



BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF  
**AGROLOGISTS**

**Special AGM Report | Spring 2015**

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# RULES OF ORDER

The following rules of order are intended to facilitate progress, to include members of BCIA in orderly debate, and to ensure fairness, equality and common sense:

1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the provisions of the *Agrologists Act* (“the Act”), the BCIA Bylaws (“the Bylaws”), and the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised.
2. Only Institute members in good standing are eligible to speak, make motions, and vote.
3. Members who wish to speak will approach a microphone, wait to be acknowledged by the chair, and open by stating their names.
4. On each issue or debatable motion, each member will be entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than three (3) minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than 3 minutes will require permission from the assembly.
5. To speak a second time on the same issue (or to ask an additional question on a report), a member must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have spoken.
6. Debate must be germane to the motion which is on the floor. The chair may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion.
7. Debate on a motion may be closed by unanimous consent, or – if unanimous consent is not evident – by a motion to close debate (such a motion is presented from a microphone and cannot interrupt a person who was recognized to speak).

# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BCIA?

The purpose of the institute is:

1. to uphold and protect the public interest by
  - preserving and protecting the scientific methods and principles that are the foundation of the agricultural and natural sciences,
  - upholding the principles of stewardship that are the foundation of agrology, and
  - ensuring the integrity, objectivity and expertise of its members, and
2. subject to paragraph (a),
  - to govern its members in accordance with the Act and the bylaws, and
  - to cooperate with other professional or occupational bodies charged with governing the conduct or competence of their members on a matter the institute considers relevant to agrology.

# WHAT IS AGROLOGY?

“Agrology” means using agricultural and natural sciences and agricultural and resource economics, including collecting or analyzing data or carrying out research or assessments, to design, evaluate, advise on, direct or otherwise provide professional support to

- the cultivation, production, improvement, processing or marketing of aquatic or terrestrial plants or animals, or
- the classification, management, use, conservation, protection, restoration, reclamation or enhancement of aquatic or terrestrial ecosystems that are affected by, sustain, or have the potential to sustain the cultivation or production of aquatic or terrestrial plants or animals.



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

**DRAFT**

**British Columbia Institute of Agrologists  
68th Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, May 7th, 2015 @ 2:00 pm  
Coast Capri Hotel, 1171 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, BC

Greetings and Introduction of Guests	President Matt Edgar P.Ag.
1. <b>Adopt Agenda</b> - motion	Matt Edgar P.Ag.
2. <b>Approval of adoption of minutes of 2014 AGM</b> - motion	Matt Edgar P.Ag.
3. <b>President's Report</b>	Matt Edgar P.Ag.
4. <b>Introduction of new BCIA Logo &amp; Website</b>	Matt Edgar P.Ag. Robert Moody P.Ag. RPBio
5. <b>Executive Director's report</b>	Robert Moody P.Ag. RPBio
6. <b>Follow up to 2014 Resolutions</b>	Matt Edgar P.Ag.
7. <b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Hally Hofmeyr P.Ag.
a. Presentation of Audited Statements for 2014	
b. Audited Statements for 2014 – motion to accept	
c. Appointment of Auditor – motion	
d. Resolution Reminder re: membership fees	
8. <b>Report on Election Results for President Elect</b>	Matt Edgar P.Ag.
9. <b>Location of 2016 AGM</b>	Matt Edgar P.Ag.
10. <b>Induction of New President</b>	Matt Edgar P.Ag.
11. <b>The Road Ahead and Recognitions</b>	Gary Tipper P.Ag. RPBio
12. <b>Presentation of P.Ag. Certificates</b>	Robert Moody P.Ag. RPBio Gary Tipper P.Ag. RPBio
13. <b>Introduction of Council for 2015-2016</b>	Gary Tipper P.Ag. RPBio
14. <b>Adjournment of AGM</b>	Gary Tipper P.Ag. RPBio



# 2014 AGM MINUTES

## Draft Minutes of the British Columbia Institute of Agrologists 67th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 @ 1:30pm  
Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

### **Welcome**

BCIA President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., welcomed attendees and delivered his opening remarks. He recognized special guests in attendance: Shafeek Ali from AIA; Vanessa Craig, President of CAB; Sharon Glover, CEO of ABCFP; Peter Mitchell, Representative of APEGBC; Al Scholz, ED/Registrar of SIA; and Isabelle Houde, Registrar of APB.

President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., introduced Her Honour, Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of BC, who then shared an inspirational message with the attendees. Her Honour was presented with a certificate of membership with BCIA as an Honorary Agrologist.

The 67th Annual General Meeting of BCIA was called to order at 2:05 pm by President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag.

### **Agenda**

A motion was made to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

### **Adoption of 2013 AGM Minutes**

A motion was made to adopt the minutes. **Motion carried.**

### **Confirmation of Number of Voting Members in Attendance**

President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., called on Carl Withler, P.Ag., Chair of the Resolutions Committee, to report the number of members in good standing attending and the number of positive votes required to confirm resolutions as presented from the floor. Quorum was confirmed.

### **President's Report**

Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., made a brief verbal report, referencing his report in the AGM newsletter.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Robert (Bob) Moody, P.Ag., made a brief verbal report, referencing his

report in the AGM newsletter. Bob recognized all those in attendance who support BCIA. Bob explained about the newly commissioned Speaker's Staff that will be present at all future BCIA AGM's.

### **Follow-up to 2013 Resolutions**

President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., stated there were no resolutions from the 2013 AGM to follow up on.

### **Treasurer's Report**

President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., called upon Gary Tipper, P.Ag., BCIA Treasurer, to present the Treasurer's Report.

### **Audited Financial Statements for 2013**

Treasurer Gary made a motion to accept the audited statements as presented. **Motion carried.**

### **Appointment of Auditor for 2014**

A motion was made to appoint KPMG as the auditor for 2014. **Motion carried.**

### **Resolution Reminder Re: Membership Fees**

Members were informed that there would be no fee increase for 2015.

### **Committee Reports**

President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., noted that all of the Committee reports were printed in the AGM newsletter. Rob recognized all committee chairs and volunteers.

### **Resolutions**

A motion was made to accept the proposed resolution regarding P.Ag. (Retired) member fee reduction. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made to accept the proposed resolution regarding student member fee elimination. Discussion took place on this, then the vote was called. **Motion carried.**

### **Report on Election Results for President Elect**

President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., reported that Gary Tipper, P.Ag., was elected by acclamation for the position of President Elect for 2014 – 2015.

### **Agrologist of the Year**

Awarded to Dave Whiting, P.Ag.

### **Mentor of the Year**

Awarded to Lori Larsen, P.Ag.

### **Resolutions from the Floor**

Carl Withler, P.Ag., Chair of the Resolutions Committee, announced that no resolutions had been received from the floor within the time prescribed.

### **Location of 2015 AGM**

President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., announced that the 2015 BCIA AGM will be held in Kelowna in May 2015.

### **Induction of New President**

President Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., introduced Matt Edgar, P.Ag. as the BCIA President for 2014 - 2015.

### **The Road Ahead and Recognitions**

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag., provided recognition to Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag., as outgoing President and thanked Rob for his mentorship and guidance. Thank you plaques were presented to Rob Kline, P.Ag., Jennifer Morrison, P.Ag., and Gary Tipper, P.Ag., for their service within the BCIA as a Councillor. President Matt Edgar, P.Ag., briefly outlined the goals of his term as president of BCIA. P.Ag. certificates were then presented to 7 newly minted P.Ag.'s.

### **Introduction of New Council**

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag., introduced the 2014 - 2015 BCIA Council.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As I am set to step into the Past-President role, I want to thank the staff, as well as the committee members, Council, and other volunteers for all of their hard work. Without volunteers and dedicated staff the BCIA would not be able to effectively accomplish our strategic and statutory objectives.

In this column I want to highlight something that is critical for success as individuals and as professionals (other than great staff and tremendous volunteers)—communication. A colleague and mentor of mine once told me that you can never communicate too much. I believe the exact expression was “communicate ‘til you puke” but this idea (within reason) has always served me well.

As an institute we have come a very long way from where we were at four or five years ago. Our Communications Committee, headed by Marg Crowley, has done a tremendous job of increasing the professional image of the Institute by working with a local consulting firm

(Redbird) to solidify a new format for these newsletters, redevelopment of the BCIA website (coming soon), and recently revising a new BCIA logo (a cornerstone in any organization’s brand).

Institute communication with members through the monthly update of activities has also increased. These updates bring all members with access to email onto the same page with proposed bylaw revisions or policy updates, and they allow us to effectively ensure that branch activities as well as PD opportunities are shared with everyone. The information included may not be relevant to all but it is always relevant to some, solidifying the importance of the updates. Many thanks to the staff who continue to get these email updates out to our members.

Communication from Council to the branches has steadily increased as well through the regularly scheduled Branch Presidents’ calls. Gone are the days where the only source of communication with council was

through your councillor. This was an initiative brought to fruition through our Executive Director/Registrar, Bob Moody, and the outgoing Past President, Rob Kupchanko. Many thanks to both of them for continuing to set the BCIA up for success. On a personal note, I would like to thank Rob for his continuous counsel, advice, and support.

As always, any issues, comments, questions or concerns brought forward from our members are addressed. Do not ever hesitate to contact the BCIA office, because increased communication can never lead us astray.

For any of you who would like more information about the discussions, decisions, or dealings of Council the meeting minutes are posted in the members’ only section of our website. Alternatively you can always contact councillors or the staff.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President this past year. You are in great hands with Gary Tipper taking the reins. I look forward to continued involvement with Council and the Peace River Branch.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

*Sincerely,  
Matthew Edgar, P.Ag.*

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The BC Institute of Agrologists continued to make significant progress on many fronts and in many areas of interest to our members throughout 2014. This also holds true for the early months of 2015.

We are experiencing steady growth in the number of registered Professional Agrologists and are seeing an increase in the number of new applications. In fact, a new record for applications was recently set during the first quarter of 2015. In addition, we now have the highest number ever of student members, an increase of 50% over the long term annual average, and we expect the number to be even higher by year end. Although we expected a positive response to the 2014 AGM resolution to eliminate the annual fee for student members beginning in 2015, we were a bit surprised to see the flood of student member applications so early in the year.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, the Chair of our Communications Committee, Marg Crowley, describes the process that was followed in the development of the new BCIA logo. Council felt that it was very important to obtain the endorsement of the membership with the new logo. Excellent feedback was received through a member poll and a resounding majority of 80% of the respondents viewed the proposed new logo favourably. Our new website is presently undergoing testing and will be available for use by our members when it is fully operational.

2014 was the first year for the increased branch subsidies from BCIA. Last year the per capita subsidy provided to each branch increased to \$30 per branch member, up from the previous figure of \$20 (where it had been for many years). A record number of Professional Development events occurred last year and it was especially gratifying to see so many more PD opportunities made available to individual branch members



throughout the province. In my mind the 2014 Land Summit was one of the most outstanding PD events of the year and I am very pleased to report that the Land Summit Society (of which we are a founding member) subsequently sent us a cheque for \$20,000 as our share of the profits from the conference.

Last year also saw the completion of two new professional courses for our members. Angela Westmacott, our legal counsel, developed a new course entitled "Professional Negligence and Regulatory Offences" and a webinar recording of her presentation of the course material is now available for viewing on the member side of our website. The course is now mandatory for all new Articling Agrologists accepted after March 1, 2015. We have plans to make the second course entitled "Governance of Professional Conduct" available in a similar format before long.

In the interests of transparency and accountability to our members, Council decided last year to have both our annual operating budget and the Audited Financial Statements posted to the website. You will see from the two

documents that we continue to enjoy a very favourable financial position.

The *Agrologists Act* 2003 states that the purpose of the institute is to uphold and protect the public interest. One way we do this is through our complaints process and last year I received two complaints from the public. I am pleased to report that both complaints were resolved through mediation as provided for under Bylaw 117 of the Complaint Procedures. This outcome is another first for BCIA.

In closing I hope that you will be able to attend our 2015 AGM and Annual Conference in Kelowna this May. I also hope you will avail yourself of the many opportunities to become actively involved with your professional body in 2015. It is only through the dedication of our many volunteer members that we will be able to maintain the momentum of striving for excellence that we have attained in recent years. Thank you all for your ongoing support of BCIA, together we are making a difference.

Robert Moody P.Ag., RPBio

BCIA's volunteers make it possible for the Institute to meet its mandate, freely contributing their time and expertise. These members review applications for registration, sit on practice committees, and participate in branch affairs.

It is their commitment that sustains and grows this Institute.

To all of our dedicated volunteers for 2014: Thank you!

# BCIA COUNCIL 2014-2015

The British Columbia Institute of Agrologists is governed by a Council of elected members.

**President** Matt Edgar, P.Ag.

**President Elect** Gary Tipper, P.Ag.

**Past President** Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag.

**Treasurer** Gary Tipper, P.Ag./  
Hally Hofmeyr, P.Ag.

## Councillors

### Cariboo Central Interior Branch:

Marc Schuffert, P.Ag.

### Fraser Valley Branch:

Jennifer McGuire, P.Ag.

### Kamloops Branch:

Rhonda Maskiewich, P.Ag.

### Kootenay Boundary Branch:

Melissa Graydon, P.Ag.

### Okanagan Branch:

Carl Withler, P.Ag.

### Peace River Branch:

Karrilyn Vince, P.Ag.

### Vancouver Branch:

Margot Pittaway, P.Ag.

### Victoria & Islands Branch:

Hally Hofmeyr, P.Ag.

# COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

## Communications Committee

Marg Crowley, P.Ag., Chair  
Cindy Hall, P.Ag.  
Alex Koiter, P.Ag.  
Rhonda Maskiewich, P.Ag.  
Regan Purdy, P.Ag.  
Howard Ratzlaff, P.Ag.

## Conduct and Discipline Committee

Ken Long, P.Ag. (Ret), Chair  
Clay Campbell, P.Ag.  
Jim Collins, P.Ag.  
Elisabeth Deom, P.Ag.  
Keith Duhaime, P.Ag.  
Andrea Gunner, P.Ag.  
Bob Holtby, P.Ag.  
Susan Hoyles, P.Ag.  
Rob Kline, P.Ag.

## Credentials Committee

Alec Drysdale, P.Ag., Chair  
Vafa Alizadeh, P.Ag.  
Stewart McBride, P.Ag.  
Andrea Cowgill, P.Ag.  
Margot Pittaway, P.Ag.  
Martin Sills, P.Ag.

## Discipline Hearing Committee

Maureen Kent, P.Ag. (Ret), Chair  
Kevin Walker, P.Ag.  
Carl Withler, P.Ag.

## Governance Committee

Ken Long, P.Ag. (Ret), Chair  
Brian Mauza, P.Ag.  
Gary Tipper, P.Ag.  
Carl Withler, P.Ag.

## Professional Practice Committee

Oana Enick, P.Ag., Chair  
Jody McCall, P.Ag.  
Andrea McCormick, P.Ag.  
Jennifer McGuire, P.Ag.  
Wanda Miller, P.Ag.  
George Powell, P.Ag.  
Mandeep Purewal, P.Ag.

## Volunteer Auditors

Sajid Barlas, P.Ag.  
Eryne Croquet, P.Ag.  
Pierre Iachetti, P.Ag.  
Jonna Jacob, P.Ag.  
Tanya Malloy, P.Ag.  
Jennifer McGuire, P.Ag.  
George Powell, P.Ag.  
David Pugh, P.Ag.  
Mandeep Purewal, P.Ag.  
Don Rugg, P.Ag.



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee met this year by teleconference, e-mail, and one face-to-face meeting to discuss communications initiatives, other issues such as social media, and to generate ideas. I would like to thank the members — Cindy Hall, P.Ag., Alex Koiter, P.Ag., Regan Purdy, P.Ag., Howard Ratzlaff, P.Ag., and Bob Moody, P.Ag., ED/Registrar — for their commitment and thoughtful comments and ideas over the past year. I also thank Laurena and Bonnie in the BCIA office for their patience, help and support this past year.

It has been a busy year for communications initiatives for the BCIA – as reported in previously, the BCIA Council embarked on a full redevelopment of the website – to refresh its look – and to improve the functionality so our hard-working staff are able to handle the increased workload in a much more efficient manner, including online registering.

Along with updating the website, we have been developing a new logo and tagline, which will be formally revealed at the AGM in Kelowna. Changing a long-held logo and brand is a serious matter — our current logo having been in use for 25 years. The 2-year long process started with considering

many various options, from different shield looks, fonts, acronyms, figures, modern and abstract graphics, and narrowing these down to a few options. Then Council and the Communications Committee reviewed these to narrow them further.

It was important to ensure that the membership was part of the process – hence the survey held in March. Over 37% of the membership responded to the survey on a potential logo concept and I would like to thank the members for your many thoughtful responses. A breakdown of the survey results are shown in the chart below at left. The finalist option (below) for a logo concept received an overwhelmingly positive response of 80.3% - a pretty good indication that we were on the right track.

Hope to see many of you in Kelowna.

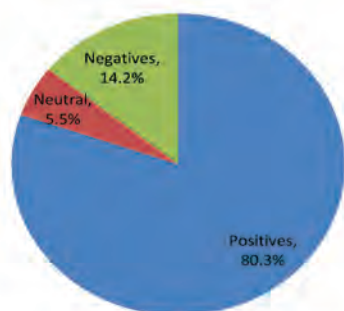
*Margaret Crowley, M.Sc., P.Ag.,  
Chair*

## Announcing ...



the new BCIA Logo!

Logo Survey Response



■ Positives ■ Neutral ■ Negatives

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

I would like to start off by thanking the Credentials Committee members for their commitment and hard work throughout 2014 and into 2015. The Committee membership for 2014 consisted of Alec Drysdale (Chair), Vafa Alizadeh, Andrea Cowgill, Margot Pittaway, Martin Sills and our newest addition Stewart McBride. Welcome Stewart!

I am acting as Chair of the committee for a six month term while Alec Drysdale is away on medical leave. His strength and tenacity is inspiring and our thoughts are with him and his family during this challenging time.

In 2014 we reviewed 88 applications, 12 were rejected and one was withdrawn. 11 of the 88 applications were from recent graduates.

We had a productive face to face meeting in July 2014 where we discussed application requirements including types of post-secondary education, foundational hard sciences, term reductions, areas of practice, and managing course shortfalls. Key outcomes from the meeting were: applicants must have a 4 year bachelor's degree and are required to complete an Academic worksheet in addition to the standard application form identifying the courses they have taken that meet our requirements; and Articling term reductions require 2 of the 6 years of continuous agrology experience post-graduation must be in Canada.

It is important that we attract students and recent graduates who will, hopefully, start with us early in their careers and stay with us for a long time. In keeping with that we have also implemented changes to the application fee structure for recent graduates and student members. In January 2014, the recent graduates application fee was reduced by half and has had a strong uptake. Similarly, the student member fee was eliminated on January 1, 2015 and we are receiving a similar response and we now have the highest number of student members in BCIA history!

*Andrea N Cowgill, B.Sc, P.Ag.  
Chair*

# COMMITTEE REPORTS *Continued*

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The committee was kept busy providing input, review, and recommendations on a number of issues throughout the year. Work continues on by-law review and revisions on an 'as requested' basis.

Committee member Carl Withler, PAg, will be leaving the committee with his term as a councillor coming to an end. Our thanks to Carl for his work with us.

*Ken Long, P.Ag. (Ret),  
Chair*

## DISCIPLINE HEARING COMMITTEE

The Discipline Hearing Committee is a Board committee created under authority of Section 10 of the Agrologists Act and Section 92 (d) of the Bylaws. The three-person (plus one alternate) Committee was struck in mid-July 2010. Its purpose is to conduct discipline hearings following issuance of a citation by the Conduct and Discipline Committee. The Committee is pleased to report that it had no business to conduct in 2014.

*Maureen Kent, P.Ag.(Ret),  
Chair*

## CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

No new files came before the Conduct and Discipline Committee in 2014.

*Ken Long, P.Ag. (Ret),  
Chair*

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The Professional Practice Committee (PPC) is established under the Agrologists Act to address issues related to professional practice. A core business issue that falls within the PPC purview is the implementation of an auditing program examining BCIA members' professional development activities. Additional tasks addressed by the committee include discussions and recommendations for denoting areas of practice, interpreting bylaws related to professional development, developing recommendations for program improvement, and addressing members' concerns as these arise. In addition, in 2013, the PPC began exploring avenues to ensure a tangible and effective connection with the BCIA membership.

I had the privilege of chairing the PPC this year. In this capacity, I was fortunate to work with a very professional and dedicated team. I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to each and every committee member who has shared his or her time, patience, expertise and good humour with us throughout the year.

### **Highlighted Activity**

I am proud to highlight some of the work that occupied the PPC's time this year, including:

- Advancing the development of the "Climate Change and Professional Development Responsibilities for Agrologists in British Columbia" position paper,
- Drafting the Protocols for Reporting Deficiencies Identified

in BCIA Professional Development Audit,

- Aligning the composition and direction of the PPC and its mandate, with current BCIA requirements (structural, administrative and technical),
- Planning and implementing the 2014 audit,
- Working to establish effective communication between BCIA membership and the PPC, via an increased on-line presence and additional information documents,
- Working to ensure strong partnerships and promote BCIA members' professional and technical competence, both internally and externally,
- Forwarding partnerships with other professional organizations to advance Right-to-Practice discussions.

### **Looking Forward**

I am equally privileged to work with the PPC members, whose continued effort, enthusiasm and passion define our work. The PPC is looking forward to working with the executive, the membership and the community at large to increase the awareness and relevance of our programs. The PPC is looking forward to working with our partners to support, enhance and promote the Institute's mandate.

*Oana Enick, P.Ag., RPBio,  
Chair*

# BRANCH VOLUNTEERS

## Cariboo Central Interior Branch

Duncan Barnett, P.Ag.  
Matthew Braun, P.Ag.  
Allan Carson, P.Ag.  
Lila Delury, P.Ag.  
Ryan Holmes, P.Ag.  
Kathleen McMahan, P.Ag.  
Rebecca Martin, P.Ag.  
Nathan Park, P.Ag.  
Nicole Pressey, P.Ag.  
Marc Schuffert, P.Ag.  
Martin Sills, P.Ag.(Ret)

## Fraser Valley Branch

Lolita Aumuller, P.Ag.  
Eryne Croquet, P.Ag.  
Kiara Jack, P.Ag.  
Hyder Khoja, A.Ag.  
Jennifer McGuire, P.Ag.  
Parashar Malla, P.Ag.  
Jasbir Mann, P.Ag.  
Mandeep Randhawa, P.Ag.  
Howard Ratzlaff, P.Ag.  
Mark Raymond, P.Ag.  
Corrine Roesler, A.Ag.  
Dawn Ross, A.Ag.  
Michael Wallis, P.Ag.

## Kamloops Branch

Kalin Brockhaus, P.Ag.  
John Church, P.Ag.  
Patrick Farmer, P.Ag.  
Mark Haywood-Farmer, P.Ag.  
Rhonda Maskiewich, P.Ag.  
Robert Purdy, P.Ag.  
Ben Sampogna, P.Ag.  
Christian St.Pierre, P.Ag.

## Kootenay Boundary Branch

Kathy Bisset, P.Ag.  
Alison Burton, P.Ag.  
Ben Foulger, P.Ag.  
Melissa Graydon, P.Ag.  
Cindy Hall, P.Ag.  
Karen Lassen, P.Ag.  
Todd Larsen, P.Ag.  
Don Low, P.Ag.  
David Struthers, P.Ag.  
Gary Tipper, P.Ag.  
Kenric Walburger, P.Ag.  
David Weir, P.Ag.

## Okanagan Branch

Matthew Davidson, P.Ag.  
John Garland, P.Ag.  
Marjorie Harris, P.Ag.  
Jan Langton, P.Ag.  
Dwayne Meredith, P.Ag.  
Erica Milligan, P.Ag.  
Jessica Morgan, P.Ag.  
Daryl Schwarz, P.Ag.  
Matthew Thurston, P.Ag.  
Carl Withler, P.Ag.

## Peace River Branch

Lisa Belleville, P.Ag.  
Catherine Henry, A.Ag.  
Chad Lishman, P.Ag.  
Bridget Loe, P.Ag.  
Stephen Neville, P.Ag.  
Adrian Renneberg, P.Ag.  
Julie Robinson, P.Ag.  
Robin Routledge, P.Ag.  
Cali Seater, A.Ag.  
Karrilyn Vince, P.Ag.  
Simon Wall, A.Ag.  
Reg Whiten, P.Ag.

## Vancouver Branch

Gina Aitchison, P.Ag.  
Jenny Beugling, A.Ag.  
Owen Crilly, A.Ag.  
Besire Culhaoglu  
Tomasz Gradowski, P.Ag.  
Sarbjee Hundal, P.Ag.  
Warren Mills P.Ag.  
Coreen Moroziuk, P.Ag.  
Michael Noronha, P.Ag.  
Devan Oldfield, P.Ag.  
Yasemin Parkinson, P.Ag.  
Margot Pittaway, P.Ag.

## Victoria & Islands Branch

Mark Brodrick, P.Ag.  
Anthony Button, P.Ag.  
Alana Duncan, P.Ag.  
Tom Hilborn, P.Ag.  
Hally Hofmeyr, P.Ag.  
Robert Kline, P.Ag.  
Roderick Negrave, P.Ag.  
Jeffery Rees, P.Ag.  
Bryan Vroom, P.Ag.  
Jennifer Wilson, P.Ag.

*Volunteers don't just do the  
work ~ they make it work.  
Thank you to all our  
volunteers!*



# BRANCH ANNUAL REPORTS

## CARIBOO CENTRAL INTERIOR BRANCH

2014 was a busy year for the Cariboo Central Interior branch, we hosted a number of interesting and well attended PD events. These included 1) Quesnel River Research Center/ Likely-Xatsull community forest tour, 2) A composting workshop in Williams Lake, 3) Invasive Species Assessment workshop also in Williams Lake, 4) A webinar on Mine Reclamation on site specific soil guidelines, 5) A GMO study group that has met several times in Smithers, 6) A Barkerville Brewery tour, 7) A tour of the historic Australian Ranch south of Quesnel, and finally, 8) A Northern Lights Estate Winery tour in Prince George – not bad for one year in such a small and far-flung branch! Our AGM was held on March 26th with the PD theme being water issues

and implications of the new *Water Sustainability Act*. One agenda item that is unique to the CCI is the New Growth Agrologist of the Year Award AKA “The Silver Stein” and the prize is an engraved beer mug. The recipient must be nominated by a P.Ag., have less than 5 years experience and have demonstrated dedication and innovation in agrology – if any other branch would like further information on this meaningful yet fun award please feel free to contact me.

Our membership has remained relatively constant at 140 consisting of 107 P.Ag.’s and 33 A.Ag.’s in addition we have 8 on leave and 16 retirees – the latter group I am now a happy member of! I took over as President

in September when Matthew Braun accepted a position with Nature Conservancy in Saskatoon and this year we have had 3 Executive and 2 director vacancies, I am pleased to report that in very short order we had keen and enthusiastic members stepping forward – way to go CCI!!

The next BCIA AGM will be hosted by our branch in May of 2016, we already have a Planning Team in place and it will be held at the Coast Inn of the North in Prince George. When we hosted some 8 years ago we had a record attendance and we hope to achieve that level again and look forward to seeing all of you there!!

Martin Sills P.Ag. (Ret.)  
President

## VICTORIA AND ISLANDS BRANCH

On November 8, 2014, the Victoria and Islands Branch held their annual general meeting in Nanaimo at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. Tom Hilborn, P.Ag., 2014 Branch President, presided over the meeting. The 2014 Branch Executives presented reports to the members.

The following Articling Agrologists (A.Ags) introduced themselves to the members: James Tobias (Toby) Gardner, Marcia Martin, Anette Thingsted and Malcom Nichol. The diversity of experience and education of these A.Ags was impressive.

Mr. Hilborn then presented the following members with Professional Agrologist certificates: Nadine Ebell, P.Ag.; Colleen Gellein, P.Ag.; Jonna Jacobs, P.Ag.; Bejay Mills, P.Ag.; Thomas Munson, P.Ag.; Bradley Smith, P.Ag.; Kevin Tattrie, P.Ag.; and Cindy Walsh, P.Ag.

Members discussed the importance of marketing the profession of Agrology and were interested in the Communications Committee work.

Members were then nominated or volunteered to fill branch officer and director positions for 2015. Congratulations to the following members who form the 2015 branch executive: Rod Negrave, P.Ag., President; Kevin Tattrie, P.Ag., President-Elect; Larianna Brown, P.Ag., and Andrea Lawseth, P.Ag., Directors; Jenn Wilson, P.Ag., Secretary-Treasurer; Cindy Walsh, P.Ag., Articling Agrologist Coordinator. Mr. Tony Button, P.Ag., will continue as Professional Development Coordinator with the assistance of Natalie Tashe, P.Ag. Hally Hofmeyer, P.Ag., continues as the Branch’s Councillor.

At this point, Mr. Hilborn, now Past-President, passed on the golden hoe

to Rod Negrave, P.Ag., welcoming Mr. Negrave to his new role as President.

Members then learned about British Columbia’s new *Water Sustainability Act* from Pat Lapcevic of the Water Protection Division in the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO).

Tom Millard, Research Geomorphologist also with the FLNRO presented on landslides and mass wasting. After lunch many members attended the professional development activity and toured the Vancouver Island University’s Fisheries and Aquaculture Department’s International Centre for Sturgeon Studies, Trout Hatchery and Grow-out Facility.

Victoria & Islands Branch Executive

# BRANCH REPORTS *Continued*

## OKANAGAN BRANCH

The Okanagan Branch held its AGM on February 5th at Duffers Restaurant, Mission Creek Golf Club, in Kelowna. In the hours before dinner, there was a pilot viewing of Angela Westmacott's webinar on "Professional Negligence and Regulatory Offences," developed specially for BCIA members. This was followed by a social hour and photo-op.

Before dinner, Councillor Carl Withler, P.Ag., introduced the speaker, Mr. Norm Letnick, MLA and Minister of Agriculture. In his presentation, Mr. Letnick answered questions that members had submitted beforehand, such as about the ALR, and other impromptu questions from the floor.

During the AGM portion of the evening, Ms. Andrea Gunner, P.Ag., and Past-President of the Branch and BCIA, conducted the elections for the new 2015 Branch executive.

At this time, I wish to acknowledge the many members of the Branch who worked very hard to develop the program for this year's BCIA AGM, and to welcome everyone to Kelowna and the surrounding area. May you all discover the "experience economy" as we live it in the Okanagan Valley.

*John Garland, P.Ag.  
President Okanagan Branch*

## PEACE RIVER BRANCH

The Peace River Branch held their AGM on January 17, 2015, in Fort St. John. There was a panel discussion and guest speaker PD event held along with an A.Ag. session at the time.

Prior to our AGM, Devin Scheck from the Oil and Gas Commission gave a presentation on the Oil and Gas Commission; the contaminated sites audit process, as well as present and future changes for the commission. Also a panel discussion was held to discuss Schedule "A" assessments for proposed developments on agricultural

## KAMLOOPS BRANCH

The Kamloops Branch had a very active year in 2014. This can be directly attributed to the great executive and committee members that volunteered their time to keep the wheels turning. I would like to recognize the hard work of Mark Haywood-Farmer, Ben Sampogna, John Church, Christian St. Pierre, Rhonda Maskiewich, Kalin Brockhaus, Tracy Ronmark, Caryn Stroh, and Patrick Farmer. I have likely missed several other contributors who have worked behind the scenes that may not be recognized here. Our Branch would like to thank all of those that put forth efforts for another great year in Kamloops.

In 2014, we welcomed several new Articling Agrologists and had five complete their presentations at the Branch AGM. Mike Gillis, Cara Haywood-Farmer, Mark Haywood-Farmer, Coleen Hougen, and Kim Schlaepfer received their Professional Agrologist's certificates. In 2015, efforts from our Articling Agrologist Coordinator, John Church, P.Ag., will focus on increasing recruitment and succession planning.

Throughout the year the Professional Development Committee coordinated three events that were all well attended. Among these were the Harper's Trail

Winery, Recline Ridge Estate Winery, and Gort's Gouda tour, the Rey Creek Ranch and Left Field Cider tour, and the Green Acres Farm Tour, which was held in conjunction with the Branch AGM. It was great that these PD events not only presented information on different agrology practices, but also that they were all focused on businesses local to the region.

The tour at Rey Creek Ranch gave participants a chance to view biosolids application areas, as well as discuss regulatory requirements, current research relating to biosolids application on rangelands, and biosolids as a land management tool across British Columbia. After the Rey Creek Ranch tour, the group headed down the road to Left Field Cider to look at the apple orchard and cidery. The cider house operators shared some information on apple cider production and brewing, and a discussion about the unique challenges and opportunities that are present with running a cider house in rural British Columbia.

I am looking forward to making some new connections and having another great year with the BCIA.

*Genevieve Pelletier, P.Ag.  
President Kamloops Branch*

## VANCOUVER BRANCH

The Vancouver branch AGM was held on February 11th, 2015. Mr. Richard Bullock, Chair of the BC Agricultural Land Commission, gave an inspiring presentation on his work to preserve and utilize BC's limited agricultural land base. In 2014, the BCIA Vancouver Branch organised a diverse collection of events, including a tour to UBC, a writing workshop, a mentor appreciation wine night, a metals workshop, and two A.Ag. workshops. We are looking forward to a 2015 full of agricultural events. Stay tuned!

*Warren Mills, P.Ag.  
President Vancouver branch*

*Stephen Neville, P.Ag.  
President Peace River Branch*

# WELCOME NEW P.AG.'s



Victoria & Islands branch welcomed new P.Ag.s at their AGM held Nov. 8, 2014. New P.Ag.s, left to right: Bradley Smith, Kevin Tattarie, Nadene Ebell, Thomas Munson, Jonna Jacob, Bejay Mills, Colleen Gellein and Cindy Walsh.



Okanagan branch welcomed new P.Ag.s at their AGM held Feb. 5, 2015. New P.Ag.'s left to right: Nelson Jatel, Jason Lasuik, Heather vanDalfsen, Amandeep Kaur Mundi, and Marjorie Harris.



Fraser Valley Branch president, Jasbir Mann, P.Ag., presents certificates to new P.Ag.'s Mandeep Randhawa (left) and Nadene Gurule (right).



## New P.Ag.'s in Peace River Branch



Stephen Neville, P.Ag., President, presents new P.Ag. Tannis Brown with her certificate.



Stephen Neville, P.Ag., President, presents new P.Ag. Angela Schreiner with her certificate.

## FRASER VALLEY BRANCH

The branch held a number of events last fall. They included a tour of Krause's Berry Farm and Winery in August, A Metal Deposition Seminar in October and a Tour of the Heritage Tree Farm in November. We also invited members who were interested in acting as Mentors for Articling Agrologists to attend a Mentoring Seminar in November.

We are off to a great start for 2015, with plenty of great ideas in the pipeline for upcoming PD events this year, from a speaker series on invasive pests, farm tours and site visits, to a craft brewery tour this fall. Our first PD event is scheduled for April 29th. We also plan to schedule a few webinars throughout the year and would appreciate feedback on what topics are of interest to you as a part of our membership.

On behalf of the Executive, our aim is to maintain and build on interesting and productive ideas for member engagement this year. In the short-term, however, we are looking forward to meeting with fellow members and colleagues next month at the provincial AGM.

Art Guite P.Ag.  
Fraser Valley Executive



# BCIA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

## APRIL 2014 - APRIL 2015

### PROFESSIONAL AGROLOGISTS (P.Ag.)

Deborah Bryant	Karen Lassen
Leif Burge	Jason Lasuik
Stephanie Captein	Gavin Leung
Garry Chahal	Leo Maltais
Kenneth Chalmers	Eiji Matsuzaki
Matthew Deane	Sylvia McIntosh
Hugh Delorey	Sarah Morrison
Nadene Ebell	Thomas Munson
Aaron Enquist	Cory Nelson
Kristine Ferris	Nathan Park
Robert Flinton	Roberto Prieto
Kellen Foss	Laura Raimondi
Nancy Fuller	Mandeep Randhawa
Colleen Gellein	Arlyn Ross
Mike Gillis	Kim Schlaepfer
Nadene Gurulé	Angela Schreiner
Mark Hall	Craig Shook
Stacy Hammond	Bradley Smith
Marjorie Harris	Kevin Tattrie
Mark Haywood-Farmer	Elisabeth Taylor
Lara Haywood-Farmer	Aaron Trowbridge
Jonna Jacob	Heather vanDalfsen
Nelson Jatel	Holly Watson
Amandeep Kaur Mundi	Grant Webber
David Kemp	Barb Wheatley
Ksenia Konwicki	Ian Whyte
Micheal Kozak	David Wilson
Karen Kubiski	

### STUDENTS

Caitlyn Dorward	Alexa Matthes
Leanne Ejack	Taisha Mitchell
Loreal Goertzen	Tony Oak
Paige Heavyside	Anna Rallings
Carla Hick	Debra Reeves
Jessica Hill	Allan Tillberg
Christie Irlam	Joy Tong
Carrie James	Sarah Townsend
Alisa Koebel	Adrienne Turcotte
Theresa Loewen	Eric Wirshing

### DUAL MEMBERS WITH AIA

Scott Boorman, P.Ag.  
Shannon Cardinal, P.Ag.  
Cindy Craig, P.Ag.  
Lyndon Domshy, P.Ag.  
Vanessa Hands, P.Ag.  
Shawn Hipkiss, P.Ag.  
Valerie Moore, P.Ag.  
Steve Murchison, P.Ag.  
Claudia Palylyk, P.Ag.  
Kenneth Riddell, P.Ag.  
Sherry Stewart Ryan, P.Ag.  
Wade Simpson, P.Ag.  
Brent Walchuk, P.Ag.  
Bailey Williams, P.Ag.

### TRANSFERS IN

Gaëtane Carignan, P.Ag. from MIA  
James Hamilton, P.Ag. from OIA  
Barbara Larson, P.Ag. (Retired) from SIA  
Kenneth Sapsford, P.Ag. from SIA  
Douglas Teitge, P.Ag. from AIA

### ARTICLING AGROLOGISTS (A.Ag.)

Karen Ageson	Mahesh Kumar
Ryan Anaka	Kirsten Kurjaja
Nathalie Armstrong	Lianne Leblond
Benjamin Barton	Alysia Lor-Knill
Jonathan Blais	Jason Lussier
Stacy Boczulak	Ryan MacDonald
Tricia Brett	Aaron Mackay
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Bob Cavlek	Ian McAllister
Connie Chapman	Benjamin McKinnon
Huapeng Chen	Chelsea McLellan
Jeremy Chua	Carla Mellott
Jamie Constable	Erin Minor
Tom Cummings	Katie Morris
Leah de Montreuil	Elisa Munro
Sean Dignan	Daniel Neden
Keri Dresen	Adam Nguyen
Thomas Elliot	Thayer Nugent
Deepa Filatow	Susan Omelchuk
Jody Fisher	Darcy Paslawski
Lane Giesbrecht	Nadia Rixen
Katie Gingera	Torence Sandhals
Kristal Golob	Lindsey Smith
Maria Gonzales	Devender Sran
Ayase Julia Grant	Jessica Stewart
Travis Grant	Jordan Tam
Stefan Gronsdahl	Anette Thingsted
Catherine Hayes	Amy Tipler-Soberlak
Samantha Henderson	Jori van Dalfsen
Katrina Hill	Andrew Volo
Mark Herculik	Laura Wachholz
Luke Holdstock	Christopher Wall
Janet Humphrey	Phil Watney
Mathew Isenor	Cameron Webster
James Johnson	Melanie Wilson
Myra Juckers	Brandon Wood
Elizabeth Kenney	Dru Yates
Benjamin Kerr	Aaron Zwiebel
Rada Kolev	



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