

BC Fruit Growers' Association

Friday File

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AgSafeBC

Special General Meeting to approve new bylaws

FARSHA (AgSafe) will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting on November 10 at the Holiday Inn Express, 8750 204 St, Langley, BC. to approve its revised constitution and bylaws as attached. All agriculture employers in BC who are registered with WorkSafeBC are members and are therefore entitled to vote at the meeting.

See the agenda and bylaw changes. RSVP if you plan to attend.

Farm Succession and Business Planning Sessions

Speaking of young farmers - register now for these informative sessions in November

Farm Succession Planning Nov. 22nd Ramada, Kelowna

<http://www.bc4h.bc.ca/plugins/userData/Farm%20Succession%20Poster%20FINAL.pdf>

Agri-Food Business Planning Program Nov 16 & 17th at Regional District of Central Okanagan office, 1450 KLO Rd., Kelowna. Registration required.

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102437356747&ca=d33b28c9-1386-455b-96ca-931b8634c620>

BCFGA John Hall Bursary

Okanagan College bursary unclaimed, application re-opened



Dear Students of BCFGAs members,

We would like to let you know about an award opportunity for the BCFGAs Rob Hall Award.

One Award of \$1,000 is available for a student enrolled full-time in either the Science Program or Bachelor of Business Administration Program at any campus of Okanagan College that meets the following criteria:

- 1) Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.
- 2) Immediate family member of a BC Fruit Growers' Association (BCFGAs) member in good standing.
- 3) Completed one or more years of full-time study in either a Science program or the Bachelor of Business Administration program at any campus of Okanagan College.
- 4) Returning the following September for a subsequent year of full-time study in that program.
- 5) Based on academic achievement and financial need, with emphasis on financial need.

Here's how to apply for the award:

Complete fully and return [the application](#) to Student Services Welcome Centre (S Building next to Registrar's Office) no later than November 18th, 2016.

Start your application today! If you have any questions please contact us at awards@okanagan.bc.ca.

AgriTech Innovation Conference

Register if you are interested



This one-day event on November 14, 2016 - and held in Kelowna - will provide a platform for the agriculture and agrifood sector to communicate their challenges and needs to a select audience of B.C. innovators (startups, established companies, researchers) with agritech solutions. Attendees will engage in discussions on how to address the challenges identified by B.C.'s agriculture industry. The event will:

- Introduce agriculture and agrifood industry challenges to B.C. innovators.
- Enable B.C. innovators to ask technical questions, to better understand the challenge opportunities for their innovative solutions.
- Provide opportunities for agritech companies to mold their product innovations to better serve the agriculture and agrifood industry.
- Provide opportunities for agriculture and agrifood representatives to explore the potential benefits of tech adoption.
- Provide B.C. tech companies the experience to discover a growing market opportunity.
- Build relationships among B.C. innovators, industry contacts, and government organizations in the agriculture and agrifood sector.

For more information and to apply to attend: <https://agritechinnovation.ca/home/event/>

Agriculture and Seafood Conference

Register if you are interested



November 14-15, 2016

Coast Capri Hotel in Kelowna, B.C.

Presented by B.C.'s Ministry of Agriculture

The conference key note speaker is **Vikram Vij**, chef, restaurateur, certified sommelier, award-winning cook book author, and Food Network host and judge.

Join the conversation on how to further strengthen the security of British Columbia's food supply.

The BC Agrifood and Seafood Conference is an opportunity for industry members to develop, strengthen, and build relationships while shaping the future of our agrifood and seafood sectors. Attend interactive panel discussions and breakout sessions on

- industry innovation,
- domestic growth,
- access to markets,
- food supply security.

Connect with B.C. producers, processors, retailers, institutional purchasers, transporters and agritech suppliers.

Here is the website to find more information and register for the Agriculture and Seafood Conference: www.gov.bc.ca/bcagrifoodseafoodconference.ca


Tree Fruit Replant Program 2017

The momentum to renew the industry continues

The total applications received by the October 31 deadline is ___.

The Replant Application Review Committee will be meeting later in November and we are planning to deliver approval and waitlist letters in December.

How to contact the BCFGA Office

<p>BCFGA Office - 250-762-5226 Toll free -1-800-619-9022</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brenda Zarr, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.• Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.• Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.
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Dates and Events- check the [BCFGA Calendar](#) on our website for more information

Licensing Your Well

Workshops being planned

The BCFGA is partnering with the BC Cattlemen's Association and the BC Agriculture Council to hold two workshops on registering water wells. The sessions may be held in early December.

Workshops will be held in Cawston and Oliver.

Wells registered before March 31, 2017 will have their priority date established as of the earliest evidence of use (e.g. well drilling records) and there is no fee.

If registering a well after March 31, 2017, the priority dates may be later than established first use and a fee may be charged (depending on date of registration).

Watch the newsletter for a notice of this session.

Meetings Attended recently and upcoming

Date	Meeting	BCFGA representative
Nov. 1	Fruit and Tree Nut Biosecurity	Glen Lucas
Nov. 2	National Plant and Animal Health Strategy, consultation	Peter Simonsen
Nov. 2	COGA Session: Making the Transition Under the New BC Societies Act	Bunvir Nijjer
Nov. 3	National Apple Competition	
Nov. 5	BC Young Farmers Tour, Lake Country	
Nov. 7-8	Mexico SAWP Annual Meeting	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
Nov. 9-10	Apple Research Priorities	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
Nov. 13-16	Caribbean SAWP Annual Meeting	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
Nov. 14	AgriTech Innovation Challenge, Kelowna	
Nov. 14-15	BC Agriculture and Seafood Conference, Coast Capri, Kelowna	
Nov. 24	Board Training Session, Centre for Organizational Governance in Agriculture, Kelowna	BCFGA Executive
Nov. 30	BCFGA Executive meeting	
Dec. 3	Deadline for resolutions to be submitted to the BCFGAs	
Feb 2-3	BCFGA Annual Convention Penticton Lakeside Resort	