

BC Fruit Growers' Association

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BCFGA District Council Annual Meetings

Meetings were held January 12 and 14 - thank you to the delegates in attendance for your interest and dedication to the industry.

District Council Executives for 2016 are:

South

Denise MacDonald, Chair
David Machial, Vice Chair
Doug Nield, Secretary

North

Tarsem Goraya, Chair
Amarjit Lali, Vice-Chair
Madeleine van Roechoudt, Secretary

BCFGA Annual Convention January 29-30, 2016

The BCFGAs Annual convention is being held in Kelowna at the Ramada Hotel on January 29-30.

The Convention Portfolio was mailed to all BCFGAs members on January 7, so all members should have received it by now - if not, you may access the [2016 Convention Portfolio online](#). We did have a typo on the agenda - the Social is on *Friday January 29*.

Governance Input

The BCFGAs Member Services Committee asked for input from Delegates on the way members run the BCFGAs organization (i.e. governance). The delegates supported getting broader input from members at the Annual Convention on two topics:


- multi-year terms for BCFGAs Executive members.
- allowing a son, daughter or spouse to vote for the owner of the operation, provided that the appointment is for the full year and the relative is actively involved in the day-to-day operations of the farm.

Water Sustainability Act

The new Water Sustainability Act has been in the works for about 3 years, with extended consultation taking place with groups interested in water use. The BC Ministry of Environment ran an excellent consultation process, with great involvement from the BCAC Water Committee (Denise MacDonald and Glen Lucas are BCFGAs reps on the committee).

Changes are coming, especially for water wells. An informative summary of the new [Water Sustainability Act is available online](#). We will be communicating directly with members when the legislation is adopted (expected this Winter).

How to contact the BCFGGA Office

 BCFGGA Office 250-762-5226 Toll free 1-800-619-9022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brenda Zarr, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.• Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.• Sheila MacGregor, Accountant, local 3.• Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.
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PAC Points – Upcoming events

2016 Growers Supply Annual Horticulture Meeting “Inventing Fresh Ideas together” Tuesday, February 16th 2016 - Oliver Community Centre, 6359 Park Drive, Oliver BC Meeting will start at 8:00 with breakfast, followed by morning sessions, Lunch and afternoon workshops for grapes and ground crops. PAC points will be available for several sessions. BC Horticultural Symposium February 24th Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna 1905 Springfield Rd Meeting will start at 7:30 with Breakfast, followed by morning sessions, Lunch, afternoon workshops and ending with hors d'oeuvres and prize give away. PAC points will be available for several sessions. We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 BC Horticulture Symposium. Please register for this meeting by phoning or email your Fieldman.

Dates and Events

Check [the calendar on our website](#) for more information

Date	Event
January 27	BCAC Agriculture Gala, Abbotsford: for tickets www.bcac.bc.ca - this event usually sells out, so register early.
January 29-30	BCFGGA Annual Convention, Ramada Hotel, Kelowna
February 23-25	Canadian Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting
March 8-10	Canadian Horticultural Council Annual Meeting
April tbd	BC Agriculture Council Annual Meeting

Newsletter prepared by Glen Lucas - questions or comments? Please email: gglucas@bcfga.com