

Vancouver Branch

President's Report - 2023

Taisha Mitchell, P.Ag.

It is the role of the branch executive to create opportunities for Registrants to expand their professional knowledge, increase their professional network, and help articling Agrologists achieve professional status and I think we had another successful year doing this thanks to the 2023 Vancouver Branch Executive Members.

We had a full team of directors on the executive committee this year. Jamie Townsend was responsible for the popular Hopcott Farms Cranberry Harvest Tour. Despite some challenges with scheduling due to the weather, Jamie was able to pull it off with Hopcott Farms. Jamie also successfully planned a day of tours with Rabbit River Farms but unfortunately we needed to postpone that event.

Dan D'Angelo organized the articling registrant Nerdy Networking event. This event included a game of contaminated sites Jeopardy and socializing. Dan also put in some great work on a potential tour of the Britannia Mine reclamation.

Patricia (Trish) Hanuszak was part of the team who organized our joint professional development (PD) event and was always keen to step up to support other team members throughout the year.

Lori Larsen and Kate Schendel had some great event ideas and provided a supportive role to the team.

Our PD Coordinator, Kelly Moore, with support from Trish and our secretary Carson worked with the BC Agricultural Climate Action Research Network to host a full day PD event called "Innovating Agrology: Emerging Tech for Sustainability & Climate Resilience". This all day event included speakers and site tours followed with a networking reception co-hosted by the Vancouver and Fraser Valley Branch.

Along with playing a huge part in organizing the joint-PD event, our secretary Carson Li, took our meeting minutes and kept us accountable with our action items.

Adrian On, our Treasurer, ensured that our events were able to stay within our budget and collaborated with fellow board members in the event planning process.



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Graham Watson, our Articling Program Coordinator, graduated many articling registrants to full Professional status, organized volunteer opportunities, virtual introductions and oath readings, and always made himself available to answer any questions articling registrants have had.

Kathy Ma, our President-Elect, supported the team throughout the year, including covering for me to lead our executive meetings and being available to help with PD events while I was off on maternity leave. Kathy also has been a huge help in organizing the Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year.

The District Three board members Warren Mills, Yasemin Parkinson and Kirk Phair represent our district on the board. Warren and Yasemin are part of the Vancouver Branch and kept us informed of board updates and were always available to provide valuable feedback and support to the executive.

Looking forward, you will notice there are a few positions available for the 2024 Executive Committee and I encourage everyone to consider volunteering. It's a fun and rewarding experience.

As my year as the president has come to an end, I am very pleased to leave you in the hands of our 2024 incoming President, Kathy Ma who brings a fresh perspective for the coming year and has a wealth of experience having served a number of years on the Vancouver Branch executive committee.

Prepared by:

Taisha Mitchell, P.Ag.

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Treasurer's Report - 2023

Adrian On, P.Ag.

2023 Financials:

Jan 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
2023 (Expenses to date)	
Expenses	Revenues
Branch AGM	\$ 890.00
Branch AGM Sponsorship	\$ -
Other (donations, sponsorships)	\$ -
Professional Development Events	\$ 2,502.00
Branch Executive Meetings	\$ 491.31
A.Ag. /Mentor Events	\$ 944.49
Member Travel Subsidies	\$ -
Non-PD Activities/Outreach	249.24
Donations/Sponsorships	\$ -
Other (supplies, awards, etc)	\$ -
Credit Card / Bank Fees	\$ 16.86
<u>Branch AGM</u>	
Credit card / bank fees	\$ 62.72
Catering/Food/Venue	\$ 6,498.29
Materials/Gifts/Supplies/Awards/Other	\$ 274.73
PD at AGM	\$ -
<u>Professional Development</u>	
Presenter Expenses/Honorariums/Gifts	\$ 3,632.14
Catering/Food	\$ -
Transportation (Bus/Parking)	\$ -
Partnering/PD Subsidy	\$ -
PD Organizer Travel	\$ -
Total	\$ 12,169.78 \$ 3,392.00

Bank Balance as at January 1st, 2023	\$3,620.00
2023 Annual Branch Allocation	\$6,360.00
Net Income	-\$8,777.78
Current Account Balance	\$1,202.22

Estimated 2024 Budget:

Jan 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024			
2024 (Estimated Budget)		Explanation	
Expenses	Revenues		
Branch AGM	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 900.00	Venue and attendance anticipated to be the same as 2023. Venue \$500, speaker honorarium \$200, Gifts/prizes \$100, catering \$3000.
Branch AGM Sponsorship			
Other (donations, sponsorships)			
Professional Development Events	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	FV Branch hosting joint PD Event in 2024. Van Branch pays up to \$1,500 to FV to offset expense.
Branch Executive Meetings	\$ 500.00		Two in-person exec meetings anticipated where food will be provided.
A.Ag. /Mentor Events	\$ 1,000.00		One Articling Registrant networking event anticipated. Includes venue and catering.
Member Travel Subsidies			
Non-PD Activities/Outreach			
Donations/Sponsorships			
Other (supplies, awards, etc.)			
Credit Card / Bank Fees	\$ 16.86		
Branch AGM			
Credit card / bank fees	\$ 62.72		
Catering/Food/Venue	\$ 2,000.00		Expected to be lower than 2023 as it is the FV Branch's year to host the joint-PD event.
Materials/Gifts/Supplies/Awards/Other	\$ 150.00		
PD at AGM			
Professional Development			
Presenter Expenses/Honorariums/Gifts	\$ 1,000.00		Expected to be lower than 2023 as it is the FV Branch's year to host the joint-PD event.
Catering/Food			
Transportation (Bus/Parking)			
Partnering/PD Subsidy			
PD Organizer Travel			
Total	\$ 10,029.58	\$ 3,400.00	
Bank Balance as at January 1st, 2024	\$ 1,202.22		
2024 Annual Branch Allocation	\$ 6,360.00		
Net Income	-\$ 6,629.58		
Estimated End of Year Account Balance	\$ 932.64		

Prepared by:

Adrian On, P.Ag.

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Articling Program Coordinator's Report - 2023

Graham Watson, P.Ag.

I have been pleased to continue my role as Articling Program Coordinator for a second year for the Vancouver Branch Executive Committee. The past two years in this role have been greatly rewarding providing guidance to registrants through their articling periods.

Since the 2022 AGM last February there have been:

- 20 new Articling Agrologists (A.Ag)
- 6 new Articling Technical Agrologist (A.T.Ag.)
- 15 new student members

Congratulations to the 24 registrants who have completed their articling requirements in 2023/24, and have now gained the status of Professional and Technical Agrologists! Well done.

- Mehrdad Abbasi, P.Ag.
- Tala Al-Obaidi, T.Ag.
- Ghazal Arefi, P.Ag.
- Rene Ashby, T.Ag.
- Michael Bomford, P.Ag.
- Karsten Cheng, P.Ag.
- Chad Choi, P.Ag.
- Sarah Clements, P.Ag.
- Carolina Costa-Giomi, P.Ag.
- Brent Couper-Cruickshank, P.Ag.
- Bryan Driscoll, P.Ag.
- Danielle Franciscus, P.Ag.
- Georgette Gorn, P.Ag.
- Jayden Gross, T.Ag.
- Patricia Hanuszak, P.Ag.
- Erik Lee, P.Ag.
- Li Ni, P.Ag.
- Clare O'Brien, P.Ag.
- Thomas O'Hanlon, P.Ag.
- Gorgi Petkov, P.Ag.
- Tyler Prentice, P.Ag.



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- Kate Smith, P.Ag.
- Jamie Townsend, T.Ag.
- Siamak Roshani Zaferanloo, P.Ag.

As of January 19, 2024 there are 416 total Vancouver branch members:

- 240 active P.Ag.
- 4 active T.Ag.
- 64 active A.Ag.
- 18 active A.T.Ag.
- 21 On Leave (all categories)
- 30 Retired
- 39 Student members.

The following Registrants have received service recognitions for 2024:

- Bruce Hackett, P.Ag. (Retired 75+) – 50 year
- Wendy Holm, P.Ag. (Retired) – 50 year
- Jeremy Higham, P.Ag. – 25 year
- Cameron Campbell, P.Ag. – 25 year
- Michael Van Ham, P.Ag. – 25 year

On behalf of the Branch Executive, I would like to thank all Professional Agrologists who have volunteered as mentors. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please reach out! The mentoring program enhances professionalism within the organization, and provides articling mentees an opportunity to build their networks and learn more about the profession of Agrology.

Thanks for a great year!

Prepared by:

Graham Watson, P.Ag.

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Professional Development Coordinator's Report - 2023

Kelly-Ann Moore, P.Ag.

The BCIA Vancouver Branch had a successful year of professional development opportunities.

This year the jointly held Fraser Valley Branch and the Vancouver Branch event called “Agritech Innovation for Sustainability & Climate Resilience” was held in-person on Saturday, November 18, 2023. The event consisted of select speakers at the SFU campus, an afternoon field trip, and an evening networking component.

Speakers included Professor Woo Soo Kim from SFU School of Mechatronic Engineering who discussed the development and application of 3D printed sensors in agriculture, Austin Rothwell, Machine Learning Manager from MirraTerra who discussed soil analysis powered by machine learning and spectroscopy, Jonathan McIntyre, Chief Technology Officer with i-Open Technologies who discussed cloud-based data analytics platform for agriculture, Bing Lu, Assistant Professor from SFU who discussed the application of remote sensing in crop and land management, Erin Gilchrist, Manager, Scientific Affairs with Renaissance BioScience who discussed yeast-based biopesticide; and, Farah Nour, Chief Science Officer with Lucent Bioscience who discussed climate-smart fertilizer to deliver micro-nutrients.

The afternoon field trip consisted of tours at Argus Control, FarmAnywhere and ONT Holdings. The event was capped with a networking event at the SFU campus where fellow agrologists, scholars and additional industry professionals gathered for food and drinks.

The event had 55 participants and provided the opportunity for several AAg volunteers to help out. Thank you to the BC Agricultural Climate Action Research Network for delivering the speaker series and field trip, the BC Centre for Agritech Innovation for hosting the event, and the Fraser Valley branch for sharing the cost of the networking event. In addition, thank you to the Pacific Economic Development Canada and BC Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation for funding the speaker series and the field trip.

Prepared by:

Kelly-Ann Moore, P.Ag

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Director's Report - 2023

Dan D'Angelo, P.Ag., Patricia Hanuszak, P.Ag., Lori Larsen, P.Ag., Kate Schendel, P.Ag., Jamie Townsend, T.Ag.

This year the Vancouver Branch hosted one webinar, two farm tours, and one networking event. A third farm tour was planned to visit Rabbit Rivers Farm (a poultry farm) in the spring, however the event was canceled due to the risk of spreading avian influenza.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Webinar - May, 2023

In May the BCIA Vancouver Branch hosted a webinar on the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). The webinar was delivered by Steve Leech, Director of Food Safety and Animal Health at Chicken Farms of Canada. Steve shared his expertise and insights on how Canada has managed the challenges of Avian Influenza and how Canada's experiences are impacted by the global context. Attendees gained a deeper understanding of the importance of collaboration, innovation and best practices in the face of animal health challenges, and how they can be leveraged to drive progress in the industry.

Petkov Kiwi Farm Tour - October, 2023

A tour of Petkov Kiwi Productions farm was held this October. Registrants toured the kiwi vineyard and learned about the physiology of kiwis, their growth and care, and management considerations including pests and diseases. The tour included demonstrations of measuring sugar levels and of harvesting equipment, and an overview of processing and storage.

Cranberry Harvest Tour at Hopcott Farms - October, 2023

A tour of Hopcott Farms' cranberry bog was held in October. While we had one tour canceled due to frost risk to the cranberries, we successfully had a tour on October 21st. Visitors hopped aboard a hay wagon down to the bogs, where they were given an informative tour of the cranberry harvesting process.

Nerdy Networking at Brass Fish – November, 2023

This November the BCIA Vancouver Branch held an event catered to articling members and helping them develop their professional network and networking skills. Members socialized over appetizers and participated in a team-based game of jeopardy focused on contaminated sites practice areas and technical guidance. While the questions proved to be somewhat challenging for the audience, attendees did their best and hopefully learned some of the sources of various policies and practices that are part of their every-day work. Articling registrants that don't practice in contaminated sites got a window into the depth of technical expertise required in this



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industry. The reception was very positive for the interactive aspect of the night, and we hope to continue offering other similar events in the future.

Prepared by:

Dan D'Angelo, P.Ag., Patricia Hanuszak, P.Ag., P.Ag., and Jamie Townsend, T.Ag.



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2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

BCIA Vancouver Branch

Monthly MEETING - January 2024

January 10 2024 / 6:00 PM / virtual

Chair: Taisha

Secretary: Kathy

ATTENDEES:

Taisha, Kathy, Carson, Graham, Trish, Jamie, Yasemin

Regrets

Adrian, Dan, Lori, Kate, Natalie, Kelly

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

AAG introductions

- Marsela Wijaya

PAG oath

- NA

Articling requirement attendance

- Crystal Chan
- Dee Gorn
- Marsela Wijaya

Motion to start the Meeting

Motion: Kathy

Accept agenda for January 2023

Motion: Jamie

Second: Taisha

Accept meeting minutes from December 2023

Motion: Kathy

Second: Carson

Round table reports

Treasurer's report (Adrian):

Adrian not present, no official update

- Only expenses from xmas get together
- Upcoming expenses; AGM catering, honorarium for speaker

President's report (Taisha/Kathy):

No recent president's call

Registrant Member of the Board / Councilor's report (Warren/Yasemin):

- Conclusion of AGM and financial report upcoming
- Yasemin's position is up for election at next AGM
 - Applications in by end of February

Director's report (Trish, Dan, Lori, Jamie):

- Dan:
 - Not in attendance
- Jamie:
 - Nothing to report
- Trish:
 - Nothing to report
- Lori:
 - Not present
- Kate:
 - Not present

PD coordinator (Kelly):

- Not in attendance
 - Via Taisha; will prepare report for AGM though won't travel so looking for presenter; Carson will present

AAg coordinator's report (Graham):

Graham not present, ask for update via email

Student Rep (Natalie):

Natalie not present, ask for update via email

New Business

AGM

- Catering confirmed; Taisha will follow up before event
 - Drinks bought by Kathy and Trish
- Have venue room from 5-9:30
- Speaker confirmed; Wesley ____; Smoke taint and wine grapes
- Reports due by Jan 19 to get to Central; will send to branch prior to AGM
 - Kelly won't be in attendance - Carson will present
 - Graham won't be in attendance - Trish will present
- 2024 nominations
 - Articing; Graham
 - President; Kathy
 - PD; Carson
 - President elect; Carson (2nd)
 - Directors; Trish
 - Secretary; Taisha
 - Logistics
 - Ballots if raised hands don't work
 - Mentimeter backup as well
- Volunteers needed (Graham);
 - Sign in 1-2
 - Set up 2 min
 - Clean up 2 min
 - Election 2
- Supplies
 - Cooler (Kathy)
 - Nametags (Kathy)
 - Clipboard x2
- Mentimeter (Kathy)
 - Wordcloud
 - Ideas
 - Break
- Prizes (clarify with Yasemin)
 - BCIA swag
 - MEC gift cards x2
 - Starbucks gift card x2
- Aggie drinks
 - No official plans but will go to pub following AGM

Motion to adjourn meeting (Second not needed)

Motion: Kathy

NOTES:

ACTION ITEMS:

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- Taisha** to set up a Whatsapp chat for small items (rather than long email chains)

Monthly MEETING - December

05 December 2023 / 6:00 PM / Yaletown Brewing Company

Chair: Taisha

Secretary: Carson

ATTENDEES:

Taisha, Kathy, Carson, Trish, Adrian, Yasemin (non-voting), Warren (non-voting)

Regrets

Graham, Jamie, Natalie, Kate, Dan

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

AAG introductions

- NA

PAG oath

- NA

Articling requirement attendance

- NA

Motion to start the Meeting

Motion: NA

Accept agenda for October 2023

Motion: NA

Second: NA

Accept meeting minutes from September 2023

Motion: NA

Second: NA

Round table reports

This meeting is the holiday dinner. We discussed the following subject without following our regular meeting format

- AGM
 - Light refreshment instead of supper to reduce food waste. Using the same catering service as last year.
 - Speaker is locked in. Up to \$300 honorarium due to extra distance of traveling. Topic focuses on the impact of smoke taint on vine grapes.
- Budget
 - Sits at \$1400, with venue and catering of AGM covered.
- Vacancies and nomination of new executives.

New Business

- PAg is governed by the PGA which exempts us from protection of the employment standards. Trish will send Warren the reference of this article to follow up. What's the potential implication to the labour rights of BCIA registrants?

Motion to adjourn meeting (Second not needed)

Motion: NA

NOTES:

- Other potential PD ideas:
 - Hatchery Tour, revisit Noons Creek or there's also Mossom Crk/Capilano
 - SWANA event <https://swana.org/events>
 - Watershed snow shoeing
 - Ocean Spray Cranberry farm tour
 - Maybe in Fall when harvest happens
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 - Active Kelp - Aquaculture presentation
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 - Family event idea - Pumpkin Patch tour
 - Thinking out of the box, doesn't have to be technical or in-person
 - Mentor appreciation in November
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- Budget questions

- Annual event plan and budget stayed at high level when submitting to central, e.g. Month, type of event, and estimated cost
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Monthly MEETING - November

08 November 2023 / 6:00 PM / virtual

Chair: Taisha

Secretary: Kathy

ATTENDEES:

Taisha, Kathy, Dan, Trish, Jamie, Yasemin (non-voting)

Regrets

Warren, Graham, Carson, Adrian, Natalie, Kate

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

AAG introductions

- NA

PAG oath

- NA

Articling requirement attendance

- NA

Motion to start the Meeting

Motion: Jamie

Accept agenda for October 2023

Motion: Dan

Second: Taisha

Accept meeting minutes from September 2023

Motion: Dan

Second: Kathy

Round table reports

Treasurer's report (Adrian):

Adrian not present, ask for update via email

President's report (Taisha/Kathy):

Taisha/Kathy were not able to attend. Graham attended in place. Main update is new registrar Ryan O'Grady hired

Registrant Member of the Board / Councilor's report (Warren/Yasemin):

Financial audit should be completed by Nov 30, 2023, will be planning AGM after. Still searching for ED/CEO role. Next meeting Dec 1, then Feb in Abbotsford

Director's report (Trish, Dan, Lori, Jamie):

- Dan:
 - AAg event poster advertised, making trivia game, putting food order in, will reach out for suggestions for trivia questions
- Jamie:
 - Only one tour occurred due to irrigation issues and then frost. Host farm seemed excited to host, can potentially do again next year with more dates, sign up will need to let participants know dates will be provided later due to the seasonality of harvest
- Trish:
 - Received quote for food for PD event
 - Reached out with FV Branch about coordinating/contributing to networking part at end
 - Possible event at Locality Brewing, ice skating rink!
- Lori:
 - Not present
- Kate:
 - Not present

PD coordinator (Kelly):

- PD event
 - Poster sent out and registration is open

AAg coordinator's report (Graham):

Graham not present, ask for update via email

Student Rep (Natalie):

Natalie not present, ask for update via email

New Business

- AGM Planning - Feb 7th 5:30 - 9:30pm, Creekside Community Centre
 - Speaker Ideas
 - Land development and land shortage ALR
 - Wildfires/Air quality impacts to agriculture
 - This one seems to be the idea that piqued most interest from the group
 - Food sovereignty FN with climate change
- Holiday Dinner
 - Meet in-person
 - Taisha to send out to group whether Dec or Jan
 - Will determine location after date is decided

Motion to adjourn meeting (Second not needed)

Motion: Jamie

NOTES:

- Other potential PD ideas:
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Monthly MEETING - October

11 October 2023 / 6:00 PM / virtual

Chair: Kathy (in lieu of Taisha)

Secretary: Carson

ATTENDEES:

Kathy, Warren, Graham, Carson, Adrian, Dan

Regrets

Natalie, Taisha, Kate, Trish

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

AAG introductions

PAG oath

- Chad Choi

Articling requirement attendance

- Tommy O'Hanlon
- Tyler Prentice

Motion to start the Meeting

Motion: Graham

Accept agenda for October 2023

Motion: Adrain

Second: Carson

Accept meeting minutes from September 2023

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Second: Dan

Round table reports

Treasurer's report (Adrian):

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President's report (Taisha/Kathy):

Taisha will send out a report re: AGM venue booking
No update from Presidents' meeting

Registrant Member of the Board / Councilor's report (Warren):

Still recruiting CEO
Had a governors' training

Director's report (Trish, Dan, Lori, Jamie):

- Dan: Looking for a venue to host AAg networking. Possibly late November.
- Jamie: Cranberry tour sold out ½. Will get the attendance detail from central and pay the host. Coordinate with Jasmine for payment and post on social channels.
- Trish:
- Lori:
- Kate:

PD coordinator (Kelly):

- PD event discussion. Input needed.
 - Price:
 - All-day: PAg and AAg - \$40
 - All-day: Students - \$30
 - Cap at 80 first and open again based on the wait list
 - Speaker honorarium? \$300/person or host
 - Registration questions:
 - Will you attending the reception afterwards (last question) word it to promote the networking
 - Will you give consent to share your name and workplace with the tour host.
 - Ask central to send save-the-date?

AAg coordinator's report (Graham):

New registrants:

Graham will follow up after talking to central

Full status:

Student Rep (Natalie):

- Chatting with M.Sc. graduate coordinator at TRU to present BCIA to cohort - will reach out for resources if needed.
- Career week @ TRU is in February - will work toward setting up a booth of sorts for this.

New Business

- Kiwi event
- AGM Planning
 - Save the date is posted, Feb 7th
 - Taisha booked the venue, creekside community centre
 - Need speaker and topic ideas.
 - Catering aiming for 90 people, budgeting \$4000.

Motion to adjourn meeting (Second not needed)

Motion: Dan

NOTES:

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Monthly MEETING - September

13 September 2023 / 6:00 PM / virtual

Chair: Taisha

Secretary: Carson

ATTENDEES:

Carson, Graham, Taisha, Kathy, Adrian,

Regrets

- Graham Watson, Trish, Natalie, Jamie, Lori

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Do not have quorum

AAG introductions

NA

PAG oath

NA

Articling requirement attendance

Emily Koopmans (AAG sitting in)

Motion to start the Meeting

Motion:

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Motion:

Second:

Accept meeting minutes from August 2023

Motion:

Second:

Round table reports

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President's report (Taisha):

Next one is in October. Kathy may be able to step in for Taisha while she's on mat leave. Kathy will also chair the monthly meetings starting October. Kate Schendle will join the team again as a director. Need a vote on a monthly meeting. Reroute Taisha's email to personal account (Taisha.jm@gmail.com)

Registrant Member of the Board / Councilor's report (Warren):

Recruiting new CEO and registrar right now. Financial audits and reports are catching up. Governor's training in Nanaimo. Call out for volunteers to join various committees, e.g. governors, credential, etc. Financial audit is progressing.

- BCIA is currently evaluating candidates for Registrar. CEO position to be posted.
- Open spots for committees – For example: Credentials Committee. Ask your friends and coworkers!
- BC Board (formerly known as "Council") is doing governance training Sept 22 in Nanaimo.

Director's report (Trish, Dan, Lori, Jamie):

- Dan:
- Jamie:
- Trish:
- Lori:

PD coordinator (Kelly):

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AAg coordinator's report (Graham):

- 5 new articling registrants, 5 new full status
- Usual ask for volunteers; let me know if you need any!

New registrants:

- Nicola Jurinovic, AAg
- Joyce Leung, AAg
- Benjamin Russell, AAg

- Kirsten Thomson, AAg
- Jade Sherwood, AAg

Full status:

- Chad Choi, PAg
- Sarah Clements, PAg
- Carolina Costa-Giomi, PAg
- Bryan Driscoll, PAg
- Jayden Gross, TAG

Student Rep (Natalie):

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New Business

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Motion to adjourn meeting (Second not needed)

Motion: Kelly

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BCIA Vancouver Branch

Monthly MEETING - August

9 August 2023 / 6:00 PM / virtual

Chair: Taisha

Secretary: Carson

ATTENDEES:

Taisha, Warren, Carson, Graham, Trish, Jamie, Adrian, Jayden

Regrets

Natalie, Kelly, Lori, Dan, Yasemin, Erin

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

AAG introductions

NA

PAG oath

Jamie

Articling requirement attendance

Jayden Gross

Motion to start the Meeting

Motion: Graham

Accept agenda for August 2023

Motion: Lori

Second: Kelly

Accept meeting minutes from July 2023

Motion: Jamie

Second: Adrian

Round table reports

Treasurer's report (Adrian):

- Is the budget submitted to central?
- Central does reports quarterly and branch can request reports
- Taisha is communicating with central to clarify the process. Kelly suggested to call

President's report (Taisha):

- Presidents' meeting update (August 2nd) on departure of JP
- Terminated without cause. Interim CEO and registrar are appointed and posted.
- Recruitment is ongoing by a HR company and a committee
- Audit is in progress and will provide an update in a couple weeks.

Registrant Member of the Board / Councilor's report (Warren):

- Jane Korner as interim CEO
- Council meeting today
- Recruitment process is ongoing. HR consultant is onboard to shortlist the candidates and provide recommendations.
- Former councilors who went through the previous CEO recruiting process are providing insights

Director's report (Trish, Dan, Lori, Jamie):

- Dan: Britannia mine tour is not relevant anymore after the lab component was cancelled. Exploring other ideas.
- Jamie:
 - In contact with a cranberry farm for a tour on October 9.
 - Two tours, 25 people each.
 - Post before mid September.
- Trish: local hatcheries are contacted. Waiting for an update.
- Lori:
 - Honey bee farm tour September of next spring
 - trivia nights in fall

PD coordinator (Kelly):

- Reached out to the FV branch for ideas, no reply yet.
- November at SFU Surrey Campus
- Ideas: agritech, data management, AI, vertical farming

AAg coordinator's report (Graham):

New registrants:

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Full status:

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Student Rep (Natalie):

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New Business

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BCIA Vancouver Branch

Monthly MEETING - July

18 July 2023 / 6:00 PM / in-person

Chair: Taisha

Secretary: Carson

ATTENDEES:

Taisha, Carson, Graham, Trish, Jamie, Adrian, Yasemin, Lori

Regrets

Natalie, Kelly, Dan, Kathy, Natalie, Warren

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

AAG introductions

NA

PAG oath

NA

Articling requirement attendance

Motion to start the Meeting

Motion: Graham

Accept agenda for June 2023

Motion: Taisha

Second: Jamie

Accept meeting minutes from May 2023

Motion: Graham

Second: Taisha

Round table reports

Treasurer's report (Adrian):

- NA

President's report (Taisha):

- NA

Registrant Member of the Board / Councilor's report (Yasemin):

- Central is hiring a registrar

Director's report (Trish, Dan, Lori, Jamie):

- Honey bee farm in Surrey. Lori is looking into it.
- Due to change of itinerary, the Britannia mine tour is no longer viable.

PD coordinator (Kelly):

- NA

AAg coordinator's report (Graham):

- NA

Student Rep (Natalie):

- NA

New Business

- Maybe hosting another trivia night in early December
 - Compete in teams, less questions about contamination site, and pay for a trivia game platform
- Carson will coordinate with Kelly for Agritech themed PD event

Motion to adjourn meeting (Second not needed)

Motion: Trish

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BCIA Vancouver Branch

Monthly MEETING - June

14 June 2023 / 6:00 PM / virtual

Chair: Taisha

Secretary: Carson

ATTENDEES:

Taisha, Warren, Carson, Graham, Dan, Trish, Erin, Jamie, Adrian

Regrets

Natalie, Kelly, Lori

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

AAG introductions

- Erin Jankovich
- Andre Antonio
- Amy Blakeman

PAG oath

NA

Articling requirement attendance

Motion to start the Meeting

Motion: Graham

Accept agenda for June 2023

Motion: Taisha

Second: Jamie

Accept meeting minutes from May 2023

Motion: Graham

Second: Taisha

Round table reports

Treasurer's report (Adrian):

- Will follow up with central (Tess) for an estimate of the next project
- Will fill in the opening budget and end budget of June.

President's report (Taisha):

- President call happened on May 23.

Registrant Member of the Board / Councilor's report (Warren):

- Certified financial audit incomplete. Looking into a different firm to complete and submit a report.
- Recent change of status and regulation made the audit more complicated.
- Currently violating the bylaw. Communication with OSPG has been done.
- Audited financial statement is estimated to be given in late summer and early fall.

Director's report (Trish, Dan, Lori, Jamie):

- Dan: Britannia mine tour update
 - Extra feature is being added to the tour to make it interesting
 - Contacted a PM from ministry of environment to give a talk
 - Need to decide whether the event is interesting enough now to attract audience
 - Dan will finalize the plan and send out an email including numbers, poster, and date
- Jamie: Ocean Spray farm tour
 - Riverside cranberry farm in Lanley
 - Late September and October
- Trish: fish hatchery in fall (August or September)

PD coordinator (Kelly):

- Reached out to the FV branch for ideas, no reply yet.
- November as usual or a different month?
- Ideas: agritech, data management, AI, vertical farming

AAg coordinator's report (Graham):

- 6 new registrants
- 4 ATAg, 2 AAg, and 2 PAg

Student Rep (Natalie):

- NA

New Business

- Plan for one of the summer meetings to be in-person
- **Action: Taisha** to look at locations
- **Action: Taisha** to do a doodle poll - July, Tues or Weds or Thurs

Motion to adjourn meeting (Second not needed)

Motion: Trish

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BCIA Vancouver Branch

Monthly MEETING - May

10 May 2023 / 6:00 PM / virtual

Chair: Taisha

Secretary: Kathy

ATTENDEES:

Taisha, Kathy, Graham, Trish, Dan, Warren

Regrets

Carson, Jamie, Adrian, Natalie, Kelly, Lori

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

AAG introductions

- Erin Jankovich ?
- Ghazal Arefi
- Heidi Lundstrum

PAG oath

- Skylar Kylstra

Articling requirement attendance

- Ghazal Arefi
- Heidi Lundstrum

Motion to start the Meeting

Motion: Trish

Accept agenda for May 2023

Motion: Graham

Second: Trish

Accept meeting minutes from March 2023

Motion: Trish

Second: Taisha

Accept meeting minutes from April 2023

Motion: Dan

Second: Graham

Round table reports

Treasurer's report (Adrian):

- Adrian not present, no update

President's report (Taisha):

- **Action: Taisha** to send reminder that if exec member is not attending meeting, to send a written update if possible
- **Action: Taisha** to ask about onboarding package from Central
- No president's meeting yet, no update

Registrant Member of the Board / Councilor's report (Warren or Yasemin):

- BCIA conference and AGM (April 22) was in Kamloops,
- Next year the Conference will be with the Land Summit in Nanaimo.
- Excited to report that we 100% of unexempted registrants have completed their level one indigenous training
- Next step is to search for people working in reserved practice and encourage them to apply and achieve their Ag status

Director's report (Trish, Dan, Lori, Jamie):

- Taisha - (Lunch and Learn) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) – Canada's Experiences in a World-Wide Context, May 29
- Honorarium set as \$200 for 1 hour presentation, can change to charitable donation is speaker can't accept
- Dan - (Field Tour) Britannia Mine Tour - Tentatively June 17 or 24

- \$45 per person guided tour
- Includes entry for attendees to self-explore the attraction after the tour
- Option to organize transportation (ie. bus)
- **Action: Dan** to look into potential contacts to speak on the technical side of the remediation work.
- **Action: Dan** to make poster, include pricing
- Trish - (in-person event) Hatchery tour - Fall
- Options: Noons Creek, Mossom Creek
- **Action: Trish** to look for contacts
- Fall/Winter Trivia night event
- Last year's was very well received, should do again in 2023

PD coordinator (Kelly):

- Kelly not present, no update

AAG coordinator's report (Graham):

- AAGs always looking for volunteer opportunities - let Graham know when volunteers need for events

Student Rep (Natalie):

- No updates

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BCIA Vancouver Branch

Monthly MEETING - April

12 April 2023 / 6:00 PM / virtual

Chair: Kathy

Secretary: Carson

ATTENDEES:

Graham Watson, Kathy Ma, Adrian On, Carson Li, Dan D'Angelo, Natalie Atherton, Kelly-Ann Moore, Jamie Townsend, Lori Larsen

Regrets

Taisha Mitchell, Warren Mills, Yasemin Parkinson, Trish Hanuszak

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

AAG introductions

Sianna Kennedy, Danielle Franciscus, Alia Reeves, and Katelyn, Laura Bryce, Amber Ni, Chad Choi, and Drew Bondar, Natalie Atherton, Alyssa Johnston, Katelyn Ocampo, Sarah Clements

PAG oath

Drew Bondar

Accept to start the Meeting minutes

Motion: Graham

Accept agenda for April 2023

Motion: Adrian

Second: Kelly

Adopt meeting minutes from February 2023

Tabled – Need February minutes from Carson

Didn't have a branch meeting in February because of the AGM was in February

Motion: NA

Second: NA

Adopt meeting minutes from March 2023

Motion: Adrian

Second: Graham

Round table reports

Treasurer's report

- No update
- Met with central to familiarize the process for expense

President's report

- Taisha is away
- No presidents' call yet.
- Working on a lunch and learn webinar with Director of food safety and animal health, and chicken farmers of Canada
- Maybe able to host a virtual "barn tour" with BC Egg (TBD)

Director's report:

- Lori and Dan: no updates yet. First time joining the meeting.
 - Will brainstorm ideas
 - Also need to learn more about the role of director
- Trish: absent
- Jamie:
 - Rabbit River Farms poultry tour cancelled due to avian flu outbreak.
 - Next to reach out is Ocean Spray to find out whether they are hosting tours now. Kelly to forward contact if people are interested. Option of opening to family groups is up for discussion with central.

PD coordinator:

- Will reach out to FV branch to ID the PD coordinator
- Vancouver hosts this year. \$1000 will be budgeted
- Might host the event earlier, e.g. September

Councilor's report (Warren or Yasemin):

- 2023 BCIA Conference and AGM in Kamloops April 20 - 22
 - AGM is April 22 in person at Kamloops and online
 - There will be an Ethics for Professionals Workshop in Kamloops April 20
 - There will be an Indigenous Peoples Cultural Awareness Training Level 1 Course in Kamloops April 20
- Reminder of Branch resources on the BCIA website Registrant Resources | BC Institute of Agrologists (bcia.com)
- Branch Registrants and Executive can view the listing of resources available under the Registrant Resources.
- These include information on:
 - Branch Executive roles
 - Branch budgets and financial reports
 - Branch operating procedures
 - Branch AGM Resources
 - Branch Meeting Request Form
 - Branch Meeting Calendar
- If not already prepared and submitted, Vancouver Branch should submit the 2023 Budget
- Head office has a new PD Coordinator starting next week
- The process for reviewing and updating the current Strategic plan has begun
- BCIA is in process of developing the Level 2 Indigenous Awareness Training program
- The Board is reviewing committee member reappointments and term limits to reflect the start of the PGA
- BCIA Chair and the CEO/Registrar attended the AAC (Agrologists Agronomes Canada) meeting in March where a Task Force report on collaboration among agrology regulators was discussed but no decision was made

AAG coordinator's report

- 2 new atag
- 1 new aag
- 2 new pags

Student Rep

- No updates

New Business

Motion to adjourn meeting (Second not needed)

Kelly

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BCIA Vancouver Branch

Monthly MEETING - March

08 March 2023 / 6:00 PM / virtual

Chair: Taisha

Secretary: Kathy

ATTENDEES:

Taisha Mitchell, Kathy Ma, Jamie Townsend, Adrian On, Trish Hanuszak

Regrets

Graham Watson, Kelly-Ann Moore, Carson Li, Lori Larsen, Warren Mills, Yasemin Parkinson, Natalie Atherton

AGENDA

Confirm Quorum (5 voting members)

Yes

Accept to start the Meeting

Motion: Jamie

Accept agenda for March 2023

Motion: Taisha

Second: Kathy

Adopt meeting minutes from February 2023

Tabled - Need February minutes from Carson

Motion: NA

Second: NA

Round table reports

Treasurer's report

- Nothing to report

President's report

- Nothing to report, no President's meeting yet
- Karey Dow had nominated someone for Treasurer's role, but this was missed during AGM, asked if we should considered fitting them in as a Director as there is no cap to Director numbers
 - Support by all present
 - Taisha to include them for next meeting

Director's report:

- Jamie reached out to Rabbit River Farms for tour for April/Easter
 - Once details are ready, will reach out to Central for advertisement
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- Can consider have some small evening/after-work events, or multi-session workshops (ie. Project management)
- Previous PD Event suggestion list (2020) shared via email

PD coordinator:

- Nothing to report - Kelly not present

Councilor's report (Warren or Yasemin):

- Nothing to report - Warren/Yasemin not present

AAg coordinator's report

- No updates

Student Rep

- Nothing to report - Natalie not present

New Business

- New executive team for 2023

President: Taisha Mitchell

President Elect: Kathy Ma
Articling Coordinator: Graham Watson
PD Coordinator: Kelly-Ann Moore
Secretary: Carson Li
Treasurer: Adrian On
Director: Jamie Townsend
Director: Trish Hanuszak
Director: Lori Larsen
Student Rep: *Vacant*
Councillor: Yasemin Parkinson
Councillor: Warren Mills
Councillor: Kirk Phair (Van Island) – not included in this correspondence

- Housekeeping items:
- Question from Adrian about expenses that he's already received, Taisha to send out instructions for expenses and reimbursements, as well as BCIA Central's main contact person for any questions
- Would be nice to have a shared folder for all the meeting items. Taisha to ask Carson about having a google drive folder for each meeting minutes and other documents that get shared
- Rather than long email chains, suggested using Whatsapp for quick discussions. Support from all present. Taisha to set up a Whatsapp chat for small items
- New meeting time: Second Wednesday of every month?
- Keep current schedule for now as placeholder, adjust as needed
- Potentially have an in-person meeting in May
 - Taisha to look into in-person meeting spaces, Adrian suggested Triton office as a potential option
- Brainstorm for 2023 joint PD event
- 2023 is Vancouver branch's turn to host the joint PD event with FV branch again
- Think of PD event ideas for the next meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting (Second not needed)

Motion: Trish

NOTES:

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