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1. Notice Regarding the BCIA President-Elect Position

* One of the two candidates running for the office of BCIA President-Elect withdrew from the election process before the polls closed, thus leaving only one candidate eligible for the position. As required by BCIA Bylaw 62(b), council has now declared the remaining candidate, Julie Robinson P.Ag., elected by acclamation. Julie will assume the duties of the position of President-Elect immediately following the BCIA Annual General Meeting in May.

2. 2015 Audited Financial Statements/2016 BCIA Budget

* The 2015 Audited Financial Statements and the 2016 Approved BCIA Budget have now been posted to the BCIA website behind the member log-in under 'Member Resources' > Members. There will be a motion to accept the 2015 Audited Financial statements at the AGM in May.

3. BCIA AGM & Conference in Prince George

* Be sure to register for the BCIA AGM and Conference being held in Prince George at the Coast Inn of the North May 11-13, 2016. The early bird pricing ends on April 15th so register now to save \$50 on the full conference package.

With a theme of 'Resource Management in BC: Designing the New Paradigm' the CCI Branch organizing committee will provide a reception and entertainment at the Two Rivers Art Gallery, informative PD sessions, an awards banquet dinner, interesting PD field tours, and of course... great networking!

* The BCIA Ethics Workshop and an Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Workshop will be held concurrently. They will be provided as post-conference all day workshops on Saturday, May 14th. The A.Ag. workshop - The Profession of Agrology will be held Thursday, May 12th in the morning and the BCIA Annual General Meeting will be held Friday, May 13th in the morning.

****Registration and details for the BCIA Conference & AGM plus BCIA Ethics and A.Ag. Workshops is available now – check www.bcia.com/conference**

****Book your hotel room at the Coast Inn of the North by April 11th to secure a special group rate – mention 'BCIA' when booking.**

4. 2017 Conference & AGM Location

*It has been confirmed that the Fraser Valley Branch will be hosting the BCIA Conference & AGM at the Ramada Plaza Abbotsford Hotel & Conference Center in May 10-13, 2017; dates are to be confirmed yet.

5. Kamloops Branch Activities

*PD Event: Mentor Appreciation Night and P.Ag/A.Ag Mix n' Mingle on Tuesday, April 12th starting at 6:00pm with tours at 6:30pm and 7:00pm located at The Noble Pig Brewhouse , 650 Victoria Street in Kamloops. No charge. This is a great opportunity to network and meet others in your branch!

Full details and online registration for this event is on the BCIA website at www.bcia.com
>Branches> Kamloops Branch

6. Fraser Valley Branch Activities

*PD Event: 'Water Sustainability Act and Groundwater Licensing' on April 14th from 7:00pm – 8:30pm KPU, Langley Campus at 20901 Langley Bypass, Langley - Meeting Room 1030. No charge for BCIA members; \$10 for guests. Come learn about groundwater resources and water licensing in the Fraser Valley with Ross Kreye, P.Ag and Remko Rosenboom, A.Ag from Water Management, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations in Surrey. Groundwater licensing is new territory for everyone and Ross and Remko are looking forward to sharing aspects of the new Water Sustainability Act with you and hearing your questions and perspectives.

Full details and online registration for this event is on the BCIA website at www.bcia.com
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*Save the Date: Fruit Winery and Farms Tour on Saturday, June 4th. More details will follow.

7. Website Additions

*The following are what's been added to the BCIA website recently. Go to the BCIA home page then follow the prompts below and take a look/read.

Under www.bcia.com > Branches

**Kamloops: Branch Quarterly Newsletter

Under www.bcia.com > Behind Member Log-in > Member Resources > Members

**2015 Audited Financial Statements and 2016 Approved BCIA Budget

**Climate Change and Professional Development Responsibilities of Agrologists in BC - A Guidance Document for Members

**Module 2 – Governance of Professional Conduct – presenter Angela Westmacott, QC

**QGIS Training Materials, from recent PR Branch workshops, available for download

8. New Professional Development Sessions/Conferences by Different Organizations posted on the BCIA events page

*National Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Ottawa, April 12-14th

*AIC 2016 Conference in Ottawa, April 13-14th

- * British Columbia's Spill Response Regime Engagement Workshop in Richmond, April 20-21st
- * Coastal Invasive Species Committee 11th AGM in Nanaimo, April 21st
- * Cultivating Mediterranean Truffles in BC with Shannon Berch, P.Ag. in Victoria, April 22nd
- * College of Applied Biology Conference & AGM in Vancouver, April 22nd
- * Statistics Refresher for Biologists: in "R" software and Introduction to "R" software, April 25-28th
- * Fish Identification Course by CMI of Applied Ecology in Castlegar, May 10-11th
- * Identification of Native Grassland Plants by CMI of Applied Ecology in Invermere, May 24-25th
- * Bettering Environmental Stewardship & Technology Conference in Whistler, May 25-27th

For more details any of the above events, go to www.bcia.com >Events

9. Job Postings

- * Plant Health Manager * Ministry of Agriculture * Abbotsford. Closing Date: April 14th
- * Call for Expression of Interest: Agrologist - Field Surveyor (4 positions/locations available) * Agricultural Land Use Inventory with RDCK. Closing Date: May 1st

For more details on the above job postings go to www.bcia.com >Employment>Job Postings

10. For Your Interest

* The Government of BC is just going through the Budget Estimates debate process. This is where each Minister presents his budget and provides an opportunity for the opposition to ask questions before the budget is voted on. The Minister of Agriculture, Norm Letnick, presented his budget and he was able to highlight the profession of Agrology and the P.Ag. designation. To read more click on the link: <https://www.bcia.com/news/highlighting-profession-agrology-and-pag-designation>

11. Member Highlight

* Duncan Barnett, P.Ag., 150 Mile House rancher and BC Agriculture Council Director, was honored with the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award to recognize his nearly two decades of volunteer contributions, which have changed the approach and thinking on invasive species management within BC. Created in 1995, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award recognizes living Canadians and permanent residents who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contribution to their community, in Canada or abroad. On behalf of BCIA, congratulations Duncan on this fine achievement!

If you have anything you would like posted to the web and included in the email update, or have any questions please let us know.

Thank you!