

## **Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

**BCAWA AGM June 27, 2026 at 2:30PM**

**Note that you may attend this meeting by joining a WhatsApp Group Chat contact Brian McConnell (mcbrian2@gmail.com) to be added to the group**

1. Welcome address - note the President is not able to attend; see address below.
2. Toast by Nanaimo winemakers with a gold medal wine
3. Approval of June 27, 2026 Agenda
4. Approval of October 5, 2025 AGM Minutes
5. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer John Matkovich
  - b. National Director Doug Markin
  - c. Guild Master William Huva
6. Unfinished Business:
  - a. 2026 BCAWA Crush –Bian McConnell - comments from Jim Canil
  - b. 2026 AWC National Competition
  - c. BCAWA Posting of GrapeVine to website- no response
  - d. 2027 Provincial Competition
  - e. Maintenance of Website - John McMaster/Rick Homer
  - f. Update of new Competition Registration System - Rick Homer/Trevor Curtis
7. 2026 BCAWA Elections- Joe Zucchiatti/John McMaster
8. New Business
  - a. Next Meeting October 2026 at Roma Hall
  - b. Next Toast
9. Town Hall Session
10. Announcements
11. Adjourn

### **President's Welcome address:**

Fellow BCAWA Members:

As you know Doug Markin has confirmed that the Nanaimo Winemakers and the Nanaimo Chapter of the Guild of Wine Judges will jointly hold the BCAWA 2026 Provincial Competition. Regulations and cost of entries will be posted soon. Registration of Entries will open on May 23rd. The Provincial crush entry this year is the 2024 Syrah from Meek Vineyards WA. To assist the Chief Steward and the Guild Master with determining the

number of judges, please give them an idea of the number of entries that they can expect from your Club. Nanaimo members have offered to billet any Judges who plan to attend since there is a Social on the Friday night. **For planning, knowing in advance the approximate number of entries will greatly assist the organizers!**

The afternoon AGM in Nanaimo can be attended via Zoom. BCAWA has purchased a new microphone that should enhance the listening quality. Please note that I will be on vacation and will not be able to attend the Provincial Competition or chair the AGM. The Executive will need someone to Chair the meeting in my absence. Thank you.

Brian McConnel and Doug Markin are on the Grape Selection Committee for 2026. Except for a couple of Clubs, the response has been underwhelming! After contacting all of the Clubs the consensus is that Petite Sirah from WA will be the varietal for 2026. Of course there is still time to submit orders for the fall delivery of grapes. Last year Jim Canil stated that his overall sales of 2025 grapes were down substantially. Will the demand for grapes continue to decrease over the next few years?