

## British Columbia Institute of Agrologists Cariboo Central Interior Branch AGM Minutes



Date: October 14, 2020 9am – 12pm

Location: <https://bcia.adobeconnect.com/branchagm/event/login.html>

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Recognition of Traditional Territories
    - i. Lheidli T'enneh
2. Housekeeping items.
3. Review & acceptance of agenda and addition of items.
  - a. Barb Oke made motion to accept agenda, Serena Black seconded motion.
    - i. Voted – 100% accepted, motion carried.
4. Review of minutes from October 24, 2019 CCI Branch AGM.
  - a. Barb Oke made motion to accept minutes, George Powell seconded motion.
    - i. Voted – 93% accepted, motion carried.
5. CCI Branch President's Report: Barb Oke.
6. Articling Coordinator's Report: Kevin Vaughan.
  - a. Question from Serena Black: would participating in a BCIA working group count for the A.Ag. volunteer component.
    - i. Rebecca Martin – yes.
  - b. Question from Timothy Philpott: will volunteering with another organization count towards A.Ag. volunteer hours component?
    - i. Rebecca Martin – looking at changing BCIA policy to allow this. Will talk more about later.
7. Treasurer's Report: Ibukun Olasanmi.
  - a. Reviewed 2019 report first.
  - b. Account balance as of September 30, 2020 = \$8,318.08
  - c. Covid-19 impact on expenses.
  - d. Expenses before end of year:
    - i. Adobe Connect \$500.
    - ii. Webinar presenters \$150 divided across branches.
8. Branch PD Coordinator's Report: Adriana Almeida-Rodriguez.
  - a. Question from Maureen Bilawchuk: I had understood FN training was to going to be mandatory. In the Victoria Island Branch - they are subsidizing the cost of the training. Is that contemplated at other branches?
    - i. Barb Oke – BCIA and branch working on this. Been trying to plan events.
  - b. Question from Nicole Pressey: Do you know whether previous indigenous training or experience will be considered for the Indigenous training?

- i. Bonnie Keleher: Yes. Previous training as of 2019, as long as it has a certificate and fulfills the foundational requirement
  - c. Question from Timothy Philpott: Adding to the pile. There have been events organized locally here in WL and it is unclear if they count toward the articling program. This was range 101 - but there was no registration on the website for this event.
    - i. Yes, it counts since it was organized by CCI. Now available online too.
- 9. Council's Report: Rebecca Martin
  - a. February council elections and changes.
  - b. New legislation mandates council positions.
    - i. 7 voting "registrant councilors" plus the immediate past president which will be a non-voting position.
    - ii. 3 voting "lay councilors" of which at least one must always be present at any meeting of council.
  - c. Five legislated committees outlined in the PGA will also require at least one Lay Committee Member present to hold a meeting
    - i. This was slated to come into effect on November 16, 2020 but the exact date of this is now unknown.
    - ii. Major issue as to date we have only found one lay committee member and our goal (dream) is to have 15 in place.
  - d. BCIA drafter new bylaws that have been submitted to the office of professional governance.
    - i. Incorporate many of the concepts and terminology of the new legislation while blending with the still active provisions of the Agrologists Act.
  - e. These bylaws were also provided to all registrants for an opportunity to provide comments and are also available under registrant resources
    - i. Deadline is October 15 at 5pm. Please email all comments or suggestions to JP.
  - f. In March 2020, the BCIA rolled out the new Technologists in Agrology designation.
  - g. Currently we have 12 ATag and 5 PTag elevated through the expedited program.
  - h. Council approved the Branch Budget and Expenditure Guidelines available on the website.
  - i. Internal policy documents are being amended to reflect PGA.
  - j. Terms of Reference for committees and working groups have been amended to ensure they are inline with the PGA.
  - k. Council approved the Compliance and Enforcement Matrix, a key document on the PD audit program.
  - l. Indigenous Training Programs
    - i. In preparation for the requirements of all BCIA registrants to complete Cultural Perspective Training, an approved list of webinar-based courses is available on our website. This list is evolving based on feedback.
  - m. The 2020 budget was not progressed originally forecasted due to Covid.
  - n. Revenue categories are all on track with previous year.
    - i. We continue to see growth of registrants of ~5%.

- ii. Expenses associated with travel and group sizes had to be cancelled.
- iii. Overall result a budget surplus is projected; council will review this in November.
- o. The 2021 AGM will also be held as a virtual event.
- p. The 2022 AGM will be held in conjunction with the ASTTBC in Kelowna.
- q. BCIA professional audit 2020.
- r. Council Committees
  - i. Reminder that BCIA awards 2 \$1500 scholarships annually. Deadline extended to October 30, 2020.
  - ii. Questions from Katie Galliazzo: Can RTAgS volunteer too?
    - 1. Rebecca Martin - Yes. Look at Terms of Reference.
  - iii. Emma Swabey: Rebecca you mention that the bylaws will be updated. Is volunteer experience as a layperson able to be counted towards PD opportunities this year?
    - 1. Rebecca Martin – if you are a lay committee member from the beginner of the year you can include as serving on a committee.

#### 10. Overview of branch executive positions - Rebecca Martin.

#### 11. Elections:

- a. Vice President
  - i. Nomination: Marc Schuffert
    - 1. By acclimation, Marc is the 2020/2021 BCIA CCI Branch Vice President.
- b. Secretary
  - i. Nomination(s) from floor: Nicole Pressey.
    - 1. By acclimation, Nicole is the 2020/2021 BCIA CCI Branch Secretary.
- c. Treasurer
  - i. Nomination(s) from the floor: Caroline Feischl.
    - 1. By acclimation, Caroline is the 2020/2021 BCIA CCI Branch Treasurer.
- d. Articling Coordinator
  - i. Nomination: Kevin Vaughan.
    - 1. By acclimation, Kevin is the 2020/2021 BCIA CCI Branch Articling Coordinator.
- e. Branch PD Coordinator
  - i. Nomination: Adriana Almeida-Rodriguez.
    - 1. By acclimation, Adriana is the 2020/2021 BCIA CCI Branch PD Coordinator.
- f. Director South
  - i. Nomination: Kassia James.
    - 1. By acclimation, Kassia is the 2020/2021 BCIA CCI Branch Director South.
- g. Director West
  - i. Nomination: William Elliott.

1. By acclimation, William is the 2020/2021 BCIA CCI Branch Director West.
- h. Director Central
  - i. Tim willing to let name stand.
    1. By acclimation, Tim is the 2020/2021 BCIA CCI Branch Director Central.
  - i. Motion to accept the executive positions as elected or acclaimed for the CCI Branch 2020/2021 operating period by Barb Oke, seconded by Martin Sills.
    - i. Motion carried with 98% of vote.
12. New Growth Agrologist of the Year
  - a. Alex Bevington.
13. Innovative Agrologist Award
  - a. No nominations put forward.
14. 25 Year Recognition
  - a. Sandra Sulyma
  - b. Wendy Siemens
15. Plaque Presentations & Oath
  - a. Oath: Ashley Tod
  - b. Oath: Steven Pasichnuk
  - c. Oath: Daphne Hall
  - d. Oath: Cedar Welsh
  - e. Oath: Alissa Nyheim-Rivet
  - f. New P.Ag.: Katie Galliazzo
  - g. New P.Ag.: Rebecca Gayowski
  - h. New P.Ag.: Julie Coleman
  - i. New P.Ag.: Kevin Vaughan
  - j. New RTAg.: Jim D'Andrea
16. Articling Agrologist Oral Presentations
  - a. Jordan Pawluk
  - b. Jeff Fooks
  - c. Ashton Poier
  - d. Louella Pacaide
  - e. Megan Spooner
  - f. Caroline Feischl
  - g. Rachael Freschi
17. Adjournment.
  - a. Motion to adjourn the 2020 BCIA CCI Branch Annual General Meeting by Barb Oke, seconded by Martin Sills.
    - i. Motion carried with 100% of vote.

**Reminders:**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 PD Session** - Register on the BCIA Website

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