



Fraser Valley Branch  
2026 Annual General Meeting  
February 21, 2026

## Branch President's Report

Dear Registrants of BCIA FV Branch,

The Fraser Valley Branch Executive met regularly throughout 2025, and as always, I'm grateful for the group of people who show up month after month to keep our Branch moving forward. We were happy to welcome **Harman Dhadli** to the team this year, and I want to thank the whole Executive—Dr. Usama Tayyab, Nicole MacDonald, Amy Peters, Mohammed Rehan, and Parashar Malla—for their ongoing commitment. Everyone brings something different to the table, and it's that mix of energy and experience that helps us stay connected and organized.

We were able to offer a series of well attended professional development opportunities this year, including nursery and farm tours, an Indigenous-led historical site visit, organic production sessions, and academic research engagement with UFV. It's a privilege to learn directly from the people doing the work in our region, and I want to thank everyone who hosted, guided, or participated in these events.

Membership in the Fraser Valley Branch continued to grow, with a **5.6% increase this year**, bringing us to **268 registrants**. This includes student members, articling registrants, professional members, and those on leave or retired. Our Articling Coordinator has continued to support new registrants as they work toward their professional designations, and we congratulate all newly elevated PAgS and TAgS this year. Although oath-taking is no longer part of Branch AGM's, we acknowledge and celebrate their achievements.

We're also very pleased to recognize several long-serving members this year: **Tim Garland** celebrating 50 years, and **Major Singh Dhillon, Tracy Hueppelsheuser, and Kim Sutherland** marking 25 years with the Institute. These long-serving members represent decades of dedication to the agrology profession, and we thank them for their contributions.

Looking ahead to 2026, there will be a shift in how professional development activities are funded at the branch level. Beginning this year, branches will no longer receive a set allocation based on registrant numbers (previously calculated as the number of branch members multiplied by \$20). Instead, branches have been asked to prepare a simple

budget for each PD offering to determine an appropriate registration fee for each event. In situations where event costs are too high to reasonably recover through fees alone, branches may request financial support from BCIA. Preference for these funds will go to activities that help branches meet their annual deliverables.

Importantly, the total branch-funding line in BCIA's provincial budget remains at \$40,000, and all branches will continue to have access to it. BCIA will also continue providing administrative support in areas such as finance, technology, and communications. For our Branch, it simply means being thoughtful in our planning, while knowing that additional funds can be requested for larger events.

Thank you again to the Executive, our PD hosts, and BCIA staff for everything you've contributed this year. It's been a pleasure serving as President, and I'm looking forward to another year of working to support the Branch.

Thank you,  
Kim Grout, PAg, RPP, MCIP  
FV 2024/25 President