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1. Notice of Election for BCIA President-Elect - Reminder

*An email was sent out to the entire membership on Wednesday, February 3rd from the BCIA office regarding the upcoming election for BCIA President-Elect for 2016. These election details with important key dates and candidate profiles are posted to the BCIA website at www.bcia.com > 'News'. 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. All members in good standing, with the exception of student members, non-practicing and honorary agrologists, are eligible to vote. A link to your ballot was sent by email, or mail if requested, on February 24th. A reminder email with ballot will be sent March 7th to those that have yet to vote still. If you did not receive your ballot please check your junk box on your system. Questions can be directed to the returning officer Robert Moody, P.Ag., BCIA Executive Director/Registrar at p.ag@bcia.com .

2. DUES 2016

*If you have not submitted your 2016 dues & 2015 PD report yet, they are now overdue. The late fee of \$50.00 is in effect. Dues unpaid as of April 1, 2016 will result in removal from the register and considered 'Discontinued'. There are additional penalties being 'Discontinued' when reinstating within 5 years of being removed from the register. After 5 years, reapplying for membership will be necessary. You may pay your dues online at www.bcia.com >Member Log-in > Invoices. Please note that it is mandatory to report your PD activities, which includes your 2015 area(s) of practice, before payment of dues can be processed.

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 We have found for some members outdated information was held in the transfer to the new database/website.

***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 recommend 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.

3. BCIA AGM & Conference in Prince George

* Registration will be available today for the BCIA AGM and Conference being held in Prince George at the Coast Inn of the North May 11-13, 2016.

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 will be available TODAY – check www.bcia.com/conference**

4. Peace River Branch Activities

* PD Event – *Date Change*: Friday, March 11th 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

5. CCI Branch Activities

* PD Event: 'First Nations Relations and Agreements' on March 15th in Smithers at the Alpenhorn restaurant from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Presenter is Leah Sheffield, Regional Negotiator, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. Appetizers provided, buy your own refreshments.

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

* PD Event: Mentor Appreciation Night and P.Ag/A.Ag Mix n' Mingle at a local brewery (TBD) in Kamloops on April 5th. More details will be available soon.

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 > News

- **Contaminated Site Professional Training WEBINAR: Contaminated Site Fundamentals - From Investigation to Closure (9 sessions) starting April 14
- **Information on the Species at Risk Public Registry
- **Presentations March 4 & 21 hosted by the Peace Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program
- **Water Sustainability Act and New Regulations Now in Effect - Teleconference dates

Under www.bcia.com > Branches

**Branch meetings and AGM follow *Robert's Rules of Order* as outlined in the book, "*Robert's Rules of Order*". Additional information on Robert's Rules of Order may also be available through Eli Mina Consulting at <http://www.elimina.com/insights/articles-articles.html>

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

- **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

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

- *Climate Change in the North Columbia Mountains in Revelstoke, March 11th
- *Pollination Science and Stewardship Symposium in Penticton, March 17th
- *Introductory Bird Monitoring and Banding Workshop by Rocky Point Bird Observatory in Victoria, March 25-27th
- *PIBC Webinar: Climate Change & Agriculture – Regional Adaptation Strategies, March 30th
- *CMIAE Conference: Predator-Prey Dynamics - From Theory to Management in Revelstoke, April 5-7 by GeoEnviro Training Professionals
- *National Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Ottawa, April 12-14th
- *AIC 2016 Conference in Ottawa, April 13-14th
- *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

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

9. Job Postings

- *Horticulture Instructor – Greenhouse Production * Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Closing Date: March 10th
- *Senior/Intermediate Environmental Construction Monitor * Triton Environmental * Terrace. Closing Date: March 11th

- * Horticulture Instructor – Landscape Specialization * Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Closing date: March 24th
- * District Range Agrologist * Ministry of Forests, Lands & NRO * Grand Forks. Closing Date: March 14th
- * Farm Manager * Tree to Me * Keremeos. Closing Date: March 22nd
- * Land and Resource Specialist * Ministry of Forests, Lands & NRO * Fort St. James. Closing Date: March 10th
- * General Manager, AgriStability * Ministry of Agriculture * Kelowna. Closing Date: March 4th
- * Greenhouse Research Technician (4 temporary positions) * ICMS * Abbotsford. Closing Date: March 31st
- * Greenhouse Research Agronomist * ICMS * Abbotsford. Closing Date: March 31st
- * Field Research Technician (8 temporary positions) * ICMS * Abbotsford/Okanagan Falls. Closing Date: March 31st

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!