



BCIA Okanagan Branch President's Report – 2026

Hello everyone and welcome!

I greatly appreciate all of you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend our AGM as this is one of the highlights of the year for me. It's not very often that we get the chance to gather so many great people in one room.

Looking back on the year I am very proud to be a member of this organization and am very grateful for those who have contributed to making our organization what it is. Whether it be the staff at head office, the members sitting on council or on executive boards, the people who share their expertise with us or of course our members who bring life to our events and provide services to those that rely on our profession.

If all of this sounds familiar it is because it should! Not only did I say those exact words last year but our AGM is being held on Ground Hog Day. However, my feelings are the same. We belong to a great organization and surround ourselves with great people dedicated to our field.

Membership in the Okanagan Branch has grown by 10 members in the past year to a total of 235. This includes 164 Professional Agrologists, 34 Articling Agrologists, 18 Technical Agrologists, 7 Articling Technical Agrologists, 9 Student Members, and 3 Limited Licence Members.

Thank you to the 2025 Executive: Jose Garcia (President/Chair Elect), Luke Dimler and Sarah Carlson (PD Coordinators), Logan Pay (Articling Coordinator), Stephanie Lindberg (Treasurer), Melissa Graydon (Secretary), Maureen Grainger (Director Central), Christina Forbes (Director South), Sally Ruoss (Student Rep), and Alana Crump and Carl Withler (Members at Large). These are the people who volunteer their time behind the scenes to ensure our branch runs smoothly and provides our membership with the PD and social events you see throughout the year. I am very excited for the next chapter of the executive now that my time as Chair is finished and look forward to seeing what this fine group of individuals accomplishes going forwards.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Kuiper'.

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