# Kootenay Boundary Branch Awards – Email and Web Page Info

**Date: October 22nd, 2024 – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (MST)**

**Location:**Hybrid – in person & online

**Address:** Ground Floor Coworking Space131 7th Ave South, Cranbrook BC V1C 2J3

Kootenay Boundary (District 1)

**PD hours:**3 hours

The Kootenay Boundary Branch asks you to **SAVE the DATE and insert link for AGM registration and PD link** for the upcoming Annual General Meeting, being held both in person and virtually.

**Awards Nominations**

To add some excitement to the virtual format and to promote passion within our Branch agrology community, we are seeking nominations for two awards.

The **Green Shoot** Award

In the world of agrology, a green shoot represents birth and rebirth, growth, vitality, resiliency and new beginnings. It is often associated with fresh grass sprouting after winter or after a fire; or a tree that reproduces vegetatively. The **Green Shoot** award is intended for a Kootenay Boundary registrant who is new to the BCIA Kootenay Boundary Branch (<2 years), has shown growth in their career, passion for their work and offers a fresh perspective in field of agrology. The winner of this award may be a P/AAg, or T/ATAg who has been a member of BCIA (Kootenay Boundary Branch) for 2 years or less.

The **Willow Tree** Award

The willow tree is one of the most versatile and useful trees on earth; its bark is medicinal, the branches offer protection from the elements, the wood can be used to build useful, sustainable items and it is a magnificent hyperaccumulator of metals from contaminated soil. In short, it is a versatile, effective and healing plant. The **Willow Tree** award is intended for a Kootenay Boundary registrant who has made an impact or who has shown passion for the protection, preservation and healing of the earth and its inhabitants. Food security, climate change, pollution, endangered species and the interface between human rights health and the environment are all examples where agrologists can make an impact. Nominate someone who you believe is deserving of the Willow Tree award. The winner of this award may be a P/AAg or T/ATAg and a member of BCIA (Kootenay Boundary Branch).

**Here’s how to Nominate:**

If you know of a peer, co-worker or mentee/mentor that meets these requirements, we encourage you to nominate them for these awards and be recognized for their contribution to the profession.  To nominate someone, please forward their name, a photo and a short description (1-2 paragraphs) of why you think they deserve recognition to Kenzie Lightburn (kenzie.lightburn@gov.bc.ca). **Deadline for Nominations for Awards is October 11th, 2024. Please note the nominations for awards will not be accepted from the “floor” during the AGM.**

**Have you nominated someone in the past, but they didn’t win? Please consider nominating them again!**