



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO JOIN IAF'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Looking for a way to make a difference in the BC Agriculture and Agri-Food Industry? The Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (IAF) Board of Directors is looking to recruit talented, energetic, industry leaders who are passionate about helping to build a competitive, sustainable and resilient agriculture and agri-food sector in British Columbia.

We are currently looking for a total of four (4) Directors, one from each the following sectors:

1. Post Farm gate – the agri-food processing sector
2. Other livestock (pork, sheep, horse)
3. Greenhouse and/or Floriculture and/or Nursery
4. Dairy

Please see the complete Job Description (below).

If you are interested in being part of the IAF please send your CV and a one page cover letter demonstrating that you meet the essential qualifications and the competencies you can bring to the IAF Board attention to: Michelle Koski at: mkoski@iafbc.ca by 4:00PM on January 31, 2019.

For more information on IAF, our Members, current Board of Directors and more, visit iafbc.ca.



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About IAF

The Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (IAF) is an industry-led, not-for-profit organization representing the agriculture, food processing, farm supply and post farm gate sectors across British Columbia. Since 1996, we have worked with our industry partners and funders to invest in projects that enhance the competitiveness, profitability and sustainability of BC agriculture and agri-food.

Key Responsibilities

The legal responsibilities of a director are described in the “Roles and Duties of the Board of Directors” policy. What follows is a summary description of key responsibilities.

Director responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Provide oversight for all activities that advance IAF’s effectiveness and sustainability. This includes:
 - Attending and being an active participant at quarterly Board meetings, Director training, strategic planning sessions, and the yearly AGM;
 - Staying informed about committee matters;
 - Being well prepared for meetings, review and comment on projects, minutes and reports. This involves careful reading and consideration of the agenda and other materials sent to the Board;
 - Let the Chair and Executive Director know if unable to attend a meeting;
 - Participate in orientation activities/training.
- Be attentive and vigilant in matters that require a commitment of confidentiality and privacy.
- Take care of IAF by ensuring prudent, wise use of its assets including the facility, people, and finances. Approve IAF’s annual budget, audit financial reports, and material business decisions which includes being informed of, and meeting all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities as outlined in the “IAF Board of Directors Manual.”
- Chair, serve on, or be a member of IAF standing committees or task forces. Volunteer for and willingly accept assignments and complete them thoroughly and on time.
- Be an active member of IAF by attending events. Help represent IAF to the Members and other agriculture and agri-food stakeholders; act as an informal ambassador for IAF both within the industry and beyond.
- Maintain your status as a member in good standing with the organizations associated with the sector you represent.
- Commit to an availability of four – one day meetings per year plus preparation time and committee work. On average 5 -10 hours per month.
- Willingness to travel domestically overnight within B.C. (expenses covered by IAF).

Qualifications

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Strong interpersonal skills, collaborator and team player;
- Legal knowledge, human resource expertise, communications and government relations acumen, finance, leadership;
- Understanding of Board governance and the role of not-for-profit organizations;
- Technical and business expertise in your sector.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE

- Demonstrated experience in agricultural production and/or agri-food business operations;
- Demonstrated knowledge of industry organizations and the BC agri agriculture and agri-food industry;
- Previous experience and participation on boards either strategic or operational;
- Recognized and established record of leadership with the agriculture and/or agri-food industry.

ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Canadian citizen and resident of British Columbia for at least 5 years;
- 19 years of age;
- Member in good standing of the sector organization you will be representing;
- Demonstrated support and endorsement from recognized agriculture and/or agrifood organizations.

Nomination Process

Directors are nominated by IAF's Members.

The Board is elected by the IAF membership at the Annual General Meeting (April 2019).

Term

Directors are appointed to a two-year term, starting in April 2019.

Location

IAF's Board of Directors welcomes candidates from across British Columbia. Representation from each of BC's major agricultural production regions is considered during the recruitment process.

Apply

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