

March 2022 Annual General Meeting

Friday, March 25, 2022

1.0 Call to order

Don Laycraft called meeting to order at 1:05 PM on March 25, 2022.

2.0 Approval of meeting minutes from March 11, 2021

MOTION to approve minutes from March 11, 2021 Annual General Meeting

1: Christine Card

2: Iqbal Hassan

DISPOSITION: Passed unanimously

3.0 Additions or New Business

Nothing new to add to meeting agenda.

4.0 President's Report [Don Laycraft]

1. Thank you to the 2021 CPCIA Board of Directors and for all their efforts to attend the Zoom Meetings throughout the year.
Past President: Wesley Broadfoot
Vice President: Aline Kahawaty
Treasurer: Myles Sidorak
Education Director: Pradeep Sharma
Sponsorship Director: Irina King
Marketing Director: Christine Card
Technology/IT Director: Kyle Brost
Membership Director: Shane Williams
Government/Regulatory Affairs Director: Robert Preston
2. March 2021: with the restrictions for COVID-19 still requiring social distancing the CPCIA held their first online AGM via Zoom. It was a successful event for all in attendance and opened the door for more online events.
2. Partnership with IIABC and brought virtual classes to our members. Beginning in April we will be offering several more virtual classes that will help you earn CEU's
3. Smart Irrigation Month BBQ. Another event that was cancelled due to COVID. The incoming president, Aline Kahawaty, is hoping to renew all of the CPCIA events
4. 2022 Education Week. With the rise of the COVID-19 Omicron variant the board determined that hosting the 2022 Education Week at the end of January would be a high risk event and as a result the event had to be canceled.

5. Certified Irrigation Technician. The CPCIA has found that there are local needs and access for a CIT course and has is hoping to partner with local instructors and institutions to create a CIT course specified to Alberta and other prairie provinces requirements.

5.0 Treasurer's Report [Myles Sidorak read by Kyle Brost]

The year of COVID. This past years budget was based on not being able to earn income due to cancelled events.

However, the board was able to generate money due to the partnership with IIABC and hosting virtual classes plus sponsorship dollars.

2022 Education Week was cancelled and the board has been able to pivot.

The following attachments reflect Budget vs. Actual

99% of our costs that are incurred when hosting the Education Week we have been able to defer the payments until our 2023 Education Week.

6.0 Board Positions and Nominations

President: Aline	Misty Black, City of Calgary [new]
Vice President: Shane	Patrick Turner, City of Saskatoon [new]
Treasurer: Myles	Pradeep Sharma, Education & Certification
Past President: Don Laycraft	Robert Preston, Government & Regulatory Affairs
Directors:	
Kyle Brost, Technology	Tony Serwatuk, RainBird [new]
Melissa Rambeau, Site One [new]	

7.0 Dissolve Board

Motion

MOTION to dissolve the 2021 CPCIA board of directors.

Notes

1. Shane Williams
2. Aline Kahawaty

DISPOSITION: Passed unanimously

8.0 Incoming President's Message [Aline Kahawaty]

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2022 President's Message

Honored and humbled! I am honored to be the 21st President of the Canadian Prairie Chapter of the Irrigation Association (CPCIA) for 2022 and humbled by the confidence bestowed on me by the membership to serve as a repeat president. Volunteering as a board director since 2016 and leading the Board of Directors as the first female president in 2018 have been both enriching and rewarding on the personal and professional levels. I take this opportunity to thank our past-president Don Laycraft and the 2021 Board of Directors, many of whom have been long term volunteers, for their energy, dedication, and flexibility as we navigated 2021; a year of planning, cancelling, adjusting, and replanning.

Thank You, your efforts have not been unnoticed! I would like to welcome our new board members for their willingness to accept the challenge and join a group of industry representatives and leaders, some with no prior knowledge, but soon a group of friends. Thank You, the board needs your enthusiasm, experience, and fresh ideas!

The past couple of years taught us to be resilient, creative, and adaptive through the many challenges we faced individually and collectively on the personal and business fronts. As a board, despite the setbacks, and in the absence of in-person education sessions, we strived to offer learning opportunities via online classes and a new webinar format speaker series. We responded to the need of our membership by putting on suitable cost-effective online classes in time for CEU cycle renewals and training of seasonal employees by offering three classes in April. While we carry on with bi-monthly speaker series, we are working hard at scheduling HDPE fusion in-person training classes, other possible summer/fall courses, options of developing a local technician training program, July Smart Irrigation Month networking and public engagement opportunities, as well as planning for the 2023 Education Conference and Trade Show (January 31 – February 2, 2023). Speaking of the webinar series, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please reach out and share those (president@cpcia.com).

Beyond diversifying and optimizing our education opportunities and professional development, growing our membership, and building further partnerships with local related organizations, the new board will seek to become the voice of the irrigation industry and its reference hub for policies in the Prairies by advocating and networking on behalf of our membership with all possible stakeholders on the values brought by the industry. This shall be a 2022 and beyond goal that should engage and involve all our membership!

While the irrigation sector, like many other industries, is currently facing unprecedented supply chain disruptions, staff shortages, and increased inflation, opportunities for growth, diversification, efficiencies, and sustainability are plenty. Adapt, equip, innovate; Be Prepared, Be Ready, Be the Change!

I am very excited to serve as the President for this term along with a dedicated team of professionals and I look forward for a fantastic year ahead for the CPCIA.

2022 Education & Networking Plans:

- Re-establish Education subcommittee
- Online Courses, April 2022
- HDPE Fusion Training this spring
- Bi-monthly webinar speaker series
- Education Week & Tradeshow: Jan 31 – Feb 2, 2023
- July Smart Irrigation Month BBQ
- Possible Summer/Fall courses!

General Board Goals 2022 & Beyond:

- Be the Voice of the Irrigation Industry and its Reference Hub for Policies Government Level Initiatives)
- Build Further Partnerships with Local Industry Related Organizations
- Advocate for Sound Irrigation Practices/Principles, Certification, Smart Water Wise, Water Conservation, Water Management, Water Reuse Opportunities, Sustainable Design Innovations/technologies, Green and Agri-food Applications
- Grow Membership and Engage/Connect with Current Members and Possible Stakeholders
- Reduce Costs for Education Classes; Local Instructors, Local Classes, Online and In-Person
- Promote July Smart Irrigation Month; Opportunities for Citizen Education/Engagement

2022 EXECUTIVE GOALS

- Review of the CPCIA Bylaws & Business Plan: Mission, Vision, Value, Focus, and Future
- Review Mandates for Portfolios
- Productive Volunteering (Efficient and Timely Board Meetings, Sub-committees, etc.)

9.0 Adjournment

Notes

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 2:05 PM

1. Kyle Brost
2. Iqbal Hassan

DISPOSITION: Passed unanimously