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1. DUES 2016

* If you have not paid your 2016 membership dues yet, you have until *February 15, 2016* to pay without penalty. Dues unpaid as of April 1, 2016 will result in removal from the register. You may pay your dues online at www.bcia.com >Member Log-in >Icon top right >Invoices. Remember you must report your 2015 PD activities and 2015 area(s) of practice prior to paying your dues.

You will need to set a new password the first time you login as a member on the new website.

Just click on Log-In at www.bcia.com > Request New Password > enter the preferred email address we have on file for you and the system will email you a link to reset your password.

Please ensure we have your current contact information.

Once logged in we recommend that members check their contact information (phone numbers, physical and email addresses) to ensure the information we have on file is correct. We have found for some members outdated information was held in the transfer to the new database/website.

**If you have not received your invoice as of yet, please let the office know.

***On the BCIA website behind the member log-in, members have the option to set certain personal information as viewable to the general public and/or to other BCIA members. We urge you to allow as much information as possible to be released as it may be the only way that another BCIA member can find you or, if you are in the business of providing services to the general public or other businesses, they will need to be able to contact you. If you have any questions or need assistance to set your information as viewable, or to log-in contact the BCIA office.*

For additional information on navigating the Members Area, go to www.bcia.com Members >Navigating the Members Area.

Have any questions? Contact Bonnie at admin@bcia.com or 250-380-9292.

2. Notice of Election for BCIA President-Elect

* An email was sent out to the entire membership on Wednesday, February 3rd regarding the upcoming election for BCIA President-Elect for 2016 – we urge you to read the details in that email and take note of the key dates. Two valid nominations were received by December 31, 2015. The names of the two members nominated for the position are: Hally Hofmeyr, P.Ag. and Julie Robinson, P.Ag. Election details are also posted to the BCIA website at www.bcia.com > 'News'.

All members in good standing, with the exception of student members, non-practicing and honorary agrologists, shall be eligible to vote. Ballots will be sent by email or regular mail. If you would like your ballot mailed to you please email p.ag@bcia.com before February 14, 2016. Questions can be directed to the returning officer Robert Moody, P.Ag., BCIA Executive Director/Registrar at p.ag@bcia.com .

3.Call for Resolutions for the BCIA AGM, May 13, 2016

* At the December 2014 Council meeting two motions were passed to amend BCIA Bylaws 51 & 52 with regard to resolutions at institute meetings. With these amendments, it is now required that all resolutions be received by February 28th prior to the AGM in the year of the AGM. If you have any resolutions for consideration, please submit by February 28, 2016 to Robert Moody, P.Ag., BCIA ED/Registrar at p.ag@bcia.com

4.BCIA AGM & Conference in Prince George

* Save the Dates – May 11-13, 2016 for the BCIA AGM and Conference being held in Prince George at the Coast Inn of the North. With a theme of 'Designing the New Paradigm: Resource Management in BC' the CCI Branch organizing committee will provide a reception and entertainment at the Two Rivers Art Gallery, informative PD sessions, an awards banquet, 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.

Additional details and registration for the AGM and Conference will be available by early March.

5.Professional Liabilities Course – Module 2

* Module 2 of the Professional Liabilities Course, 'Governance of Professional Conduct - An Overview' is now uploaded to the BCIA website behind the member log-in. This 60 minute webinar, developed and presented by Angela Westmacott, QC specifically for BCIA members, is a valuable resource for members.

* Module 1 'Professional Negligence and Regulatory Offences' is also available as a resource for members and it a mandatory course for A.Ag.'s accepted after March 1, 2015 as part of their A.Ag. program.

To access either of these modules, log-in as a member to your profile then in the top right icon pull down menu, click on 'Secure Documents'>Member Resources.

6.Peace River Branch Activities

* PD Event: Friday, March 4th 2:00pm – 4:00pm GIS Workshop Part 2 with Blackbird Environmental at the Pomeroy Sports Centre in Fort St John (main floor conference room). You must have already taken the Part 1 GIS Workshop on January 15th. Bring your laptop, tablet or

mobile device. Matthias Loeseken, P.Ag. with Blackbird Environmental will be teaching this follow up session on GIS. No charge for the event. Please register online through the BCIA website.

Full details and registration for this event is on the BCIA website at www.bcia.com
>Branches>Peace River

7. Vancouver Branch Activities

* Branch AGM: February 11th at the SFU Harbour Centre Downtown Room #1400 - 1410 Segal Centre, 515 West Hastings Street from 5:30 – 9:30pm. Networking & pre-AGM event: 5:30 - 7:15 pm; AGM: 7:30- 9:30 pm.

Pre - AGM Speaker is Elizabeth May, an environmentalist, writer, activist, lawyer, leader of the Green Party of Canada, and a Member of Parliament

Cost for Pre AGM speaker event: \$20 A.Ags, P.Ags, retired members; \$5 student members; \$25 non-members. AGM only is no charge.

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

8. 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 > News

**Province seeks input from British Columbians for the next Climate Leadership Plan

**Fraser Valley Branch Member PD Survey

**Amendment to the Integrated Pest Management Regulation, Ministry of Environment

**Update on SWBC Bioregional Food System Design by KPU

Under www.bcia.com > Resources > PD Resources (#8)

**Youtube video: A documentary exploring the role of science, sustainability and food safety in modern agriculture, encouraging farmers to stand up for their right to farm

Under www.bcia.com > Behind Member Log-in > Secure Docs > Members (for webinars and resources to BCIA members only)

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

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

*Annual Workshop – Foreshore Projects and Considerations in Emergency & Spill Response by EMA of BC in Vancouver, Feb 18th

*"Pollinators and Farming in the Okanagan" hosted by Pacific Agri-Research Station in Summerland, Feb 18th

*The Way Forward: Envisioning Treaty Rights in Modern Resource Management in Camrose, AB, Feb 19th

*Environmental and Social Assessment Forum by CMI in Cranbrook, Feb 23 & 24th

*Terrestrial TRIAD in Ecological Risk Assessment – Mt. Polley Mine Tailings Dam Breach hosted by GeoEnviro Training Professionals in Vancouver, Feb 23rd *BCIA members will receive an additional

10% discount - enter the code **BCIA2016** when you register.

- * ABCFP's Pre Conference Workshop - City of Surrey Urban Forestry Tour, Feb 24th
- * ABCFP's Pre Conference Workshop - Elevate Your Social Media Efforts in Vancouver, Feb 24th
- * PLANNING & AGRICULTURE - STRENGTHENING FARMING Webinar hosted by PIBC, Feb 25th
- * Climate Change in the North Columbia Mountains in Revelstoke, March 11th
- * Introductory Bird Monitoring and Banding Workshop by Rocky Point Bird Observatory in Victoria, March 25-27th
- * CMIAE Conference: Predator-Prey Dynamics - From Theory to Management in Revelstoke, April 4 by GeoEnviro Training Professionals
- * National Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Ottawa, April 12-14th
- * AIC 2016 Conference in Ottawa, April 13-14th

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

10. Job Postings

- * Licensed Section Head, Surface Water * Ministry of Forests, Lands and NRO * Surrey. Closing Date: February 11th
- * Environmental Scientist and Team Lead (BC) - SYLVIS. Closing date: February 15th
- * Licensed Authorizations Officer - Water * Ministry of Forests, Lands & NRO * Merritt. Closing Date: February 18th
- * Qualified Contractors - Production Insurance program * Ministry of Agriculture. Closing Date: February 24th

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

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!