

## BCIA – Okanagan Branch

Branch Executive Meeting – Feb 15 2024

Location Kelowna Coast Capri Hotel

Minute Recorder: Melissa Graydon



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Maureen Grainger - Land acknowledgement

Call to Order - 2:47 PM

Quorum confirmed - Yes

Motion to accept agenda - passed

Motion to accept minutes from AGM 2023 - passed

President report - Theresa Loewen

- Extraordinary time to be an agrologist - pandemic, drought, extreme wildfire activity, etc
- Great to be here and hear from the panelists prior to our AGM
- Okanagan branch is growing, we have 255 members
- Thanks to 2023 executive team

Articling Agrologist Report - Catherine Hayes

- 14 new AAg, 16 progressed to PAg, 6 new student members since Feb 2023 AGM

PD Report - Adrian Arts and Lyndsay King

- lots of PD opportunities through 2023 - networking and social events like the Kal Forest tour and North and South Christmas Socials
- Online webinars
- Field tours - bus tour, BCCA silvopasture tour
- Upcoming events include Southern Interior Horticultural Show, Ethics, Environmental Flow conference and Provincial AGM in May

Treasurer Report - Paige Munro

- 2023 had carryover from 2022
- PD and social events to offset cost
- 2023 \$903.38 carried to 2024
- \$4200 for branch subsidy
- $\$4200 + \$903.38 = 2024$  budget
- Motion to accept 2023 financials - passed
- Motion to accept 2024 budget - passed

Provincial update from Ryan O'Grady (Registrar) & Jessica Morgan (former Board Chair)

- Jane Kerner - interim CEO
- Kara Hamilton brought on for Finance
- District 2 has three branches (Okanagan, Kamloops, and Fraser Valley)
- PGA - Reserved Practice came into effect Sept 17, 2021
- BCIA is not looking into regulation of firms, such as PEng

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- Provincial AGM and Land Summit May 8-10 in Nanaimo

### Articling Agrologist Presentations

- 13 of them - Jonas Bateman, Reese Betcloff, Cole Schweb, Elisa Godard, Lauren Bevandick, Kris Needham, Samantha Nicholls, Sarah O'Brien, Bailey Wellman, Shay-Lyn Steiger, Amanada Brown, Sarah Trillo, and Logan Pay

### Awards

- 25 year - Michelle Fitzgerald & James Anthony
- 50 year - Al Dean & David Gartrell
- Family Farm Award - Thompson Family
- Lifetime Achievement Award - Greg Teggart

### Election of Executive

- Andrew Kuiper President
- Jose Garcia President Elect
- PD Coordinators - Logan Pay, Sarah Carlson, Stephanie Lindberg

Adjourn - 4:03 PM