Executive Director's Report

JP Ellson L.L.B., referred members to the Executive Director's report and Deputy Registrar's report in the AGM report. There has been a trend of increased membership numbers over the past years. An increase in student membership with BCIA can be attributed to increased outreach to universities and the new BCIA scholarships. Committee involvement for both the Professional Practice and Credentials Committee has increased with an increased need for volunteers on these Committees.

7. Business Arising from the 2018 AGM

Oana Enick, P.Ag. reported that the 4 resolutions ratified by the membership at the 2018 AGM were posted to the BCIA website.

8. Treasurer's Report

Presentation of 2018 Audited Financial Statements

Rebecca Martin, P.Ag. presented a summary of the 2018 audited financial report as referenced on pages 14 – 16 in the AGM report and posted to the BCIA website. BCIA remains in good financial standing going into 2019. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the BCIA Member Resources.

Motion to adopt 2018 audited financial statements as recommended by Council. ***Motion carried.***

Rebecca Martin, P.Ag. presented the unaudited branch financials on page 17 of the AGM report.

Branches carried over a total of \$15,467 into 2019 from 2018.

Appointment of Auditor for 2019 Fiscal Year

Council reviews the financial auditors every five years. In 2018 Council put out an RFP for auditors. KPMG was approved by the membership at the 2018 AGM.

Motion to appoint KPMG as auditors for 2019. **Motion carried.**

Presentation of 2019 Budget

Rebecca Martin, P.Ag. presented the 2019 budget which was approved by Council in Dec. 2018 and posted to the BCIA website in early January. Council has presented a balanced budget for 2019. The budget reflects moving forward with the strategic plan with increased outreach, as well with the implementation of the new Act. Complaints expenses have been excluded from the 2019 operating budget.

Resolution Reminder: Membership Dues

Oana Enick, P.Ag. advised members that there are no plans for a dues increase for 2020.

9. Committee Reports

Oana Enick, P.Ag. referred members to the Committee reports on page 10 of the AGM report.

The committee chairs in attendance were introduced:

Credentials Committee – Martin Sills, P.Ag.

Governance Committee – Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag.

Professional Practice Committee – Kirk Phair, A.Ag

Discipline Hearing Committee and Conduct Review Committee chair positions are currently vacant.

10. Professional Governance Act

Oana Enick, P.Ag. referred members to the President's report and the intentions paper which was sent out to members earlier this year and posted on the BCIA website.

JP Ellson, L.L.B., updated members on the new Professional Governance Act which was passed on Nov. 28, 2018. Phase 1 will focus on establishing the Office of Professional Governance and the merit based qualification system for the election of Councillors. Phase 2 expected in the spring of 2020 will enact most of the remaining provisions including the filing of the competency and the Conflict of Interest declaration provisions. It is probable that the professional practice rights and duty to report provisions will not be enacted until 2021.

The implementation of practice rights will require a clear description of each area of practice. Council intends to provide every member with the opportunity to provide input on areas of practice. An information survey on areas of practice will be developed to go out to all members in Sept 2019. From that information, the new Professional Governance Act Committee will provide recommendations to Council for consideration. Council plans to provide a proposal respecting practice rights to the Professional Governance Act Office by Feb. 2020.

11. Report on Election to Council and Introduction of New President

In 2018 Bylaw 69 was revised making the BCIA president a two-year term. Jane Kerner, P.Ag. is the first president serving a two-year term under this new bylaw. Oana Enick, P.Ag. introduced Jane Kerner, P.Ag. as the new BCIA president beginning her term at the closing of the 2019 AGM. Jane Kerner, P.Ag. spoke to the members regarding her background and what she currently does as an Agrologist.

Brian Mauza, P.Ag. thanked Oana for her time as BCIA president. Jane Kerner, P.Ag. presented a plaque to Oana for her service as president.

12. Questions from the Floor

Question: Will PD hours be affected under the Professional Governance Act?

Under the Act, Continuing Professional Development will become mandatory for all regulators. BCIA currently requires annual declaration of PD hours, however the Professional Governance Office may set new standards regarding the quantity of PD hours. Further, there is currently insufficient enforcement for not completing the required PD hours. Under the new Act, it is probable that there will be more specific enforcement required.

Question: Will BCIA's authority be less under the new Professional Governance Act?

Regulators will still have full responsibility for new member credentials. The Act has changed how BCIA forms council, governance and bylaws.

Question: How frequent will the declarations of competency be required under the new Act?

Currently the language in the Act states that a declaration of competency is required with each new project. With over 55,000 professional members, this would create an avalanche of paperwork. BCIA has put forward the suggestion that members declare annually their competency and the office will keep members informed of developments on this aspect.

Question: Would there be a provision in the PD for people with special circumstances? For example if a member not able to do outside PD, but remained able to work.

The individual would be required to do some kind of work plan to make up the PD requirements.

Question: Has BCIA been speaking to the other organizations regarding the Professional Governance Act? Has there been discussion on overlapping areas of practice?

Yes. BCIA has been speaking regularly to the other 4 natural resource regulators.

14. Introduction of 2019-2020 Council & Recognitions

Oana Enick, P.Ag. introduced the 2019-2020 Council.

President	Jane Kerner, P.Ag.
Past President	Oana Enick, P.Ag.
Treasurer/Cariboo Central Interior	Rebecca Martin, P.Ag.
Fraser Valley	Brian Mauza, P.Ag.
Kamloops	Kevin Eastwood, P.Ag.

Kootenay Boundary
Okanagan
Peace River
Vancouver
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Todd Larsen, P.Ag.
Jessica Morgan, P.Ag.
William Shaw, A.Ag.
Warren Mills P.Ag.
Maryam Mofidpoor, P.Ag. (Not in attendance)

Oana Enick, P.Ag. thanked the outgoing councillors, Karrilyn Vince, P.Ag. from Peace River, Melissa Graydon (on leave) from Kootenay Boundary. Stewart McBride, P.Ag. was recognized as outgoing Chair of the Credentials Committee and Julie Robinson, P.Ag. was recognized as outgoing Chair of the Nominations Committee.

15. Location of 2020 BCIA Annual General Meeting

The Kamloops branch will host the 2020 BCIA Annual General Meeting.

16. Presentation of P.Ag. Certificates

Oana Enick, P.Ag. and Jane Kerner, P.Ag. presented 7 new P.Ags with their framed P.Ag certificates. New P.Ags were Loren Muth, Jamie Constable, Katherine Semproni, Adnan Bahic, Jane Woods, Peter Warburton, KJ Sadler. The new P.Ags read the Code of Ethics.

Katherine McDonald-Date, P.Ag. was recognized for 25 years as a BCIA member.

17. Other Business

Additional suggestions and questions were put forward for Council's consideration.

- i. Should BCIA consider emergency management plans?
- ii. There were no awards for 2019 Agrologist of the Year and 2019 Mentor of the Year, as no nominations were received. This lack of nominations should be addressed for the next AGM in Kamloops.

18. Adjournment of AGM

Volunteers and staff were recognized for their work in preparation of the BCIA AGM and the 2019 BC Land Summit.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried.**