

E-BULLETIN APRIL 28, 2020

VIRTUAL AGM VOTING RESULTS

In this *e-Bulletin* you will find the Virtual AGM voting results, information about positions on the executive and Scholarship Trust Fund that were up for election at the AGM, and a request for you to share your club's activities with us.

When the decision was made to cancel the April 25th in-person AGM, it was done with regrets at not being able to see you to connect by spending a day talking together, learning and deciding on some motions to direct the council's future.

However, through the hard work of the executive and your participation, 78 delegates (45% of the ACMs in good standing) cast votes on the 2 motions and most answered the additional questions provided.

The voting went as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain
• Motion to approve the Executive Reporting Pkg., 2019 AGM minutes and 2020 Budget:	75	0	3
• Motion to change Article 3 of PART TWO of the Scholarship Trust Fund:	77	0	1
• Was your planning to send a delegate to the April 25th, 2020 in-person AGM:	37	40	N/A
• Is receiving the Executive Reporting Package in advance of the scheduled AGM and registering your votes through an on-line survey something you'd like to see continued?	70	5	N/A

The council's executive thanks all of you for your active participation in our first Virtual AGM vote. We are in record territory for the number of voting delegates. One of the wonderful aspects of the Virtual AGM was that we had a number of delegates from the Interior, Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island join in to cast their votes.

OPEN POSITIONS

Four positions were up for election at the AGM. Because people often come forward during the general meetings to put their names forward, we did not hold an on-line vote for these positions. Presuming the BCCGC is able to hold a fall 2020 general meeting, elections will be held for these four positions then. In the meantime the executive will appoint the following people to fill three of the positions:

1. Cindy Tataryn, First Vice-President
2. Linda Stanley Wilson, Communications Coordinator
3. Ginette Handfield, Lynn Valley Garden Club, Treasurer

There was no name put forward for the fourth position: Scholarship Trustee. The chairperson of the Scholarship Fund Committee has provided the following description for this position. Please consider whether you, or someone else in your club, can take on this interesting and critical position.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE SEEKS A THIRD MEMBER

The BCCGC Scholarship Fund Committee is seeking a new member for this three person committee as Karen Hasselfelt completes her term in April 2020. The candidate must be able to commit to a three year term of office.

The Committee meets approximately 8 to 10 times a year and is charged with the administration of the Scholarship Trust Fund, including maintaining contact with: educational institutions receiving awards from the STF; Vancity Community Foundation which administers the funds; clubs, individuals and associations that donate to the fund; as well as with students receiving awards.

A familiarity with administrative practices, good computer skills and a willingness to work with others are assets that are needed.

If this is of interest to you and you would like more information please check out the Scholarship Fund tab at bcgardenclubs.com. Brenda Woosnam, the STF's current chairperson would be delighted to speak with you at scholarship@bcgardenclubs.com or 604 541 7260.



COVID COPING: KEEPING OUR CLUBS ALIVE DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social isolation is hard on everybody and every business, no question. It is important in these times to keep our social groups functioning so that people have activities and interests to keep their spirits up. Garden clubs can provide these outlets, but how do we keep our clubs alive during social distancing? We can't have our regular face-to-face meetings, can't have our plant sales (usually a big source of funds for the years' activities), can't have garden tours or flower shows.

The BCCGC wants to hear from clubs throughout the province on initiatives you are undertaking to keep your clubs active and members engaged during this unusual time. Please email Melanie at mjrpharm@telus.net and I will add your ideas to the list for an upcoming newsletter article.

Our shared strengths in thinking outside the box and caring for our fellow gardening enthusiasts will help us all come out the other side of this strange world event with our garden clubs intact.

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