



VANCOUVER NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NOTICE OF THE 100th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Unitarian Centre, 949 West 49th Avenue, Vancouver

The 100th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Vancouver Natural History Society will be held in the hall of the Unitarian Centre, 949 West 49th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday April 26, 2018, for the purposes of:

1. Approving the minutes of the 99th Annual General Meeting held on April 27, 2017. These can be viewed on the Nature Vancouver website at www.naturevancouver.ca
2. Receiving the President's report.
3. Receiving the Treasurer's report.
4. Receiving the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the Review Engagement Report by Reid Hurst Nagy, Chartered Professional Accountants.
5. Authorizing the directors to appoint accountants to conduct a review engagement of the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2018.
6. Considering a Special Resolution re the adoption of the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws. See page 2 for the full resolution. A copy of the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws accompany this Notice.
7. Electing the Society's directors for 2018 - 2019. See page 2 for the procedure for nominating and electing directors.
8. Consideration of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

To view the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting please visit the Nature Vancouver website at www.naturevancouver.ca and follow the links to AGM minutes.

Nature Vancouver Volunteer and Scholarship Awards and Social

Immediately following the Annual General Meeting, the Society's volunteers will be recognized and the 2018 Awards will be presented. The procedure for nominating a candidate for an award is set out on page 3 of this Notice. The names of the awards recipients for the past five years are listed on page 4. A complete list of previous awards recipients can be viewed on the Nature Vancouver website at www.naturevancouver.ca Members are urged to nominate candidates for awards even if they themselves are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting. The Nature Vancouver Scholarship will also be awarded at this time (see page 3 of this Notice). Prior to the General Meeting and after the presentation of the awards and the scholarship there will be a social. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 PM.

.../2 - Special Resolution

Special Resolution re Adoption of 2018 Constitution and Bylaws

Whereas the Society is required to make certain changes to its bylaws to comply with the 2015 BC Societies Act (the Societies Act) by November 28, 2018, and

Whereas the Board of Directors established a Bylaws Committee to review the current bylaws; and

Whereas the Bylaws Committee prepared a revised version of the bylaws to include changes required by the Societies Act and certain other amendments; and

Whereas the Board of Directors has approved the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws as submitted by the Bylaws Committee;

Therefore be it resolved that the Society's members adopt the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws in the form circulated to members with this Notice of Annual General Meeting and take all steps necessary to transition the Society to comply with the Societies Act and, when the transition is completed, file the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws with BC Registries.

Procedure for Electing Directors

In accordance with the Society's current Bylaw 31, the Nominating Committee will publish a slate of members in good standing who have been nominated to be Directors of the Society for the 2018 – 2019 year, and who have agreed to stand, on or before Thursday April 12, which is 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. The list will be posted on the Nature Vancouver website and it will also be included in the weekly e-mail to members.

The Society's current bylaws provide for up to twelve directors to be elected. In accordance with current Bylaw 32, nominations may be made to the nominating committee until Thursday April 12, 2018. Nominations must be made in writing by two members in good standing and must be accompanied by the signed consent of the nominee. Nominations should be submitted on or before Thursday April 12 to David Cook or Cynthia Crampton, Joint Nominating Committee Chairs, or to Bill Kinkaid, either in person or by mail to Nature Vancouver, PO Box 3021 Station Terminal, Vancouver, BC V6B 3X5. If sending a nomination by mail it should be labelled "Nomination for Director". A copy of the Nomination and Consent Form may be obtained from David Cook at cookeco2@yahoo.com

If more than 12 nominations are received by April 12, there will be an election by ballot at the meeting. In accordance with current Bylaw 32, nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting are not permitted.

The 2018 Nature Vancouver Scholarship

For 2018 Nature Vancouver will award a scholarship of \$1,000 to a member of the Society or a member of his or her immediate family. To qualify for the scholarship an applicant or nominee must be registered at an accredited institution of higher learning in British Columbia for at least one session in 2018, and must be studying a subject which advances the objectives of the Society.

Written applications should include the name of the applicant or nominee, a brief description of his or her program of study and an explanation of how the studies advance the objectives of Nature Vancouver. These are listed on the inside front page of *Vancouver Naturalist*.

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The 2018 Nature Vancouver Scholarship (cont)

Volunteer activities will also be taken into account.

The deadline for submissions is Friday April 13, 2018. For more information please contact Jeremy McCall, Treasurer, by e-mail at jpmccall@telus.net or by phone at 604-876-7694.

Applications or nominations for the scholarship can be mailed to:

2018 Scholarship, Nature Vancouver, PO Box 3021, Stn. Terminal, Vancouver BC V6B 3X5
or e-mailed to jpmccall@telus.net

2018 NATURE VANCOUVER AWARDS

Call for nominations

Please consider nominating a Nature Vancouver member for one of the awards described below. They will be presented immediately following the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018. The names of the awards recipients for the past five years are listed below. A complete list of previous award recipients can be found on the Nature Vancouver website at www.naturevancouver.ca

To make a nomination, please contact one of the following members of the Awards Committee: Bev Ramey, Chair, bevramey@telus.net (or by phone at 604-224-7689), Bill Kinkaid, Jude Grass or Bengul Kurtar. Your nomination should be accompanied by a written statement, up to half a page in length, giving the reasons for nominating your candidate and a description of your nominee's contributions. Nominations may be e-mailed to the Chair or mailed to: Nature Vancouver 2017 Awards, PO Box 3021 Stn. Terminal, Vancouver, BC V6B 3X5.

Deadline for nominations is Monday March 26. If you have questions please contact Bev Ramey.

The Kaye and Charles Ney Award

This award was established in 1975 in memory of Kaye Ney by her husband (and then president) Charles Ney, and it was renamed after his death. It is the premier award of the Society for "lifetime" exemplary service and dedication to the Society. Directors of the Society are not eligible for this award until they have served more than 10 years as a director.

The Davidson Award for Conservation

Established in 1993 by an anonymous donor in honour of our founder, Professor John Davidson, who was also president from 1918 to 1937. Professor Davidson was a vocal advocate of conservation from the very early days of the Society and it is appropriate that this award recognizes achievements by the Society's members in the field of conservation.

The Kay Beamish Award for Nature Education

Established in 1995 by an anonymous donor, it is named in honour of Katherine (Kay) Beamish, a long-time member, president from 1965 to 1967, and a botanist of distinction. It is awarded to recognize achievements by the Society's members in the field of nature education, or contributions in promoting the aims of the Society.

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The Frank Sanford Award for Community Service

This award may be awarded to any member of the community or to another organization to recognize service and activities that support the objectives of Nature Vancouver. An individual receiving this award is not usually a member of Nature Vancouver, as the purpose of this award is to recognize other individuals and organizations whose activities further the aims of the Society. This award was established in 1995 in honour of Frank Sanford, VNHS treasurer for 35 years and president from 1958 to 1960 by his family and an anonymous donor.

The Garibaldi Awards for Service to Nature Vancouver

Established in 1993, Garibaldi Awards are given to members who have performed a significant service to Nature Vancouver over several years. Up to four awards will be presented each year. A recipient of a major award would not in later years be presented with a Garibaldi Award.

Nature Vancouver Award Recipients: 2013 – 2017

The Kaye and Charles Ney Award for Exemplary Service

2013 Not awarded
2014 Hugh Hamilton
2015 Bill Kinkaid
2016 David Cook
2017 Not awarded in 2017

The Davidson Award for Conservation

2013 Joe & Doreen Sadowski
2014 John Coope
2015 Richard Swanston
2016 Not awarded
2017 Peter Ward, Ken Hall & John Toochin

The Kay Beamish Award for Nature Education

2013 Cynthia Crampton
2014 Ron Long
2015 Not awarded
2016 John & Wendy Morton
2017 Deborah Simpson

The Frank Sanford Award for Community Service

2013 Lyda Salatian & the Marine Life Sanctuaries Society
2014 Larry Pynn
2015 Kathleen Fry
2016 Ken Wu
2017 Ian McAllister

The Garibaldi Awards for Service to Nature Vancouver

2013 Poh Chan
John Dale
Don Griffiths
Elena Klein
Dorothy Nelson
2014 Pam Dicer
David Boyd
Colin Clark
2015 No Garibaldi awards in 2015
2016 Helen Aqua
Denis Laplante
2017 Colin Clasen
Teresa Gagne
Art Winckers

Note: The complete list of recipients, including those awarded in the Society's earlier years, can be viewed on the Nature Vancouver website at www.naturevancouver.ca