

Report to the 2019 BCFGA Convention

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BCFGA Corporate Secretary

2018 has definitely been a progressive year here at the BCFGA. We revisited few bylaw changes and those changes passed at the Special AGM in November 2017 were transitioned over to the new B.C. Societies Act before the deadline of November 28, 2018.

This past year, I received my certification as a Registered Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC) and (as the BCFGA Labour Specialist) I continue to assist our members in filling out the LMIA applications for the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program and the Agricultural Stream Program. In 2018, I assisted with over 65 LMIA applications including direct arrivals, transfers, double transfers and replacements workers. For the 2018 season, there was a delay in the LMIA processing time at Service Canada so I followed up with several LMIA's on the behalf of our members. BCFGA also assisted several members with their audits that were being conducted by the Integrity Services Branch (ISB) at Service Canada.

Within in the year, we were able to develop a positive working relationship with the Service Canada staff at the LMIA processing centre. Therefore we encourage our members to contact us if they have any questions or concerns with their LMIA's.

In addition, I continue to provide services for our subsidiary, Summerland Varieties Corp (SVC) as the Marketing Specialist.

I would like to thank the staff, the Board, delegates and BCFGA members for making BCFGA a great association to work for and look forward to another active year for us.

Yours truly,

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