



BC Farm Writers Association

January 2024 Newsletter



BC Farm Writers Association AGM & Panel on Sustainability

A while back we told you to mark your calendars and now we can share all the great details!

After the Pacific Agriculture Show on Friday January 26th BC Farm Writers' and guests will gather at the ground floor board room of the BC Egg Marketing Board at 250-32160 South Fraser Way in Abbotsford.

Welcome – 5:30 PM

Dinner – 6 PM (we'll be having Greek food this year) and if your membership is paid, you'll have dinner on us!

At about 6:30, we'll start our panel:

Sustainability in Ag: why it matters, what are the messages and who's listening

We're excited to have three speakers who are deeply in-tune with sustainability in the agriculture space:

- BC Minister of Agriculture and Food Pam Alexis

- Farmer, agrologist and member of Lake Country Farmers' Institute, Lynn Lashuk
- Network manager, BC Agriculture Climate Action Research Network, Shauna MacKinnon

Bring your questions about how communicators can help farmers better understand and appreciate sustainability and the science and information around it.

After the panel, we'll conduct our AGM and will work to have all business done by 8 PM. Please RSVP (if you haven't already) to bcfarmwriters@gmail.com by the end of Sunday January 21st. Please note any dietary needs.

Hope to see you there!

Board of Directors Elections

Your Board needs you! The 2024 BCFWA board elections will be held at our AGM on January 26th. Secretary and Board Member at Large positions are currently vacant, but we are accepting nominations for all board positions. Any BCFWA member in good standing is eligible.

If you would like to join the BCFWA board, please send an email to bcfarmwriters@gmail.com and let us know what position you're interested in by Sunday January 21st so that your name can be added to the ballot.

Renew Your BCFWA Membership for 2024!

Thank you for being a valuable member of BCFWA in 2023! Your membership helped BCFWA reach a record number of members this year. It would be outstanding to continue that trend in 2024.

As you will hear if you can attend the AGM on Jan. 26 (free meal if you come), 2023 was productive. BCFWA hosted online and in person PD events, offered bursary opportunities to members, and showcased BC agriculture to international guests in a five day pre-tour across BC prior to IFAJ 2023. In a sadder vein, we also said good-bye to our longest serving member David Schmidt.

No matter what we are doing within BCFWA, relationships are what makes it special. We hope you agree and see value in renewing your membership for 2024.

The details

Renewals - Due by Jan 31, 2024 for the 2024 calendar year.

Paperwork – A membership renewal form is required so we have your most up to date info. Please visit the website to download the renewal form.

Fee - \$75, which gives you membership to BCFWA (provincial organization), CFWF (national organization) and IFAJ (international organization), and access to the

opportunities at each, from professional development, to learning opportunities, to research, to awards programs, to bursaries and networking that can span the globe.

Note: If you require an invoice to process payment, please contact us at BCFarmWriters@gmail.com.

Payment methods - Payment may be made in person by cheque at the AGM (made out to BCFWA) or e-transferred to BCFarmWriters@gmail.com.

We look forward to having you back in 2024! If there are others you know who should be members, please forward this email to them.

Thank you and here's to BCFWA 2024!

Pay your dues for 2024 now!



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