

President's Report - 2023

Dear Registrants:

I am thankful for the 2023 executive committee team who worked diligently throughout the year to deliver on our mandate. Their collective efforts resulted in six PD events, and a year-end networking event for our mentors and articling members.

The Fraser Valley Branch Executive met 11 times this past year to plan for professional development opportunities that help further our members continuing education and professional development.

While we continued to offer virtual events in 2023, we were pleased to be able to host several in-person events, including field tours and social networking events. The Branch is grateful for the teachings and learnings shared by all our presenters this past year.

Please keep in mind that your branch depends upon you, as members, to retain relevance and to function adequately under the umbrella of the BCIA. The focus of any branch is the Articling Agrologist program along with networking and professional development and your Executive will welcomes your input. We encourage everyone to be involved and reach out to us if you have ideas for training or professional development.

Membership in the Fraser Valley Branch grew this past year, up 7%, to 241 from 225 in 2022. The registrant breakdown for the 2023 and 2022 year for comparison is provided below:

2023		2022	
38	Articling Agrologists	28	Articling Agrologists
132	Professional Agrologists	131	Professional Agrologists
7	Articling Technologists in Agrology	10	Articling Technologists in Agrology
4	Registered Technologists in Agrology	1	Registered Technologists in Agrology
3	Limited License Agrologist	1	Limited License Agrologist
27	Members retired	25	Members retired
20	Student members	22	Student members
10	Members On leave	7	Members On leave

The BCIA and Fraser Valley Branch Executive would also like to recognize the long service of Douglas Janzen, PAg (retired) who has been a Professional Agrologists with the Institute for 25

years and David Sand PAg (retired) who has been Professional Agrologists with the Institute for 50 years.

Moving forward in 2024, we will continue to focus on providing our Fraser Valley Branch members with professional development opportunities with a mix of virtual and in-person gatherings. Thank you to all those who helped organize our events that help serve our registrants and thank you to the BCI staff for supporting our Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Grout, PAg
Fraser Valley Branch President