



Fraser Valley Branch
Annual General Meeting
MINUTES

March 8, 2025
Online Webinar via Zoom

1.0 Pre-Meeting Notes

10:00am The online meeting opened with a welcome message and territorial acknowledgement delivered by Kim Grout, PAg.

4-H Program Support - The Fraser Valley Branch contributes \$300 annually to support the Fraser Valley 4-H Program. Due to audio challenges during the meeting, the Branch was unable to play the recording of Marrah Webster's "Morning Bites" 4-H Speak and Show presentation.

Marrah Webster, age 13, is a member of the Chilliwack 4-H District. She delivered this presentation at the 2024 4-H Leadership Summit in Vancouver to an audience that included 4-H leaders from across Canada and the Minister of Agriculture.

Marrah went on to compete with this presentation at the club level, where she won Top Junior Speak and Show. She proceeded to the district competition, earning the title of Top Junior Speak and Show in the Chilliwack 4-H District.

The Branch extends its thanks to Marrah for taking the time to record her presentation for sharing with our members, and we hope to have an opportunity to meet and hear from her in person in the future.

Meeting Called to Order & confirmation of Quorum

Quorum was confirmed based on branch membership requirements.

Meeting Called to Order at 10:08am

2025 AGM Agenda & 2024 AGM Minutes

A) 2025 Agenda presented by Kim Grout, PAg

Motion: Moved by Amy Peters that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

B) The minutes from the 2024 AGM were circulated.

Motion: Moved by Parashar Malla to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Branch Executive Reports

President's Report - Kim Grout gave a summary of executive committee operations, statistics on membership growth and areas of practice, and thanked committee members who worked diligently throughout the year to deliver on our mandate. A copy of the report was included in the meeting package.

Articling Coordinator's Report – Nicole MacDonald presented the PD Coordinator's report on Articling Registrants, Students, and new AAg/ATAg/PAG/LLAg. and asked everyone to consider volunteering to mentor a new AAg or ATg. A copy of the report was included in the meeting package.

Professional Development Coordinator's Report – Kim Grout presented a summary of PD events and field tours included in Usama Tayyab's report. A copy of the report was included in the meeting package.

Treasurer's Report – Amy Peters presented the 2024 financial statements and 2025 proposed Branch budget.

BCIA Provincial Reports

Jennifer Lawrence, CEO

Jennifer introduced BCIA staff and gave a presentation speaking to:

- Her focus on relationships, regulatory compliance, strategic plan, governance and operations
- Value authenticity, transparency, clarity
- Regulatory compliance - BCIA acts for public interest, not member interest; public interest is key for organization
- Board finalizing a short-term strategic plan - expedited process because BCIA hasn't had one - will be a more thorough process when we do another one, including member engagement, etc; encouraging members to contact Jennifer anytime
- Operations include compliance, governance support, fiscal stewardship, Truth and reconciliation training, collaboration
- Biggest challenge in 2025 – meeting regulatory requirements while being fiscally responsible; and clarifying BCIA standards and policies

She thanked branch executive volunteers for their time, hard work and efforts.

Election of Executive Committee

Kim Grout, PAG, presented executive members standing for re-appointment:

- President, Kim Grout, PAG
- PD Coordinator, Usama Tayyab, PAG
- Articling Coordinator, Nicole MacDonald, PAG
- Treasurer, Amy Peters, PAG
- Secretary, Mohammed Rehan, PAG
- Director-at-Large, Parashar Malla, PAG

Nomination for Vice-President - Harmanjit Dhadli, PAg

Motion: Kim Grout moved motion to accept the 2025 Executive Committee as presented.
Motion carried.

Long Service Recognition

The Branch recognized the 25 Year award to Michael Wallis, PAg and Dave Melnychuk, PAg

Articling Presentations

Articling presentations were given by: Brad Prato, AAg, Ohad Coneal, AAg, Alicia Van Den Brink, AAg, Patricia Gendron, AAg, Aaron Penner, AAg, Stewart Paterson, AAg, Alex Pennock, AAg, Joseph Corapi, AAg, Mehakpreet Kaur, AAg, Max Hoyer, AAg, Greg Smith, ATAg, Aliesha Briach, AAg, Christopher Kimmel, ATAg, Taryn Angus, AAg, Giovanna Peirano Campbell, AAg.

Adjournment

MOTION: Mohammed Rehan moved adjournment of the 2025 Fraser Valley Annual General Meeting. Motion to adjourn carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.