

## President's Report - 2022

Dear Registrants:

Welcome to the Fraser Valley Branch's 2022 AGM.

I [we] would like to start by respectfully acknowledging the territory in which the members of the Fraser Valley Branch of the BCIA live, work, and play, as the ancestral homelands and unceded traditional territories of the unique and diverse Nations of the Coast Salish peoples, and respect the stewardship of other unique and diverse First Nations, as well as the Métis, on these lands.

I would also like to thank the small but mighty team on the 2022 Executive Committee who worked diligently throughout the year to deliver on our mandate. I believe that we successfully achieved our branch goals of supporting articling registrants and providing registrants with professional development opportunities that help further our members continuing education and professional development. In particular, I would like to thank our Articling Coordinator, Parashar Malla, our PD Coordinator, Rashmi Gaire, our Treasurer, Dawn Ross, and our Secretary, Nicole McDonld for all their hard work and dedication this past year.

For those of you that aren't regularly connected to our organization, the main purpose of the local BCIA branches is to help facilitate the onboarding of new members and the hosting of professional development events for all of our members. Please keep in mind that your branch depends upon you, as members, to retain relevance and to function adequately under the umbrella of the BCIA. The focus of any branch is the Articling Agrologist program along with networking and professional development and your Executive will always welcome your thoughts and ideas for changes and creative management of these programs. We encourage everyone to be involved. You really CAN make a difference. Reach out to us if you have ideas for training or professional development.

In 2022, the total number of registrants in the Fraser Valley Branch as of December 31, 2021, remained unchanged as compared to 2021 at 225 registrants. A review of the year end stats across all branches indicates that as of December 31, 2022 BCIA's first Limited License Agrologist was registered in the Fraser Valley Branch. The registrant breakdown for 2022 is provided below:

28      Articling Agrologists

131      Professional Agrologists

10	Articling Technologists in Agrology	1	Registered Technologists in Agrology
1	Limited License Agrologist	25	Members retired
7	Members On leave	22	Student members

In 2022, the BCIA and Fraser Valley Branch Executive recognized the long service of our own Executive Committee member Parashar Malla, Bill Wiebe, and Cheryl Davie, who have been Professional Agrologists with the Institute for 25 years, and Richard Gammer, who has been a Professional Agrologist with BCIA for 50 years.

The Fraser Valley Branch Executive met 11 times this past year and hosted 4 PD events including a large full-day in-person event jointly hosted with the Vancouver Branch that included a showcase of speakers presenting on the 2021 Atmospheric River Disaster Impacts on the Sumas Prairie in Abbotsford.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact in-person events and face-to-face branch executive meetings, resulting in lower-than-expected expenditures in 2022 however, there should be a shift moving forward into 2023 that will see more in-person activities and opportunities. I would also like to thank Seija Laukkanen, Tess Karuvetti, and Laurena Olsen at the BCIA office for their continued support of our Branch throughout the year.

Thank you

Kim Grout, PAg  
Fraser Valley Branch President