



BC Fruit Growers' Association

Friday File

February 10, 2017

BCFGA 128th Annual Convention

Update

About 150 BCFGAs members and 50 guests gathered in Penticton to discuss and debate direction for the future year.

Candidates Fred Steele and Jeet Dukhia were nominated for BCFGAs President in the annual election of the BCFGAs Executive. Jeet Dukhia withdrew the morning of the 2 pm election. In the election itself, **Fred Steele** was declared President. A motion to open the floor to further nominations for Vice-President failed to be passed. **Pinder Dhaliwal** was declared Vice-President.

The other six Executive members of the BCFGAs were also returned. **Peter Simonsen, Ravinder Bains and Deep Brar** were unopposed for the South Okanagan positions, while four people were nominated for the three North Okanagan positions. **Sukhdev Goraya, Surjit Nagra and Tony Nijjar** were returned and Karm Gill was defeated in an election for North Okanagan positions.

An update on motions passed by delegates is on the front page of our website www.bcfga.com.

Reports to the meeting are also available on the BCFGAs website.

Water Well Registration Workshop - Register Now

March 2 at Penticton Campus, Okanagan College

The water registration workshop is March 2.

A government fee of \$250 is waived if you register your well before December 31, 2017 (this date was also extended - before it was March 1, 2017). Attend the workshop to register your well and avoid the \$250 fee.

To summarize, the workshop is available on either the morning or afternoon of March 2, and the aim of the workshop is to register your well during the workshop.

Please register with the BCFGAs office 250-762-5226 extension 4, before February 22 to reserve your place. We will contact you to provide you with a list of information to bring to the workshop.

BC Tree Fruit Horticultural Symposium

Mark your calendar

The 2017 Horticultural Symposium will be held as follows:

Feb 15, 2017

At Trinity Baptist Kelowna

For BCTF Cooperative members, field staff will be contacting you about the Hort Symposium. BCFGAs Direct members are automatically registered.

Attendance for BCFGAs members paid by Summerland Variety Corporation

BCFGA Awards

Honoring achievement and dedication to the industry

The BCFGAs announced the awards for several outstanding leaders in the tree fruit industry at its 128th Annual General Meeting, held in Penticton on February 2-3, 2017.

The recipients and awards are:

Award of Merit

**Hank Markgraf, Grower Services Manager,
BC Tree Fruit Cooperative**

**Dr. Kenna MacKenzie, Associate Director Research
Development and Technology
Summerland Research and Development Centre
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**

Life Member

**Ranbir Kambo, grower and Summerland Varieties
Corporation director**

Press Award

Lyonel Doherty, Editor, Oliver Chronicle

The awards were presented at the BCFGAs Annual Convention social on February 2, 2017.

How to contact the BCFGAs Office

BCFGAs Office - 250-762-5226
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- 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.

BC Fruit Growers' Association Executive for 2017

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Dates and Events- check the [BCFGA Calendar](#) on our website for more information