



Call for Nominations

Elections for BCLNA Board of Directors

The BCLNA will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at which time members will elect directors to the Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Treasurer and potentially a director-at-large position should the change in bylaws be approved. Directors who have served the first year of their two-year term shall be formally elected to serve their 2nd year with a vote.

Current Board:

Paula Brown, Interim Chair	has put her name forward for the Chair
Michele McEachern, 2 nd Vice Chair	has agreed to put her name forward for the 2 nd Vice Chair
Heike Stippler, Past Chair	has agreed to let her name stand to continue as BCLNA's representative on the CNLA board
Brent Mooney, Treasurer	is retiring his position of Treasurer
VACANT, 1 st Vice-Chair	open to nominations

Commodity chairs are elected by their commodity group to represent their sector on the BCLNA Board of Directors and are not open for election at the AGM. Currently, the Commodity Chairs are:

- Retailer: VACANT
- Landscape: Chris Draaistra, Grounds Guys Abbotsford
- Grower: Robbie Wein, Clearview Horticulture Products

Criteria for Directors:

- A director shall be a voting member, or a duly appointed representative of a voting member, of the Association as qualification for this office.
- Meetings will be held virtually or in person, as and when the circumstances allow.
- Directorships are voluntary and unpaid, with expenses and travel related to meetings reimbursed with prior approval by the Chair.
- Director positions require 3-4 hours of meeting time per month, plus approximately 2 additional hours of time to review documents and deal with issues. The Chair and Treasurer positions require significantly more time, particularly when handling industry issues as well as meetings that pertain to their position (i.e. budgeting or as a representative to present a scholarship, etc.)
- Directors shall have good working knowledge of computers, email, texting and spreadsheets, with good English reading, speaking and writing skills. Ability to work as a team is an asset.

Scope of Work:

The BCLNA Board deals with issues at the regional and provincial level, working with the Provincial Government, Regional Districts as well as allied industries on issues affecting the industry. The BCLNA is non-partisan and works effectively with 'the government of the day', as well as national regulators such as the CFIA as they pertain to the industry in BC. A Board with representation from each commodity group and from across the Province is optimal.

BCLNA's representative to the CNLA Board is elected by BCLNA members for a minimum term of two years.

If you are interested in letting your name stand for election, please contact Coreen Rodger Berrisford **before Wednesday November 22 at 4 PM.**

You will be asked to provide the following:

1. Company
2. Position in company
3. Company's specialty
4. Time in industry
5. Education/Accreditation
6. Current portfolio / activities

Please also ensure that if you are not a principle of the company, you have management's endorsement to let your name stand and provide the time to fulfill the duties of the directorship.