



BC Wine Grape Council

Annual General Meeting | Wednesday August 07, 2024

Penticton Lakeside Resort

Nomination Guidelines

Nomination Committee & Election Process

As required by the BCWGC Operating procedures the Directors have established a nomination committee; this year it shall consist of two persons. The Committee Chair for this year is **Kate Durisek**
 Tel: **250-809-7107** Email: info@bcwgc.org and she will conduct the election according to the following BCWGC operating procedures:

- There must be sufficient names to fill the vacant directorships
- *Nomination* – For a nomination to be valid the nomination must have the signed support of at least two (2) members, the consent of the nominee and be in the hands of the nominations committee chair at least three (3) days prior to the AGM.
- The nominee must be in good standing and may present him or herself at the AGM with a brief biography.
- Nominations from the floor, with a seconder, will be accepted
- *Ballot Voting* – Members are required to register one vote for each directorship vacancy for a ballot to be valid. All ballots with insufficient or superfluous votes will be destroyed
- *Scrutineers* – The Nominating Committee shall determine the scrutineers, with a minimum of two (2) independent persons who are not members of the Council
- Election results will be announced at the AGM

Elections, Board of Directors

- The Board (Directors of the Council) will be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting (with a voting card) via ballot.
- All vacancies will be elected for 2-year terms

Directors remaining on the board:

EXISTING DIRECTOR: REMAINING	REPRESENTING	# TERMS
Ross Wise, Chair, Black Hills Estate Winery	Grower 20-250 acres	2 nd year/Term #3
Carl Van der Merwe, Arterra Wines Canada	250+ acres	2 nd year/Term #2
Severine Pinte, Le Vieux Pin & LaStella Winery	Winemaker	2 nd year/Term #2
Lindsay O'Rourke, Tightrope Winery	Grower less than 20 acres	2 nd year/Term #1

- **There are 5 positions up for election in any of the categories below:**
 - **Grower > 250 acres**
 - **Grower 20-250 acres**
 - **Grower < 20 acres**
 - **Winemaker**
 - **Member from outside of the Okanagan**
 - **Member at Large**

- Council members **cannot** serve more than 3 consecutive terms.
- In any one year, half of the directorships will be filled and half will remain, thereby ensuring continuity from year-to-year.
- Elections will be via voting card. All members in good standing of the Council attending the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be required to register at the meeting to obtain a voting card.

Council Board of Directors Composition

The BCWGC Board of Directors is comprised of a minimum of 5 growers to a maximum of 9 growers with at least:

- One director of a vineyard (less than 20 acres)
- One director of a vineyard (20 to 250 acres)
- One director of a vineyards (over 250 acres)
- One director is a winemaker (any size)
- One director from outside the Okanagan and Similkameen valleys (any size)
- One director is a member-at-large (any size)

A 2/3 majority of the BCWGC Board of Directors may appoint directors to a maximum of 9 growers and may appoint an additional director who is a non-grape growing representative.

Role and Responsibilities

1. If a director is unable to complete his term, the director may recommend a successor or the board may appoint a replacement who will complete the existing term.
2. The directors will maintain a high degree of respect and fairness in their conduct:
 - Anyone with a vested interest in or who stands to have direct gains from a proposal or decision will identify same to the board and 'step back' from the decision making process
 - Everyone will support the actions of the Council as a whole
3. Directors of the BCWGC must comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy.
4. No fees shall be paid for a Director's service.
5. Council will reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by Directors while on Council business. Expenses over \$500 must be pre-approved.
6. The Board must approve all expenses before payment.

Council Board Meetings

1. At the first Council Board meeting, following the election, the new board will determine the Chair, Vice Chair and any other officers for the year by vote. The first Board meeting will occur within 30 days of the AGM.
2. Board meetings will be called at the discretion of the Chair, who will call at least four (4) meetings a year.
3. A "Notice of Directors" meeting will go out at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.
4. For the Board to conduct business, a quorum is defined as a minimum of five (5) directors.
5. To change quorum definition requires 100% Board approval.
6. The Council will operate in an effective and cost-efficient manner. The administrative costs will not exceed 15 % of the average annual levy income, excluding all grant or other fund incomes, as well as return on investment.

