

# Water Wise Newsletter

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## President's Message

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Hello fellow irrigators, I hope you enjoyed the off part of the season for most of us?

For those of you who may not know me, please allow me to introduce myself. I am Bruce Naka a second generation member of the Irrigation Association, involved in this industry for 35 years. Yup, I am an "old codger", yet proud of being a part of this great industry!



As an old codger I have seen significant change in this industry over the years and I must say with the advancements in irrigation technology over the last few decades it makes for an intriguing opportunity for the younger generation to consider irrigation as a career. I have followed the agricultural industry where many of farms which have gone through generations, are finding it difficult to have new generations to follow in their parents agricultural foot-steps. With the luring world of technology drawing them away from farms). With the advent of modern technology entering into farming with everything from robotic technology in dairy farms to GPS driven tractors, all of a sudden farming has some interest for the next generation of farmer.

I believe the same could be said of many trades including irrigation. Combine the advancement in technology with the concern about conserving the most valuable of natural resources, water and it leads to a promising and exciting opportunity to be involved in irrigation! With the percentage of outdoor water use in many areas such as the Okanagan Valley being 85% all of a sudden it is very

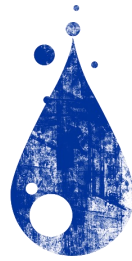
So I say to all of you considering irrigation learn all you can about water, take your certification courses offered by this fine association (IIABC) and reap the benefits of being involved in the irrigation business and irrigation association.

Looking forward to meeting many of you over the next year at irrigation association events. Please do not hesitate to contact me with anything you would like to discuss about the association.

Bruce Naka  
IIABC President



## Upcoming Industry Events



### Water Supply Association of BC – 37th Annual Spring Workshop

April 12, 2018

Kelowna, BC

For more info, please visit:

<http://www.wsabc.ca>

### IIABC 39th Annual Convention & Tradeshow

Nov 26 - Nov 30, 2018

The Vancouver Island Conference Centre

Nanaimo, BC

For more info, please visit:

[www.irrigationbc.com](http://www.irrigationbc.com)

### IA 2018 Irrigation Show & Education Conference

December 3-7, 2018

Long Beach, California

For more info, please visit:

[www.irrigation.org/2018Show](http://www.irrigation.org/2018Show)

# IIABC 39th Annual Convention & Tradeshow 2018!

The Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo, BC

Education Convention : Nov.26– Nov.30, 2018

Irrigation Tradeshow : Nov.27 & 28, 2018

It's official! This year's IIABC 39th Annual Convention and Tradeshow will be in beautiful Nanaimo, BC the week of **November 26th - November 30, 2018**. This year we have a full schedule ranging from Technician and Design courses to Electrical Troubleshooting and more specialty courses TBA. So be sure to register early because some of these courses only come once a year!

We will also have our annual irrigation tradeshow showcasing the latest and greatest in irrigation products. This year's tradeshow will include highlighted products from exhibitors during breaks and lunch times.

So be sure to mark your calendars and join us at this beautiful location for what is sure to be the best IIABC Convention and Tradeshow yet!!!

**Online registration opens May 1, 2018!**



## The Power of Certification

About a year ago a Certified member of the IIABC contacted the office with a situation that they were facing in their community. The province and local government were issuing a Request to Bid on an irrigation project that called for IIABC standards to be adhered to. However, upon receiving the plans the IIABC member noted that there were many deficiencies and that the project was not being designed to the IIABC standard. The deficiencies noted included heads at greater than head to head spacing, as far as up to 80% of diameter and greater. Some of the zones also mixed different products that had varying application rates.

Remembering the oath/commitment that the member signed when receiving their design certification, he raised concerns to various people involved in the design and bidding process. His concerns however fell on deaf ears for the most part. Exasperated he contacted the IIABC office asking what could be done. So what could be done? Quite often not much but the office suggested that he write a letter to the city and sign it as an IIABC Certified Designer. The thinking was that if the system was put in as designed and complaints arose in the future the letter would serve as a reminder of the poor decisions made.

The member also indicated to the city that he would not be bidding on the project for the reasons noted in the letter. His belief was that the project as designed would be damaging to the irrigation industry as well as to his own professional reputation. It would give the appearance of ignoring the IIABC ethics of water conservation. Surprisingly after writing the letter and then eventually meeting with the City and other parties it was decided that revisions to the design be done and specifications be brought up to IIABC standards.

Recently the IIABC member was asked to come up with a revised design and submit a quote based on that design. The message in this story is simple, if IIABC members do not stand up for the standards and ethics of the association that we all prescribe to then who will, and why then have standards and ethics? Don't underestimate the Power of Certification.

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## *In Loving Memory of Casey Mahan*

We were sad to hear of Casey Mahan of ION Water Management in Calgary's passing. His firm did a lot of work in the BC marketplace and has been a long time supporter of the IIABC and the industry as a whole in Western Canada.

ION most certainly drove hard at the industry with the intention of promoting and supporting professional designers and consultants providing all irrigation and outdoor water management designs. He was not always successful in that endeavor, but regardless of the obstacles he faced, he kept to the strategy and in doing so provided much needed growth and development pressure on his competitors and the industry as a whole.

He will be greatly missed by all.



# Thank You to Our Premium Members

Gold (\$1,500)



**Corix Water Products LP**

**CORIX™**

Silver (\$900)



**Consolidated Turf**

CONSOLIDATED TURF  
EST. 1965



**SiteOne Landscape Supply**

SiteOne  
LANDSCAPE SUPPLY  
Stronger Together



**Van-Kel Irrigation, Div. of Emco**



Bronze (\$250)



**Able Irrigation Ltd.**



**Coastal Irrigation Inc.**



**Iritex Pumps & Irrigation Inc.**



**Pronto Enterprises Ltd.**



**Pro Source Irrigation Supply**



**R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd.**



**T. Mascone & Bros. Irrigation Contractors**



**Wes-Tech Irrigation Supply Ltd**

## Welcome New Members

### COMPANY MEMBERS

**4 Season's Landscaping**  
Kamloops, BC  
Contact: Stacey Gagnon

**Blue Spruce Landscaping**  
Victoria, BC  
Contact: Tom White

**City of Abbotsford**  
Abbotsford, BC  
Contact: Amy Peters

**City of Maple Ridge**  
Maple Ridge, BC  
Contact: Malcolm McDougall

**City of Port Coquitlam**  
Port Coquitlam, BC  
Contact: Hayden O'Neal

**Country Green Landscaping**  
Abbotsford, BC  
Contact: Justin Veenbaas

**Dan Murray Co.**  
Salmon Arm, BC  
Contact: Daniel Murray

**English Lawns**  
North Vancouver, BC  
Contact: Elliott Lawns

**Greenworks Contracting Ltd.**  
Qualicum Beach, BC  
Contact: Dane Hassell

**HP Landscaping**  
Ladysmith, BC  
Contact: David Henn

**Irrigation Pro**  
Kamloops, BC  
Contact: Mark Wallner

**Jeremy Melanson**  
Campbell River, BC  
Contact: Jeremy Melanson

**Ktown Kleenup Ltd.**  
Kelowna, BC  
Contact: Glenn Sargeant

**Moores Irrigation and Landscape Lighting**  
Victoria, BC  
Contact: Mark MacKenzie-Moore

**Organic Angels Design & Garden Ltd.**  
New Westminster, BC  
Contact: Rochelle Lavieille

**Paladins of Gaia Enterprises Ltd.**  
Kelowna, BC  
Contact: Jason Nyberg

**Predator Ridge Limited Partnership**  
Vernon, BC  
Contact: Breanne Tripp

**Rainmaker Irrigation**  
Vernon, BC  
Contact: Karl Kruger

**Richvan Pavers Ltd.**  
Surrey, BC  
Contact: Karm Cheema

**Rogers Trucking and Landscaping**  
Nanaimo, BC  
Contact: Mike Dewit

**Rooted Landscape Management**  
Sooke, BC  
Contact: Krista Myers

**Scoka Gardening Inc.**  
Gibsons, BC  
Contact: Scott Waiters

**Shape Property Management**  
Victoria, BC  
Contact: Rick Hauser

**Somewhere That's Green**  
Naramata, BC  
Contact: Michelle Younie

**The Golden Lotus Sprinklers Co. Ltd.**  
Surrey, BC  
Contact: Manwinder Adhpal

**Township of Langley**  
Langley, BC  
Contact: Brad Waters

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

**Kyle Barci**  
Burnaby, BC

**Alicia Bradshaw**  
Vernon, BC

**Chris Check**  
Surrey, BC

**Fredrico Corenstein**  
Coquitlam, BC

**Kelly Fix**  
Kelowna, BC

**Steven Gooding**  
Big Lake, BC

**Sean Healy**  
North Vancouver, BC

**Raymond Inaoka**  
Burnaby, BC

**Neil MacKinnon**  
Surrey, BC

**Connor Martin**  
Nelson, BC

**Nathanael Meier**  
Pitt Meadows, BC

**Hayden O'Neal**  
Port Coquitlam, BC

**Gurmukh Phangura**  
North Vancouver, BC

**Anita Proom**  
Victoria, BC

**Taylor Robert**  
Tappen, BC

**Tora Josep**  
Maple Ridge, BC



# WARNING

**IF CERTIFICATION FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID FOR 2018**

**YOUR CERTIFICATIONS ARE NOW INACTIVE**

A common misconception is that your membership dues include your individual certification fees. **This not so.**

**BOTH**, membership dues **AND** individual certification fees must be paid for your certifications to remain active. As of January 31, 2018 all certifications that have outstanding certification fee have been downgraded to **INACTIVE** and are not searchable on our website.

Those that hold only technician certifications, your certification fee is **\$25 (plus gst)**.

Those that hold designer certifications, your certification fee is **\$50 (plus gst)**.

**\*Only 1 fee per person for the highest certification held\***

You must log in to: **www.irrigationbc.com** to pay your certification fee. Your username will be the email you provided to us. You may hit **"forgot login"** to reset your password if you have forgotten it.

For more info email: [kim@irrigationbc.com](mailto:kim@irrigationbc.com)