

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Official 2020 Election Package

MISSION

Our mission is to maintain a healthy cattle industry that provides quality beef products to consumers and is guided by strong volunteer membership, environmental stewardship, respect for stakeholders and excellent business practices.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the BC Cattlemen's Association is to promote, encourage, protect and develop the cattle industry in British Columbia, in an environmentally responsible manner. Although times have changed since 1929, the BCCA's direction remains the same: To maintain and strengthen the sustainability of the BC beef industry.

The BC Cattlemen's Association is now accepting nominations for the election of the 2020 board of directors and standing committees.

This package includes nomination forms for directors and committee members. All members are eligible to let their name stand for election for a two-year term as a director or committee member, regardless of whether they were elected in the last zone elections in 2018. Duties and responsibilities are listed on the back of each nomination form. To learn more about the committee mandate and activities, please view our website (www.cattlemen.bc.ca).

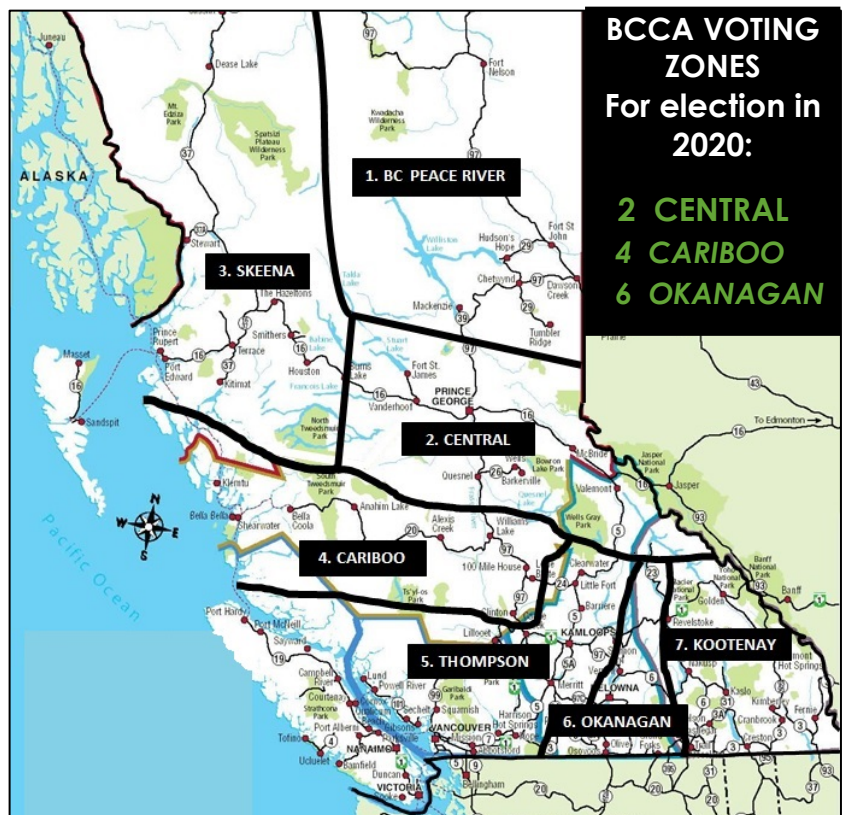
Nomination forms must be signed by the nominee and two members in good standing. Ballots will be distributed to each member, and voting will take place by direct mail ballot, with results announced April 17, 2020.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

Nomination & Election Schedule

January 1st	The nominations for directors and committee members will open.
January 31st	Last day that nomination forms will be accepted at the BCCA Office.
March 2nd	The ballots will be prepared and mailed to the members of each zone. If only one candidate is nominated, election by acclamation will be declared, ballots will not be required.
April 15th	Last day that ballots will be accepted at BCCA Office
April 17th	Ballots will be scrutinized and results announced
The elected directors will take office at the first meeting following the annual general meeting (the post-annual directors' meeting).	

Zone #	Regions
1. BC Peace River	Peace River
2. Central	Nechako Prince George Quesnel Robson
3. Skeena	Skeena
4. Cariboo	Cariboo Clinton & District South Cariboo
5. Thompson	Kamloops Nicola TALL
6. Okanagan	North Okanagan Southern Interior
7. Kootenay	Creston Valley Kootenay Waldo Windermere



BCCA VOTING ZONES For election in 2020:

**2 CENTRAL
4 CARIBOO
6 OKANAGAN**

British Columbia Cattlemen's Association
4-10145 Dallas Drive,
Kamloops, BC V2C 6T4
Toll free 1-877-688-2333
www.cattlemen.bc.ca

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The election process shall be carried out by direct mail ballot to the members of the association. The Association shall carry out an election for directors and committees in **odd years for odd numbered zones** and in **even years for even numbered zones** to elect directors and committee members for two year terms. Zones holding elections in 2020 include:

- Zone 2: Central** 2 Directors
- Zone 4: Cariboo** 2 Directors
- Zone 6: Okanagan** 2 Directors

Positions Eligible for Nomination for Election in 2020		
ZONES	DIRECTOR	COMMITTEE
Zone 2 (Central)	2 Directors	1 member for each standing Committee per zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) ○ Land Stewardship Committee (LSC) ○ Public Affairs & Education Committee (PAEC)
Zone 4 (Cariboo)	2 Directors	
Zone 6 (Okanagan)	2 Directors	

*****IMPORTANT*** All members from the above zones, including those who have already served (see below), are eligible for nomination & (re) election.**

Current Representatives elected in 2018 (terms expire 2020, may be re-elected)			
ZONES	DIRECTOR(s)	COMMITTEE(s)	
Zone 2 Central)	Erin Durell Ed Wiebe	Wayne Ray - ESC Charles Poole - LSC Brian Adams - LIPC*	Shawnee Newton - PAEC Jennifer Roberts - RC*
Zone 4 (Cariboo)	Cheryl Monical Roger Patenaude	Ken Ilnicki - ESC Grant Huffman - LSC Cordy Cox - LIPC*	Ricky Seelhof - PAEC David Zirnhelt – RC*
Zone 6 (Okanagan)	Werner Stump Brian Thomas	Dave Casorso - ESC Doug Fossen - LSC Nick Bapty - LIPC*	Lani French- PAEC Devin Chursinoff - RC*

*** New for 2020 - Current members for LIPC and Research to remain in place until 2021. Refer to highlighted section on Committee Member Nomination Form page 2.**

Terms Continuing until 2021 <i>*No election in these zones this year*</i>			
ZONES	DIRECTOR (s)	COMMITTEE(s)	
Zone 1 (Peace)	Renee Ardill Judy Madden	Judy Madden - ESC Mike McConnell - LSC Ross Musgrove - LIPC	Kristina Schweitzer - PAEC Helen Harris - RC
Zone 3 (Skeena)	Jon Solecki	Les Yates - ESC Bob Storey - LSC Rene Dieleman - LIPC	Sandy Anaka - PAEC Les Ellis - RC
Zone 5 (Thompson)	John Anderson Ryan Scorgie	Lou Cooke - ESC Phil Braig - LSC Haley Rutherford - LIPC	“Vacant”- PAEC Jean Lauder - RC
Zone 7 Kootenays	Larry Rast	Jeff Braisher - ESC Richard Tegart - LSC Bill Coy - LIPC	“Vacant” – PAEC David Zehnder - RC

BC Cattlemen's Association – Election of Directors 2020**NOMINATION FORM****DIRECTOR**

By signing this form, the nominee accepts nomination, and acknowledges that he/she is eligible (member in good standing) for nomination in: (please check one)

Zone 2 (Central) Zone 4 (Cariboo) Zone 6 (Okanagan)

IMPORTANT *Nominee agrees to accept responsibilities as detailed below and on the reverse of this page, if elected to serve as director.*

Name of Nominee (print): _____	Signature of nominee:
	Phone #:
	Email:
Nominated by BCCA member (print name):	Signature of nominator:
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This nomination form must be signed by the nominee and two members (nominators) and received by BC Cattlemen's Association before January 31, 2020.

Return completed form to: BC Cattlemen's Association
#4-10145 Dallas Drive
Kamloops, BC V2C 6T4

Fax: 250-573-5155
email: bccattle@cattlemen.bc.ca
With Subject: Nomination

Nominees should review the back of this page for BCCA By-laws relating to directors (especially Article IV, #6), and also note the following:

- All members in good standing are eligible to accept nomination for director.
- Directors are responsible for association governance.
- Directors meet in person at least three times in addition to annual meeting, and hold several teleconferences each year.
- Travel expenses plus honorarium are paid by the association to directors to help offset their expenses related to their participation on the board.
- Directors shall be elected for a two-year term.
- The first meeting of the directors elected in 2020 will be held following the annual general meeting; at the Post Directors meeting. Travel expenses will be covered for the AGM.

More forms and information at
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or call BCCA 1-877-688-2333

Excerpts from BCCA By-laws (amended May 2013)

Article IV – Board of Directors

1. The board of directors shall consist of twelve members in good standing elected by seven zones established by the Association in 2013, named and numbered for reference:

1 BC Peace River	2 Central
3 Skeena	4 Cariboo
5 Thompson	6 Okanagan
7 Kootenay	

Zones 1,2,4,5 and 6 shall elect two directors.
Zones 3 and 7 shall elect one director.
2. In addition, each zone shall elect an alternate director to serve in the event a director is unable, and when the president is elected, the alternate from the president's zone shall serve as director.
3. The immediate past-president of the Association shall be invited to participate on the board in a non-voting capacity.
4. The Association shall carry out an election for the directors in odd years for odd numbered zones, in even years for even numbered zones to elect directors for two-year terms. In the first year only (2014) each zone shall have an election and odd numbered zones will elect directors for a one-year term.
5. The election process shall be carried out by direct mail ballot to the voting members of the association. Electronic voting may be considered by the directors as an alternate method. The election process shall be completed by April 15th of each year, and the directors shall take office at the first meeting of the board following the annual general meeting.
6. **Directors:**
 - a) **shall be a voting member in good standing of the Association, or shall be a representative duly authorized by a voting member in good standing that is a partnership or corporation.**
 - b) **shall avoid positions which may result in a conflict of interest with policies of the Association.**
 - c) **shall complete no more than four consecutive two-year terms as directors to the Association, unless serving as president or vice-president.**
 - d) **shall not be a paid employee or contractor of the Association.**
7. The board of directors shall meet at least two times per year, besides any special meetings, in addition to meetings at the time of the annual general meeting.
8. The board of directors shall keep minutes of all its proceedings and the copies of which will be mailed or electronically distributed to the members of the board of directors and alternates within two weeks of each meeting of the board of directors.
9. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president and shall be called by him on the written request of two or more directors. At least seventy-two hours' notice of special directors meeting shall be given to each director.
10. A resolution, the approval of which is evidenced by the signature of the majority of directors, shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the board of directors duly called and constituted, and shall be entered in the minute book of the directors' meetings accordingly.
11. A quorum for the transaction of business for any directors' meetings shall be not less than five directors participating, or represented by alternate.
12. Without restricting the general powers conferred upon the board of directors and the powers otherwise conferred by the Constitution and By-laws of the Association, it is hereby expressly declared that the board of directors shall have the following powers, that is to say:
 - a) From time to time make and change policy, rules and regulations consistent with the Constitution and By-laws for the management of affairs and business of the Association.
 - b) To authorize any appointed officer or officers of the Association to draw, make, accept, endorse, sign or otherwise execute and deliver bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes, receipts, releases, contracts and other documents.
 - c) To delegate any of the powers of the board to any standing or special committee, or to any general manager or other officer, including the power to sub delegate, and upon such terms as the board may think fit.
 - d) To establish an investment policy for the Association, to annually review the policy guidelines and to report investment results to the annual general meeting of the members.
 - e) At their discretion, may seek direction from the members of the Association at a general meeting, or at the discretion of the directors, by mail ballot, on any issue of importance to the Association.
13. Each director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending regular or special meetings of the board of directors.
14. The voting members of a zone may, by special resolution, remove a director, before the expiration of his term of office, and may elect a successor to complete the term of office.

BC Cattlemen's Association – Election of Committee Members 2020



NOMINATION FORM

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Nomination for election of _____ Committee member
(Standing Committee Name)

- Environmental Stewardship Committee
- Land Stewardship Indigenous Affairs Committee
- Public Affairs & Education Committee

By signing this form, the nominee accepts nomination, and acknowledges that he/she is eligible (member in good standing) for nomination in: (please check one)

- Zone 2 (Central)
- Zone 4 (Cariboo)
- Zone 6 (Okanagan)

Nominee agrees to accept responsibilities as detailed below and on the reverse of this page, if elected to serve as committee member.

Name of Nominee (print): _____	Signature of nominee:
	Phone #:
	Email:

Nominated by BCCA member (print name): 	Signature of nominator:
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Nominated by BCCA member (print name): 	Signature of nominator:
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#4-10145 Dallas Drive, Email: bccattle@cattlemen.bc.ca
Kamloops, BC V2C 6T4 **with Subject: Nomination**

Nominees should review the *BCCA by-laws excerpt* and the committee activities as outlined on the back of this page and also note:

- All members in good standing are eligible to accept nomination for committee member.
- **All elected committee members are expected to actively participate as a committee member except in unforeseen circumstances. Activities include:** Committees schedule is expected to be one meeting at the time of the annual meeting, followed by several teleconferences, and from time to time a face-to-face meeting when circumstances require.
- Travel expenses plus honorarium for meeting days are paid by the association to committee members to help offset their expenses related to their participation on the committee. (There is no honorarium paid for teleconferences.)
- Committee members shall be elected for a two-year term.
- The first meetings of the committee's elected in 2020 are planned to be held the day immediately prior to the Annual General meeting; travel expenses will be covered for the AGM.

Each zone shall elect one member for each standing committee.

More forms and information at
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Excerpts from BCCA By-laws (amended May 2013)

Article V – Standing Committees

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Each of the zones shall be eligible to elect one voting member to each current standing committee of the Association2. The election of committee members will be carried out by the Association at the same time as the election of directors, and using the same qualifications, nomination and election process3. The president shall appoint a chairman of each standing committee from the board of directors | <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. The directors may authorize the payment of expenses to members of special or standing committees when engaged in work for the said committee.5. Every standing or special committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings and report the same to the board of directors from time to time as the circumstances may warrant, and shall render a full report to the Association at the regular annual meeting thereafter. |
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Brief outline of Committee areas of work – see also annual report at www.cattlemen.bc.ca

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The Environmental Stewardship Committee addresses issues relating to the environment and the management of water, wildlife and waste including associated legislation and regulations.

Scope of work: Water Sustainability Act regulations, livestock watering, groundwater licensing, water storage & dams, riparian management & stewardship (via FRISP Program), ecosystem services, ag-wildlife conflicts, Species at Risk, Agricultural Waste Control Regulations, Environmental Farm Plan, and Invasive Plants.

Land Stewardship and Indigenous Affairs Committee Works on Range Tenure related issues; reviews and recommends changes to the Forest and Range Practices Act, the Range Act, the Range Planning and Practices Regulation and the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation and related policy; reviews and recommends changes to 'other' related legislation and policy (ie Land Act, Trespass Act); mitigating mountain pine beetle impacts; funding applications; monitors the BC Treaty process; provides assistance to members and associations related to local treaty negotiations and issues.

Public Affairs and Education Committee Responsible for promotion of BC Cattlemen's Association and the beef industry in BC. Develops projects related to consumer education and promotion of beef, and communications from and about BC's beef industry while building public trust. Responsible for providing producers with resources to promote the beef industry to consumers and the general public. The committee is focused on encouraging youth or young producers to become active within the industry, while providing educational outreach on ranch and business management to all age demographics.

New for 2020 – No Elections for:

- **Livestock Industry Protection Committee (LIPC)**
- **Research Committee**

BCCA has been discussing combining the Research Committee with LIPC to adapt our committees to effectively and efficiently address issues facing our industry. At this time, the Board has discussed restructuring and is proposing a merger of the two committees to create a new exciting committee with a new mandate to reflect the changing needs of the industry while still addressing the major activities and issues of the two committees. It will be a phased in approach over the next year, where all existing committee members in both LIPC and Research committees will remain in place for the next year (2020/2021). As such, there will be no election for LIPC or Research (or new committee) in any of the zones in 2020. During the 2020/2021 year, the Committee members will participate in the development of the new committee and in 2021; there will be an election in all zones for new committee - odd zones (1,3,5,7) would have a regular elections for a two year term and even zones (2,4,6) would have a special election for a one year term. The idea behind the phased in merger is to allow those who have been part of the two committees to be instrumental in guiding the development of a new committee.