



BRITISH COLUMBIA FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

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

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2021

BCFPA 2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

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 David Mahoney

2021 was another unique year in the history of the BCFPA and I am intensely grateful and thankful for all the executive board who have volunteered their time to continue to support food safety in British Columbia. As president I certainly couldn't have done it without the executive, I'm new to the role. **Stephanie Chiu** I would describe as a backbone of the BCFPA, her experience in the BCFPA, the food industry, and her work ethic allow the BCFPA to be what it is today. **Simon Cowell** is a stalwart treasurer who has a wealth of invaluable experience. We have had so many new executive members step up to the plate this year to do their part including **Jasmine Lee, Karen Fong, Yasmin Gardy, and Nancy Ross**. Thanks again to all of the executive members for your valuable work in supporting food safety in BC.

As of December 2021 the BCFPA had 75 active members. This includes 37 regular members, 20 student members, 5 special members, 3 retired members, 4 sustaining bronze members, 5 sustaining silver members, and 1 sustaining gold member. This is an increase from 67 active members in December 2020.

Fiscally, the BCFPA account balance is virtually identical to the account balance last year. Details to follow in the treasurer's report.

As you all know, all of the events in 2021 have been virtual despite our optimism for an in person fall event. This year we held 6 webinars which touched on the latest in foodborne pathogen research, industry practices, produce food safety, indigenous food safety, and food safety law. Personally I found the talk on indigenous food safety to be very engaging and I hope those in the First Nations Health Authority are continuing their good work. All of us on the executive hope you enjoyed the events of this past year and encourage you all to reach out if you have a topic you would like to hear about.

The mission of the BCFPA is to provide a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply. This forum where our members can network and get to know one another has been the most challenging aspect of being virtual. One event which succeeded tremendously at providing this exchange in a virtual environment was our student networking event. The students who attended were engaged and relished the opportunity to speak to food safety professionals in breakout rooms. My thanks goes to our speakers at the networking event for staying to help guide these student into their future careers.

Lastly I would like to share our vision for the future of the BCFPA. As you may have noticed we have updated and increased our online presence to reflect our increasingly virtual world and to ensure the sustainability and growth of our membership. We now have a presence of LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter along with our website. I encourage you to engage with us online and spread the word of what we do. As soon as we can the BCFPA will welcome with open arms the return of in person events; however, virtual events will remain a part of the BCFPA going forward. For too long the BCFPA has been a Lower Mainland FPA, through virtual events we can continue to connect with the entire province and beyond.

Thank you to all of our members, volunteers, and sustaining members for supporting the BCFPA and thank you for supporting food safety in our Province. If you're interested in getting more involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or any other board member. Have an excellent 2022!

2021 BC Food Protection Association Board Members

President: David Mahoney

Vice President: Stephanie Chiu

Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair: Simon Cowell

Secretary: Jasmine Lee

Program and Special Events Committee Chair: David Mahoney

Nominations Committee Chair: Stephanie Chiu

Awards and Scholarship Committee Chair: Stephanie Chiu

Memberships Chair: Claire Nolan (first half of 2021), Nancy Ross, Demy Li (assist)

Bylaws and Resolutions Chair: Justin Falardeau

Communications Committee: Stephanie Chiu, Karen Fong

Newsletter Editor: Stephanie Chiu

Past President: Justin Falardeau

IAFP Affiliate Council Delegate: Justin Falardeau

Student Professional Development Group Coordinator (SPDG): Yasmin Gardy

UBC Student Representative: N/A

BCIT Student Representative: Yasmin Gardy

Members At Large: Stephanie Nadya

Webmaster: Simon Cowell, Stephanie Chiu

Secretary's Minutes of BCFPA 2020 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of BCFPA 2020 Annual General Meeting

Virtual meeting by Zoom

January 28, 2021

Executives in Attendance: Simon Cowell, Justin Falardeau, Stephanie Chiu, Ivy (Shenmiao) Li, David, Mahoney.

Executives Absent: Stephanie Nadya

Members in Attendance: 29

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

Justin Falardeau warmly welcomed all Members and Sustaining Members.

AGM agenda was reviewed; motioned to adopt: Ron Wasik, seconded: Vic Martens.

AGM minutes of last year was electronically distributed to members prior to the AGM; motioned to adopt: Ron Wasik, seconded: Masih Sabet.

2. AGM Reports

The 2020 Annual Report was electronically distributed to members prior to the AGM. The BCFPA hosted two successful events in 2020 including the Spring Webinar Series and the Fall Webinar Series. The Student Professional Development Group hosted a Virtual Student Career Networking Event. The Treasurer's Report currently shows a gain over the year; motioned to adopt: Ron Wasik, seconded: Vic Martens.

3. Nominations to the Executive Board

Justin Falardeau thanked the 2020 Executive Board Members for making 2020 a successful year. Seven names were presented as nominees (new and returning) to hold office for the following year. They were as follows: (returning members) Stephanie Chiu, Simon Cowell, David, Mahoney, Claire Nolan, Stephanie Nadya; (new member) Karon Fong, Yasmin Gardy.

4. Virtual Networking Activity

A foodborne illness case study was presented to attendees. Justin Falardeau explained the rules for the activity and then assigned the attendees into small groups to figure out the questions related to the case. A after the networking activity, Justin announced the winner.

5. Scholarship and Award Presentation

Justin Falardeau presented the first place and second place certificates and cheques to the 2020 student scholarship award recipients, the 1st place: Yuritzel Moreno-Parra and the 2nd place: Shannon Stainsby, respectively.

6. Research Presentation

Tom Brenner, UBC PhD Candidate, gave the following presentation: "Formulating a broad-spectrum bacteriophage cocktail against pervasive poultry-associated Salmonella enterica serovars."

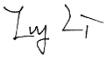
7. Next Meeting

Next AGM will be held at the call of the chair in January 2022.

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

Adjourned: 6:22 pm

Minutes prepared by:



Ivy Li, Secretary

Minutes authorized by:



Justin Falardeau, President

2022 Budget for the BCFPA**Revenues****Event income**

AGM	\$0
Spring Speakers Event	\$100
Fall Speakers Event/Series	\$100

Membership

Individual memberships	\$2,000
Sustaining members	\$1,500

Other

Other (advertising)	\$100
<i>Grants</i>	\$0
Sponsorships	\$500

Total revenues **\$4,300**

Expenses**Events**

AGM	\$100
Spring Speakers	\$250
Fall Speakers	\$250
Executive meetings	\$400

Other

Finance fees (bank charges)	\$200
Misc Supplies (Insurance)	\$600
Awards	\$1,500
IT (websites)	\$1,000

Total expenses **\$4,300**

Balance **\$0.00**

Membership Report by Nancy Ross

As of the end of 2021, BCFPA membership stands at 71 active members. This includes 9 Sustaining Members, 34 Student Members, and 8 Special/Retired Members. The total membership remains about the same as 2020. There are some lapsed sustaining members that we hope will renew this month; a campaign to increase sustaining members and entice graduating students to become active members will be initiated in the winter/spring of 2022.

Student Report by Yasmin Gardy

On September 23, 2021, the Student Professional Development Group (SPDG) organized a Career Networking Event for the students of BCIT and UBC. Attending such event was free of charge, and due to challenges COVID introduced to our BC community with remote events and possible isolation, the SPDG decided to extend the invitation to legacy members and encourage further involvement and inclusivity among our guests.

The Career Networking Event welcomed 47 attendees, who showed dynamic engagement during the panelists' sessions of the four leading topics presented. The Director of FSQA and Regulatory at Daiya Foods, Mila Savic, started the evening by expanding on the differences between Quality Control and Quality Assurance positions in the food industry; what is within each of the positions' responsibility. Following the first panel, Dr. Rob Marshall, owner of Safe Food Compliance Canada LTD, introduced the aspects of auditing, the importance and expectations during the inspection process. Dr. Ron Wasik, President of RJW Consulting Canada LTD, engaged the conversation on sustainability approach, which the food industry and global action may consider, and encouraged the audience to observe the topic from various perspectives. The Career Networking Event closing panelist was Jessica Au-Yeung, R&D Manager and Operations Coordinator at Big Mountain Foods, who led the conversation on the creativity and designing of new products from start to finish, and the possible challenges introduced during the Research and Development stages.

The event was organized by the SPDG Committee and hosted by SPDG Student Coordinator, Yasmin Gardy, a 2nd year Food Technology student at BCIT. Our BCFPA President, David Mahoney, explored with the students, new guests, and professionals the benefits and involvement our food protection non-profit organisation has to offer to one's professional and personal growth and invited them to become active members in the community. In addition, two names were randomly picked from the list of guests and each lucky winner received a \$25 gift card.

High engagement throughout the panels kept the conversation going further the event's expected time of 1.5 hours. Closing the event with breakout room sessions, which were facilitated by one panelist and a BCFPA member, to answer questions and provided opportunity for attendees to introduce themselves and network, attendees were given the admin to move and enter other rooms and explore more networking. The SPDG and BCFPA Board is grateful to all those were able to join us to the successful and dynamic Career Networking Event and welcome you to return this year and join our community, get involved and enjoy meeting more talented professionals in the Food Industry field.