

SECTION 2

Authority, Vision, Mission, Mandate and the Strategic Plan

The British Columbia Institute of Agrologists (BCIA) was historically authorized under the *Agrologists Act*, a British Columbia statute, to govern the professional conduct of its Registrants. Since February 5, 2021, the profession has been governed by the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA) (SBC 2018). Persons who hold themselves out to be an Agrologist **must** be duly registered with BCIA under the PGA.

BCIA's Vision

Through effective professional self-regulation, BCIA and its Registrants shall be consistently regarded by the people of British Columbia as upholding and protecting the public interest.

BCIA's Mission

The mission of the British Columbia Institute of Agrologists is to ensure the professional integrity and competency of its Registrants to protect the public interest in the sustainable use of resources.

Duty and Responsibilities

In compliance with Section 22(1) of the PGA:

It is the general duty of a regulatory body at all times to

- (a) serve and protect the public interest with respect to the exercise of a profession, professional governance and the conduct of registrants in the registrants' regulated practice, and
- (b) exercise its powers and discharge its responsibilities in the public interest.

Strategic Plan - Building and Maintaining a Strong BC Institute of Agrologists

The BCIA Council ("Council") exists to implement the mission and mandate of the Institute. The Strategic Plan guides the actions of Council to meet its statutory role. Activities necessary to ensure compliance and support the Institute's mission include Governance, Investigations, Audit and Practice Review, Credentials, Executive, and Nominations.

Council promotes the following areas of interest to help meet the Institute's mission and ensure the integrity, objectivity and expertise of its Registrants:

- Strengthening committees to direct activities that are necessary to ensure compliance of Councils' statutory role and to support the Institute's mission;
- Maintaining standards of conduct;
- Providing a certification process that includes educational standards and professional development;
- Applying and promoting scientific principles;
- Communicating with the Registrants and Branches;
- Facilitating informed discussion and decision-making; and
- Promoting the profession and liaising with other related associations.