



**Final Minutes of the British Columbia Institute of Agrologists
68th Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday, May 7, 2015 @ 2:00pm
The Coast Capri Hotel, Kelowna, BC**

A. WELCOME

Matt Edgar, P.Ag., BCIA President, welcomed all attendees and delivered his opening remarks. Matt thanked the Okanagan Nation for the opportunity to meet on their Traditional Territory and also recognized special guests in attendance:

1. Pierre Iachetti, Executive Director of CAB
2. Gerry Leering, Past President of APB
3. Bruce Stevens from ASTTBC
4. Lindsay Steele from APEGBC
5. Dwayne Summach from SIA
6. Shaffeek Ali from AIA

Robert Moody, P.Ag., BCIA ED/Registrar shared the experience from last year of awarding Her Honour, Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of BC, with a BCIA certificate of membership as an Honorary Agrologist. Robert read out the special message that Her Honour prepared for today for the attendees of the 68th AGM.

May 7th, 2015 was proclaimed Professional Agrologist Day in the City of Kelowna by Mayor Colin Basran with a proclamation that was read out to the AGM attendees by President Matt Edgar, P.Ag.

B. BCIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 68th Annual General Meeting of BCIA was called to order at 2:21 pm by President Matt Edgar, P.Ag.

1. Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Adoption of 2014 AGM Minutes

A motion was made to adopt the minutes. Motion carried.

3. Confirmation of Number of Voting Members in Attendance

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag., called on Parliamentarian David Struthers, P.Ag. to report the number of positive voting members present – there were 190 voting members. Quorum was confirmed. Matt referenced Robert’s Rules of Order in the AGM Newsletter.

4. President’s Report

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag. made a brief verbal report and also referenced his report in the AGM newsletter. It was noted that the Branch Operating Procedures are now complete; Branch President’s calls continue to take place; Human Resources Manual for staff is now complete and Council meeting minutes (approved) are posted to the BCIA website behind the member log-in.

5. Introduction of New BCIA Logo

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag. introduced the new BCIA logo and unveiled two new banners. The new logo represents the members’ diverse areas of practice in agrology. Communications Chair, Marg Crowley, P.Ag. and BCIA office staff were acknowledged for their work in the development and unveiling here today.

6. Executive Director’s Report

Robert Moody, P.Ag. thanked the Okanagan Nation for the opportunity to meet on their Traditional Territory then made a brief verbal report and also referenced his report in the AGM newsletter. Robert spoke of the Speaker’s Staff that will be present at all future BCIA AGM’s; highest membership ever with 1400+ members; highest regulated membership with 1200+ and highest number of student members ever; Professional Liability course is available on the BCIA website to members as a professional development opportunity with it being mandatory to complete for the new A.Ag.’s accepted as of March 1, 2015; completion of the second module of the liability course is in progress; thank you to BCIA staff for their support and hard work in servicing the membership and delivering the different programs of the Institute.

7. Follow-up to 2014 Resolutions

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag. stated that the reduction in annual fee for P.Ag.(Retired) from \$125.00 to \$50.00 and the elimination of the annual student member fee was well received – a record number of student members now. Both resolutions came into effect January 1, 2015.

8. Treasurer’s Report

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag. called upon Hally Hofmeyr, P.Ag., BCIA Treasurer, to present the Treasurer’s Report. The report was posted to the BCIA website in early April and additional copies were on the tables for reference. Hally then called upon Dave Bond from KPMG to provide an overview of the audited financial statements with questions from the floor then addressed.

a. Audited Statements for 2014

*A motion was made to accept the audited statements as presented. **Motion carried.***

b. Appointment of Auditor for 2015

*A motion was made to appoint KPMG as the auditor for 2015. **Motion carried.***

c. Resolution Reminder Re: Membership Fees

Members were informed that there would be no fee increase for 2016.

9. Committee Reports

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag. noted that all of the Committee reports were printed in the AGM newsletter.

*A motion was made to accept the Committee reports as presented in the AGM newsletter. **Motion carried.***

Matt recognized all committee chairs and volunteers and invited all members to consider volunteering on a committee.

10. Report on Election Results for President Elect

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag. reported that Jennifer McGuire, P.Ag. was elected by acclamation for the position of President Elect for 2015 – 2016.

11. Location of 2016 BCIA AGM

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag. announced that the 2016 BCIA AGM will be held in Prince George in May 2016.

12. Induction of New BCIA President

President Matt Edgar, P.Ag. introduced Gary Tipper, P.Ag as the BCIA President for 2015 – 2016 and formally transferred the presidency to Gary with the passing of the BCIA garvel. Gary thanked the Okanagan Branch Organizing Committee for their hard work in putting on the conference and also expressed his sincere appreciation to the BCIA office staff and for the volunteers that serve the Institute. Gary provided recognition to Matt as outgoing President.

13. The Road Ahead and Recognitions

President Gary Tipper, P.Ag. outlined the goals of his term as president of BCIA for 2015 – 2016. Gary received the “Office of the President” Talking Stick then Matt Edgar, P.Ag. was presented with a gift as outgoing president.

Thank you plaques were presented to Jennifer McGuire, P.Ag. and Carl Withler, P.Ag. for their service as Councillors with BCIA. Rob Kupchanko, P.Ag. was recognized for his 3 year term on Council as President-Elect, President and Past President.

Distinguished Professional Agrologist Award – presented to Sigurd (Sig) B. Peterson, member of BCIA since 1949. Sig shared with the audience a very inspiring and engaging history of work in the field of agrology. He was proud to be a Professional Agrologist and is proud to be a member of BCIA. During his career it was his goal to make a difference in the lives of farmers. He challenged all members to go and make a difference in their profession.

14. New P.Ag. Certificates

8 newly minted P.Ag.'s. were presented with their framed P.Ag. certificates:
Krystal Ashworth, Nancy Ann Fuller, Heather Colleen Hansen, Catherine Henry, Sarah Morrison, Craig Shook, Elisabeth Taylor, and Barb Wheatley.

15. Introduction of New Council

President Gary Tipper, P.Ag. introduced the 2015 - 2016 BCIA Council:

Past President: Matt Edgar, P.Ag.

President Elect: Jennifer McGuire, P.Ag.

CCI Branch Councillor: Marc Schuffert, P.Ag.

Fraser Valley Branch Councillor: Dawn Ross, A.Ag.

Kamloops Branch Councillor: Rhonda Maskiewich, P.Ag.

Kootenay Boundary Branch Councillor: Melissa Graydon, P.Ag.

Okanagan Branch Councillor: Jessica Morgan, P.Ag.

Peace River Branch Councillor: Karrilyn Vince, P.Ag.

Vancouver Branch Councillor: Margot Pittaway, P.Ag.

Victoria & Islands Branch Councillor/Treasurer: Hally Hofmeyr, P.Ag.

16. Adjournment of AGM

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.

