



## **Meeting Minutes**

### **BCIA Victoria and Island Branch Annual General Meeting**

Saturday, October 29, 2022

Bird's Eye View Cove Farm, 5881 Genoa Bay Road, Duncan BC

#### **1. Introduction and Opening Ceremony**

Natalie Tashe, PAg, Branch President, welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Elder Hwiemtun, Fred Roland. Elder Hwiemtun opened the meeting.

#### **2. Meeting called to order and territorial acknowledgement**

Natalie Tashe, PAg, called the meeting to order and acknowledged the Coast Salish Peoples.

#### **3. Confirmation of proper notice and quorum**

Natalie Tashe, PAg, confirmed the official quorum was met i.e. more than 35 registrants were confirmed at the registration table.

#### **4. Motion to Adopt 2022 AGM Agenda**

- Natalie Tashe, PAg, asked if there were any proposed amendments to the agenda, none noted.
- Motion to adopt the AGM agenda: Jennifer Wilson, PAg; seconded: Daniel Lamhonwah, PAg.
- Adopted and motion to approve 2022 AGM meeting agenda was carried.

#### **5. Motion to Adopt 2021 Branch AGM Minutes**

- Natalie Tashe, PAg, asked if there were any concerns with the 2021 minutes, none noted.
- Motion to adopt the 2021 AGM minutes: Steve Stussi, PAg; seconded: Jennifer Wilson, PAg.
- Adopted and motion to approve 2021 AGM meeting minutes was carried.

#### **6. 2022 Branch Executive Reports**

The following executive reports were received at the meeting and included the following reports.

##### **a) President's Report presented by Natalie Tashe, PAg:**

- Thanked the BCIA headquarters staff for their support of the branch executive and thanked the executive for their work
- summarized the branch's registrants: 330 members, which includes 211 Professional Agrologists (PAg), 29 Articling Agrologists (AAg), 9 Articling Technical Agrologists (ATA), 56 Retired Agrologists, 25 Agrologists on leave, and 8 Student Agrologists
- noted the professional development events that were organized this year
- acknowledged the implementation of reserved practice and transition from online to in person events in 2022.

##### **b) Articling Program Coordinator's Report presented by Daniel Lamhonwah, PAg:**

- as of October 3, 2022, there are 29 AAgS, 9 ATAgS, 12 new PAgS and 8 student members in the branch
  - noted that articulating workshops will be transitioning to in-person opportunities
  - encouraged registrants to act as mentors and matches mentees and mentors with similar educations, work experiences and professions.
- c) Professional Development Coordinator's Report presented by Beth Sobieszczyk, PAg:
- listed the 12 events organized and delivered
  - 6 were virtual (5 reading book club events and one webinar) and 6 were in-person events
  - requested support in organizing PD events
  - recognized BCIA headquarters staff for their support in organizing PD events.
- d) Treasurer's Report presented by Jennifer Wilson, PAg:
- 2022 Allocation was \$5,100 with the 2021 carry over of \$4,980 resulted in a total budget of \$10,080
  - reviewed 2021-22 expenses and revenues
  - reviewed 2023 budget proposal and noted the projected budget would increase as the AGM expenses were lower than anticipated and revenues are not yet accounted for
  - Registrant suggested that the branch participate at the next Island Agriculture Show in February of 2023.
  - Two edits were requested of the 2022 Executive Council Report – edit the allocation to \$5,100 (not \$51,000) and change the name of the person who led the tour from Tobi Gardner to Kathy Haesevoels for the CRD Tour on May 28, 2022.

## **7. 2022 Provincial Report – BCIA CEO**

BCIA CEO update by JP Ellson, PAg.:

- Pointed out that BCIA is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and encouraged those attending to attend the provincial AGM April 22 to 23, 2023 in Kamloops
- Stated reserved practice was implemented on September 1, 2022, listed practice areas and noted aspects of reserved practice are published on BCIA's website
- Noted the recently approved Reserved Practice Compliance Plan outlines processes to ensure those who should have this professional designation will be captured
- Explained the Limited Licence Agrologist (LLAg) is for those with limited educational requirements but must meet eligibility requirements and that this designation restricts their activities
- Highlighted the exemption to the LLA registration is for persons engaged in farming activities on their land, undergraduates working under a practicing registrant's supervision or giving advice on a product or service
- Reminded registrants to complete the required Indigenous training Level 1 by December 31, 2022 to continue to be in good standing and is needed to register for 2023
- Listed the following initiatives are prioritized for next year: written practice guidelines, compliance officer, lease renewal, AAC, strategic plan 2024 and level 2 Indigenous training.

## **8. Motions from the membership**

Natalie Tashe, PAg, asked if there are any motions from the membership. None were provided.

## **9. Election of Branch Executive Members**

- Natalie Tashe, PAg explained the in person voting process and noted the following registrants were willing to stand for the following executive positions and asked any registrants would like to nominate from the floor. No nominations were received and the following positions won by acclamation: Articling Program Coordinator; Director South; President; Secretary.
- The following members for elected by nominations from the floor: Director At Large; Director South; President-Elect; Treasurer; PD Coordinator.
- The following registrants were elected as the 2022-23 executive:
  - Articling Program Coordinator: Daniel Lamhonwah, PAg
  - Director At Large: Hanaa Saeed, PAg
  - Director North: Steve Stussi PAg
  - Director South: Jeffrey Styles, PAg and Melina Sorensen, PAg
  - President Elect: Natasha Cowie, PAg.
  - President: Jenn Wilson, PAg
  - Professional Development Coordinator (1 of 2): Beth Sobieszczyk, PAg (2<sup>nd</sup> year of term)
  - Professional Development Coordinator (2 of 2): Alex Fillo, AAg
  - Secretary: Lynn Pinnell, PAg
  - Treasurer: Natalie Tashe, PAg.
- Victoria and Islands Branch has the following District 3 Councillors: Warren Mills, PAg; Yasemin Parkinson, PAg; Kirk Phair, PAg.

#### **10. Awards and Presentations**

- a) Branch recognition award was awarded to Don Rugg, PAg. for volunteering for 20 years in various roles and committees.
- b) The following members were recognized for 25 years of membership: Brian Roberts, PAg and Neil Turner, PAg.
- c) The following AAgS introduced themselves during lunch: Jonathan Abell, AAg; Jennifer Anema, AAg.; Donovan Capes, AAg; Shaun Chadburn, AAg; Jason Collier, AAg; Jari Eikenaar, AAg; Alex Fillo, AAg; Kaylin Henry, ATAg; Jonathan Jeffery, AAg; Raelani Kesler, ATAg; Jamison Romano, AAg; Melina Sorensen, AAg; Melissa Tokarek, AAg; Mikaela Wiberg, ATAg; Kamy Wong, AAg.
- d) The following members took the oath and became PAgS: Andrew Nadler, PAg; Shauna Black, PAg; Angeli dela Rosa, PAg; Melissa Demyen, PAg; Tamara Dinter, PAg; Derek Hogan, PAg; Meg McIlffaterick, PAg; Kelly McKinnon, PAg; Corey Miller, PAg; Lynn Pinnell, PAg; Evan Scheidt, PAg; Christopher Wall, PAg; Zebang (Zeb) Wei, PAg.

#### **11. Welcome to the New Branch President**

Natalie Tashe, PAg., finished her term as president and passed the 'Golden Hoe' to newly invested president Jennifer Wilson, PAg. Jennifer thanked Natalie and the 2022 executive for their contributions.

#### **12. New Business**

No new business.

#### **13. Adjournment**

- Jeff Styles moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was carried.