



Welcome to November 2024 - the time when we gather for the Central Cariboo Interior (CCI) Branch AGM. I am happy we are able to meet virtually for our AGM this year. My message this year is brief as I've recently returned from an unexpected leave that saw me stepping away from both work and CCI responsibilities since April. I would like to thank both Kevin Vaughan and Nicole Pressey for leaning in to attend Branch business, coordinate meetings, and liaise with the BCIA during my time away.

Three topics are clear when I reflect on CCI Branch business this year: appreciation, change, and encouragement.

Appreciation:

The CCI Branch Executive is comprised of members with full lives and bustling careers. I want to send my appreciation to each person that volunteered to sit on the Branch Executive this year:

- Vice President - Marc Schuffert, PAg
- Secretary - Kevin Vaughan, PAg
- Treasurer - Carole Mahood, PAg
- Articling Coordinator - Nicole Pressey, PAg
- Branch Professional Development (PD) Coordinator - Taylor Griffin, PAg
- Director South - Geneve Jasper, PAg
- Director West - William Elliot, PAg

This Executive rolled into 2024 with great energy and momentum from hosting several well attended, well received PD events throughout 2023. With the input of Branch Executive and the hard work of Treasurer Carole Mahood, the 2024 budget was approved and included a plan to offer a variety of in-person and virtual PD opportunities. Through the work of Kevin Vaughan, Taylor Griffin, and tremendous help from BCIA PD Coordinator Jasmine Wong, three events were hosted this year. One of the fun parts about being involved with Branch Executive is planning PD in areas of interest that we believe the registrants will be keen to attend. Thanks to everyone that put forward PD

event ideas, or attended an event. My hope is that we are able to host many more PD events in 2025 - including continuation of the CCI Reading Club, and Rancher Series.

Articling Coordinator, Nicole Pressey, did a great job supporting **the 32 Articling Agrologists** and **11 Articling Technical Agrologists** in our branch this year.

Responding to questions, welcoming new registrants, and helping connect the dots between new registrants, the Branch, and the BCIA is something Nicole has done with professionalism and cheer. To these articling registrants, please do consider participating in a Branch Executive position - it is a chance to network CCI registrants, to propose PD topics that interest you, and to learn more about how the BCIA functions.

Change:

The Professional Governance Act (PGA) has governed the profession of Agrology in BC since February 5, 2021. As the BCIA continues to evolve under the PGA and under new leadership, our role as Branch Executive is to elevate registrant concerns to the BCIA and to organize PD opportunities. I want to recognize the challenges that some Articling Registrants have faced as the BCIA shifts back to requiring in-person required courses. Branch Executive has been engaged in conversation with the BCIA. The BCIA is aware that registrants in geographically remote regions of BC, including folks throughout the CCI Branch, face significant financial cost to attend these in-person courses, even when offered within the region. BCIA's rationale for requiring in-person attendance at these courses is to promote networking and to ensure that course participants are fully engaged during course delivery and testing. The BCIA intends to offer an Ethics course within the CCI region in 2025, pending interest and adequate registration numbers.

Encouragement:

Interesting, accessible, relevant, and timely PD events take a team effort. Throughout 2024 Branch Executive struggled to meet quorum - which meant we weren't able to offer as many events as we'd planned. My hope is that you, as a CCI member, consider what your PD interests are for 2025 and to think about joining the Branch Executive this year. Many hands make light work. Light work makes for plentiful PD events! Working with the Branch Executive team is an opportunity to engage with Agrology registrants from around the region. It has given me an appreciation for the diversity of our profession, and an opportunity to dramatically broaden my network - and my hope is that you'll consider joining!

Thoughtfully submitted,
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Cariboo Central Interior Branch President

Articling Coordinator Report

Nicole Pressey, PAg Regional Agrologist - Ministry of Agriculture and Food

As of October 16th, 2024 - our branch has 223 registrants. You can see the breakdown of CCI registration in Table 1, below. A reminder - our branch is always looking for mentors. Please enter your interest via the BCIA page. You can receive PD hours for being a mentor!

Table 1. CCI Branch Membership Numbers as of Oct 16, 2024

Type	2024	New since 2023
Total Members	223	-
Professional Agrologists (PAg)	143	9
Articling Agrologists (AAg)	32	12
Technical Agrologists (TAg)	2	1
Articling Technical Agrologists (ATAg)	11	3
Limited License Agrologist (LLAg)	1	0
Members retired	18	-
Student members	8	5
Members on leave	8	-

The following Articling Registrants prepared to give their oral presentation at the 2024 AGM:

- Yoana Dinkova
- Shantanu Dutt
- Juliet Goveia
- Jada Gratton
- Nicole Hunt
- Jesse McEwen
- Graham McKellar
- Morgan Robinson
- Hannah Shinton
- Harkirat Singh
- Claire Thornton
- No slide:
- Emily Browne
- Kymberly Eppich
- Kyla Wallin

We congratulate the following Registrants who celebrated completion of their articling and became Professionals in 2024:

- Melissa Berube
- Brennan Beaudin
- David Borth
- Ian Carter
- Hunter Gleason
- Nathan Hartnett
- Christine LaPointe
- Kirstin Niquidet
- Alyssa Ashely Skov

Submitted by Nicole Pressey, CCI Branch Articling Coordinator

Professional Development Coordinator Report

Taylor Griffin, A.Ag., Range Agrologist - BC Public Service

Three professional development events were held in the CCI Branch in 2024, including:

- Avian Influenza: BC's Perspective
 - Presentation by Christina Forbes PAg & Livestock Industry Specialist.
- CCI Branch Reading Club was launched:
 - A group read the *Natural Solution Initiative: Putting Nature Back into Nature-based Solutions* report prepared by the SFU Action on Climate Team.
- CCI Rancher Series was launched:
 - *Regenerative Farming, Livestock Probiotics, and Wildfire Fuel Reduction through Cattle Grazing with Kurt McGhie* was well attended with more than 85 participants online.

Submitted by Taylor Griffin, CCI Branch PD Coordinator

Professional Development Coordinator Report

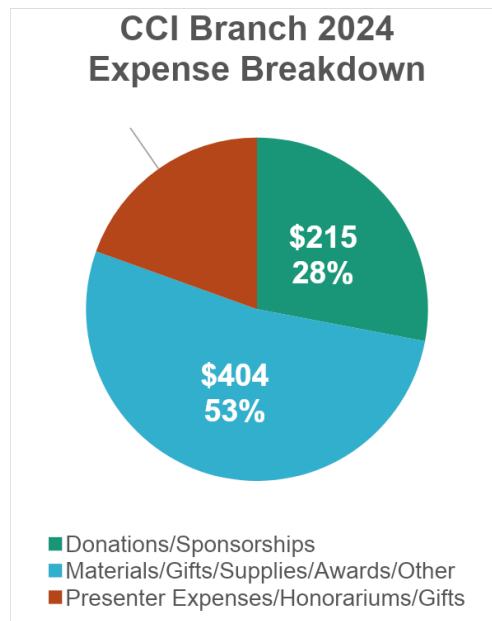
Carole Mahood, PAg, Cumulative Effects Specialist - BC Public Service



BC Institute of Agrologists Cariboo Central Interior Branch Financial Report - 2024

A	January 2024 balance (carried forward from 2023)	\$4393.00
B	2024 CCI Branch Allocation (179 registrants)	\$3580.00
C	2024 Starting Balance (A+B)	\$7973.00
D	2024 Expenses to Oct 31st	\$758.67
E	Balance as of Oct 31st (C-D)	\$7204.43
F	Estimated return to HQ @ end of 2024 (A-D)	\$3634.33
G	Estimated balance to carry forward to 2025 (B)	\$3580.00
H	Estimated 2025 CCI Branch Allocation (179 registrants*)	\$3580.00
I	Estimated 2025 starting balance (G+H)	\$7160.00

**Estimate assumes # of CCI registrants remains the same; additional CCI registrants will increase this amount, less will decrease it.*



BC Institute of Agrologists - Branch Financials
Cariboo Central Interior
2024

Bank Balance as at January 1st	\$4,393.00												
Annual Branch Allocation	\$3,580.00												
Net Income	-\$768.57												
Current Account Balance	\$7,204.43												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	November	December	Total
REVENUE													
Branch AGM													\$0.00
Branch AGM Sponsorship													\$0.00
Other (donations, sponsorships)													\$0.00
Professional Development Events													\$0.00
TOTAL MONTHLY REVENUE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES													
Branch Executive Meetings													\$0.00
A. Ag. /Mentor Events													\$0.00
Member Travel Subsidies													\$0.00
Non-PD Activities/Outreach													\$0.00
Donations/Sponsorships		\$100.00	\$115.00										\$215.00
Other (supplies, awards, etc)													\$0.00
Credit Card / Bank Fees													\$0.00
Branch AGM													
Credit card / bank fees													\$0.00
Catering/Food/Venue													\$0.00
Materials/Gifts/Supplies/Awards/Other			\$203.57							\$200.00			\$403.57
PD at AGM													\$0.00
Professional Development													
Presenter Expenses/Honorariums/Gifts		\$75.00				\$75.00							\$150.00
Catering/Food													\$0.00
Transportation (Bus/Parking)													\$0.00
Partnering/PD Subsidy													\$0.00
PD Organizer Travel													\$0.00
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$318.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$768.57
MONTHLY NET INCOME	\$0.00	-\$175.00	-\$318.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$768.57