



BRITISH COLUMBIA FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

To provide a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2017

BCFPA 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 29, 2018

BCFPA Charter

Mission: *To provide a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply*

Vision: *A safe and nutritious food supply*

Commitment: *The Association is dedicated to the education and service of BCFPA members and the food industry*

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President's Annual Report by Stephanie Nadya

Once again 2017 was a successful year for BC Food Protection Association.

First off, BCFPA was selected to receive the IAFP 2017 Affiliate Education Award through both 2016 spring and fall workshops.

Despite the declined membership with a total of 99 members in 2017 as compared to 118 the previous year, our event attendance remained steady.

Financially, your BCFPA posted a gain this year, mainly due to the large turnout of our spring and fall events. In this report, the funding from Growing Forward 2, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative, for our 2016 fall workshop is also reflected. Again, this year we applied to Growing Forward 2 for the fall workshop, which is still pending. We will continue to explore further avenues for maintaining the quality service of our association, while maintaining low costs for our members in the year to come. We hope this will also bring more membership to 2018.

We hosted two events this year, the Spring Speaker's Evening "*Sanitation and Biofilm Challenges in the Food Industry - A Chemical Company's Perspective*", and a sold-out one-day fall workshop "*Introduction to FSMA: Preventive Controls for Human Food and What You Should Know*". In addition, the Student Professional Development Group hosted a Student Networking Event for both UBC and BCIT students (see below for the report).

This year, BCFPA is honoured to present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Lance Hill at our AGM for his substantial contributions to the association over the years. His nomination was submitted by Lorraine McIntyre and Terry Peters.

With our commitment to support development opportunities for students in 2017, I am delighted to announce that we will be presenting one BCFPA Scholarship at our AGM to Elaine Chang, for her essay titled, "*Food Safety within Sustainable Food Production*".

All of our communication, membership renewal and events details can be found on our website: www.bcfoodprotection.ca. We continue to take advantage of our Newsletter (the Grapevine), e-Bulletins, and social media (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter) to convey information to our members in 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers and sustaining members for their support over the past year. If you would like to get more involved with BCFPA in any way, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the board members. Together, we can ensure that in 2018, the BCFPA will continue to serve its membership and provide the forum for exchanging information on protecting the food supply.

2017 BC Food Protection Association Board Members

President: Stephanie Nadya

Vice President: Justin Falardeau

Treasurer: Peter Taylor

Secretary: Yaxi Hu

Past-President: N/A

Director: Neda Rahimi

Director and IAFP Delegate: Siyun Wang

Director and Membership Coordinator: Simon Cowell

Director and Student Professional Development Group Coordinator: Yaxi Hu

Public Relations Committee & Newsletter Editor: Stephanie Chiu

UBC Student Coordinator: Lu Han (September-present)

BCIT Student Coordinator: Michael Wu (Jan-Mar) and Jessica Wu (Mar-present)

Secretary's Minutes of BCFPA 2016 Annual General Meeting by Chelsea Leung

Minutes of BCFPA 2016 Annual General Meeting
Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, BC
January 31st, 2017

Executives in Attendance: Stephanie Nadya, Alex Montgomery, Peter Taylor, Chelsea Leung, Simon Cowell, Stephanie Chiu, Yaxi Hu.

Executives Absent: Theresa Almonte, Ron Kuriyedath.

Members in Attendance: 31

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm.

Stephanie Nadya warmly welcomed all Members and Sustaining Members.

AGM agenda was reviewed; *motioned to adopt: Alex Montgomery, seconded: Lance Hill.*

2. AGM Reports

The 2016 Annual Report was electronically distributed to members prior to the AGM. The BCFPA hosted two successful events in 2016 including a full-day conference. The Student Professional Development Group hosted a networking event. The Treasurer's Report currently shows a loss over the year however one application for funding the fall conference is still pending. No questions were received from members.

Motioned to adopt 2015 AGM Report: Simon Cowell, seconded: Chris Piesik.

3. Nominations to the Executive Board

Stephanie Nadya thanked the 2016 Executive Board Members for making 2016 a successful year. Six names were presented as nominees (new and returning) to hold office for the following year. They were as follows: (returning members) Stephanie Nadya, Peter Taylor, Simon Cowell, Stephanie Chiu, Yaxi Hu; (new member) Justin Falardeau, Siyun Wang, Neda Rahimi.

Motioned to approve new executives: Lorraine McIntyre, seconded: Stephanie Chiu.

4. Keynote Speaker

Yasmin Yorish, Food Policy Liaison Officer at Health Canada, presented "Nutrition Labelling and Health Canada's Healthy Eating Strategy."

5. Research Presentation

Karen Fong, PhD Candidate in Food Science, gave the following presentation: "Characterization of virulent bacteriophages for control of *Salmonella* in fresh produce."

6. Scholarship and Award Presentation

Stephanie Nadya presented the first and second place cheques and certificates to 2016 student scholarship award recipients, Justin Falardeau and Luyao Ma, respectively. Yaxi Hu accepted the award on behalf of Luyao, who was unable to make it to the AGM as she was completing an out-of-country internship.

7. Next Meeting

Next AGM will be held at the call of the chair in January 2018.

Stephanie Nadya closed the meeting by thanking the speakers, BCFPA Members and Sustaining Members for their continuing support of BCFPA activities.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Minutes prepared by:



Chelsea Leung, Secretary

Minutes authorized by:



Stephanie Nadya, President

Treasurer Report by Peter Taylor

Revenues

Income

Event Income

Fall 2017 Event	C\$3,143.58
Fall Event 2016	C\$9,108.74
Spring Event 2017	C\$1,762.46

Memberships

Basic Membership	C\$1,400.00
Bronze Membership	C\$500.00
Membership - Retired	C\$100.00
Silver Membership	C\$750.00
Student Membership	C\$390.00

Newsletter Advertising	C\$80.00
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Total Revenue **C\$17,234.78**

Expenses

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Bank Service Charge	C\$49.50
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Credit Card Fees	C\$24.54
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Event Expense

AGM 2017(2016)	C\$1,631.07
Fall 2016 Event	C\$193.58
Fall 2017 Event	C\$3,686.99
Spring Event 2017	C\$1,111.38

Executive Expense	C\$1,470.22
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Newsletter	C\$150.00
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PayPal Fees	C\$79.94
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Scholarships	C\$2,500.00
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Web Page Expenses	C\$743.10
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Total Expenses **C\$11,640.32**

Net income for Period **C\$5,594.46**

Membership Report by Simon Cowell

As of the end of 2017, BCFPA membership stands at 99 members. This includes 22 Sustaining Members, 28 Student Members, and 5 Retired Members.

Unfortunately, one of our long standing members, Karen Catherwood died on Sept 5th in Vancouver. Karen was a respected microbiologist with CFIA always willing to share her knowledge. Karen loved a good joke or story and for those who knew her, we will always remember her amazing laughter.

Student Report by Yaxi Hu

Student Networking Event – September 21st, 2017

Thirty-five UBC and BCIT students, one industry representatives from Molson Coors, two professors from UBC and one guest speaker from government agencies attended the student networking event hosted at Molson Coors in Vancouver, BC. Yaxi Hu, BCFPA Student Development and Professional Group Coordinator and PhD candidate at UBC, opened the event with an introduction of BCFPA Student Development and Professional Group and welcomed the guest speakers and all attendees. The speakers, Dr. Xiaonan Lu and Dr. Anubhav Pratap Singh from the Faculty of Land and Food System at UBC, Simon Cowell from Health Canada and Wenji Liu from Molson Coors, shared their career journey to students, provided suggestions about working in academia, applying for government jobs, and advised students to wisely select their career based on their interests and always try to challenge themselves with new things. Students then had some individual conversations with government, industry and academia professionals in regard to their career plans. At the end of the event, Yaxi Hu thanked the presenters and attendees as well as Stephanie Nadya for arranging the venue at Molson Coors.

Changes on the SDPG executives:

Student Coordinator: Yaxi Hu

Student Representative of UBC: Lu Han (September-present)

Student Representative of BCIT: Michael Wu (Jan-Mar) and Jessica Wu (Mar-present)

2018 SDPG events preview:

<p>Student networking event (September)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the new Student representatives to the students. • Present past events held and propose future events. • Create engagement between BCFPA executives and students. • Networking between UBC and BCIT students as well as food safety professionals. • Allow the new Student Representative to be familiar with the group events organization.
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