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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](http://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](http://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 We have found for some members outdated information was held in the transfer to the new database/website.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](http://www.bcia.com) Members >Navigating the Members Area.

Have any questions? Contact Bonnie at [admin@bcia.com](mailto:admin@bcia.com) or 250-380-9292.

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## **2. 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Registrar at [p.ag@bcia.com](mailto:p.ag@bcia.com)

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### **3. 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 Northern Lights Winery, 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 14<sup>th</sup>. The A.Ag. workshop - The Profession of Agrology will be held Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in the morning and the BCIA Annual General Meeting will be held Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

More details for the AGM and Conference will be available soon.

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### **4. Professional Liabilities Course – Module 2**

\* Module 2 of the Professional Liabilities Course, 'Governance and 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.*

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### **5. Peace River Branch Activities**

\* Branch AGM: Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 4:15pm at the Super 8 Hotel in Dawson Creek and includes lunch, an Area Based Analysis (FLNRO and OGC) presentation then a GIS 101 workshop (bring your laptop, tablet or mobile device). Matthias Loeseken, P.Ag. with Blackbird Environmental will be teaching this introductory session on GIS. Cost for the full day event is \$30.00. AGM only is no charge.

*Full details and registration for this event is on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com)  
>Branches>Peace River*

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### **6. Fraser Valley Branch Activities**

\* Branch AGM: Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> with a 6:00pm start time at the Tradex Exhibition Centre, 1190 Cornell Street in Abbotsford in the upstairs loft. There will be a dinner, two 4H speakers included with the AGM as well as the presentation of P.Ag. certificates. \$10 for members, \$25 for guests. AGM only is no charge.

Full details and registration for this event is on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com)  
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## **7. Okanagan Branch Activities**

\*Branch PD Event: Brown Bag Lunch Tour on Wednesday, January 20th 12:00pm – 1:30pm at Duteau Water Treatment Plant in Lavington. The Duteau water treatment plant supplies water to the Vernon District. At this time of year the pumping facility is at low water. The low water conditions allow the viewer to see all the way down into the pumping reservoirs to see the mechanical detail. This type of perspective is rather unique, providing a different perspective to the water treatment process.

\*Branch AGM: Thursday, February 4th at the Laurel Packinghouse 1304 Ellis St. in Kelowna from 2:30pm – 9:30pm that includes a speaker series with Prof. John Wagner and Prof. John Janmaat from UBCO, refreshments, guest speaker and dinner. P.Ag.'s \$30; A.Ag.'s \$25. AGM only is no charge.

Full details and registration for these events is on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com)  
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## **8. 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. Additional details and registration to follow soon.

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## **9. 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](http://www.bcia.com) > News

\*\*Update on SWBC Bioregional Food System Design from the team at the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems at KPU

\*\*Amendment to the Integrated Pest Management Regulation with respect to the sale and cosmetic use of pesticides

Under [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com) > Resources >PD Resources

\*\*GeoEnviro Training Professionals Inc. (GeoEnviroPro) has interesting events for winter

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

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

\*\*#5 – World Soil Day Presentation – presenter Jacythne Masse

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

- \*Forum on Federal Government Effects Assessments in Vancouver, Jan 18
- \*Legal Update and Social by EMA of BC in Vancouver, Jan 21
- \*2016 BC Farm Tax Update in Abbotsford, Jan 21
- \*Ecological Risk Assessment - A Three Part Webinar Series (Feb. 2, 9 and 16, 2016) by GeoEnviro Training Professionals \*BCIA members will receive an **additional 10% discount** - enter the code **BCIA2016** when you register. If you register by Jan 14th, you can benefit from both the early bird pricing and 10% discount.
- \*ISCBC Forum and AGM - Invasives 2016 in Richmond, Feb 2 & 3
- \*Annual Workshop – Foreshore Projects and Considerations in Emergency & Spill Response by EMA of BC in Vancouver, Feb 18
- \*Environmental and Social Assessment Forum by CMI in Cranbrook, Feb 23 & 24
- \*CMIAE Conference: Predator-Prey Dynamics - From Theory to Management in Revelstoke, April 4

For more details any of the above events, go to [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com) >Events

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### **11. Job Postings**

- \*RFP Opportunity for the City of Campbell River. Closing Date: January 19<sup>th</sup>
- \*Project Coordinator for Triton Environmental Consultants in Vancouver. Closing Date: January 29<sup>th</sup>
- \*Pesticide Specialist for Ministry of Agriculture in Abbotsford. Closing Date: January 15<sup>th</sup>

For more details on the above job postings go to [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com) >Employment>Job Postings

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### **12. Summer Employment Opportunities for Students**

- \*E.S. Cropconsult Ltd. has summer job opportunities as IPM Field Technicians for berry and vegetable crops from April – September. If interested please email Heather Meberg at [heather@escrop.com](mailto:heather@escrop.com)

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***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!***