



**Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 8:00 AM**  
**Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre**  
**2120 16 Ave NE, Calgary, AB T2E 1L4**

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Executive Board:

President: Irina King  
Vice President: Wesley Broadfoot  
Treasurer: Myles Sidorak  
Past President: Aline Kahawaty

Directors in Attendance:

Kyle Brost  
Gregg Burke  
Christine Card  
Aline Kahawaty  
Don Laycraft  
Robert Preston  
Darren Zabel

**1. Meeting called to order:** 8:05 AM by Aline Kahawaty

**2. MOTION to approve minutes from February 6, 2018 Annual General Meeting:**

Moved By: Kyle Brost  
Seconded By: Wesley Broadfoot  
All in Favour: Carried

**3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda**

**4. Presidents Report [Irina King]**

- a. A huge thank you to the 2019 CPCIA Board of Directors and all of their volunteer hours this past year.
  - i. Christine Card for composing and sending out the monthly newsletter and the continuous additions to the CPCIA social media feeds. Christine was also an integral piece of updating the CPCIA Website. Thank-you Christine for your hard work and dedication.
  - ii. Kyle Brost for organizing and attending the CPCIA's first out-of-province education course, the Certified Irrigation Technician class held in Saskatoon, SK.
- b. The board has been working with the City of Airdrie and the City of Okotoks to assist in updating the water restrictions both cities have put into effect this past year. While the CPCIA applauds the implementation of bylaws to conserve water during periods of drought, there is concern about the restrictive nature of this bylaw. The board does not feel that homeowners with automated irrigation systems should be required to obtain a permit. Or to have a restrictive time usage. Automated systems will consider changing weather conditions. For

example, rainfall and temperature affecting water requirements. The requirement to obtain written approval for testing is a restriction on homeowners and Irrigation companies.

- c. In 2019 The CPCIA continued to offer several courses throughout the year:
  - Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor: Calgary, July 16-17, 2019
  - Electrical Troubleshooting: Calgary, January 31, 2019
  - High Density Polyethylene Training, Calgary, April 16
  - Landscape Irrigation Contractor, Calgary, January 29-30, 2019
  - Landscape Irrigation Technician
    - 1. Calgary, January 29, 2019
    - 2. Calgary, April 23, 2019
    - 3. Saskatoon, November 12, 2019
  - Principles of Irrigation: Agriculture: Calgary, January 29-30, 2019
  - Principles of Irrigation: Landscape: Calgary, January 29-30, 2019
  - Two-Wire Technology: Calgary, January 31, 2019
- d. December 4, 2019 Irrigation Show held in Las Vegas, Nevada.  
Irina King and Wesley Broadfoot met with Deborah Hamlin, the Irrigation Association President and Mike Temple, the Irrigation Association Education Director in December for the annual CPCIA/IA meeting and discussed the following items:
  - 1. The Train the Trainer Program. The Irrigation Association currently has the program under review but has set a budget for 5-new trainers, annually. The IA is looking at offering three levels of trainers and will keep the CPCIA updated as the changes and criteria unfold.
  - 2. Test centers. The Irrigation Association is going to look at updating the Test Center locations, for Canadian Members, so that members are made aware of the test center location prior to registering for an exam.

## 5. Member and Volunteer of the Year Awards

Thank you so much to all of the volunteers in 2019.

The Member of the Year Award for 2019 was presented to Prestige Pop-ups and was accepted by Kyle Brost. Thank you to Kyle and his team for all of their work to help host a successful CIT course in Saskatoon.

The Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019 was given to Shane Williams for his extensive volunteer work this past July when the CPCIA held their bi-annual Certified Irrigation Landscape Auditor course.

## 6. Treasurer's Report [Myles Sidorak]

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors for another successful Trade Show:

Gold Sponsor: City of Calgary

Silver Sponsor: Naiad Irrigation Systems

Bronze Sponsors: Consolidated Supply, Emco Lt, M.A. Stewart, Pumptronics, Rainbird, Regency Irrigation, Sandale, Site One, Spears Manufacturing, Toro & Zurn Wilkins

Coffee & Class Sponsors: Hunter Industries, Irritrol, Landscape Irrigation Design, Poly Tubes, Unique Lighting and Watts Canada

Click here for a copy of the [2019 financial report](#) and the [2020 budget](#).

## 7. Proposed By-law Changes

During the January 30, 2019 Annual General Meeting the CPCIA board proposed several updates they would like to amend in their Bylaws. Irina King reviewed the following changes:

- a. Change the association name
- b. Gender neutral "he/she"
- c. Update the Financial Year to January-December vs. April-March

- d. Encompassing all of Canada
- e. Update the number of members in attendance from 75% to 51%.

**MOTION** to approve bylaws with updates outlined above as of January 30, 2020

Moved By: Shane Williams  
Seconded By: Aline Kahawaty  
All in Favour: Carried

## 8. Election Procedures

## 9. Elections

### 2020 Board of Directors:

President: Wesley Broadfoot  
Vice President: Don Laycraft  
Past President: Irina King  
Treasurer: Myles Sidorak  
Directors:  
Kyle Brost  
Gregg Burke  
Christine Card  
Aline Kahawaty  
Don Laycraft  
Robert Preston  
Darren Zabel

## 10. Motion to dissolve the 2019 board of directors

Moved By: Christine Card  
Seconded By: Gregg Burke  
All in Favour: Carried

## 11. Incoming Presidents Message [Wesley Broadfoot]

- a. Thank-you to the new board of directors and our now past president Irina King and for helping pave the way with their initiatives over the past 19-years.
- b. The board is currently creating a new part-time, paid position to help support and continue the work of our Social Media platforms and Event Planning.
- c. Thank-you to all of our sponsors this year.
- d. The board will continue to work with the provinces and cities and promote Smart Irrigation Month, alongside the Irrigation Association
- e. The board is excited about offering more cross-border education classes in the coming year.
- f. We will work with the Partnership Director to simultaneously continue to build new partnerships and strengthen the partnerships that have been created. Our current partnerships include
  - a. Landscape Alberta Nursery Trades Association (LANTA)
  - b. Western Canada Turfgrass Association (WCTA)
  - c. Olds College
  - d. Alberta Low Impact Development Partnership (ALIDP)
- g. Upcoming Events for 2020/21 with exciting sponsorship opportunities:
  - a. High Density Polyethylene Training
  - b. Certified Irrigation Technician
  - c. Smart Irrigation Month BBQ
  - d. 2021 Education Week & Trade Show

- h. Have a great season and thank-you to everyone in attendance for your participation and attendance. On behalf of the 2020 CPCIA Board of Directors we hope you hope you all have a very successful season.

**Adjournment at 8:45 AM**