

# Mandatory Member Event: BCSLA Application to the Professional Governance Act (PGA)

The BCSLA notifies all Members and Associates regarding a **\*10-Credit\* Mandatory Continuing Education (CE) Event, offered on May 17, May 25 or June 2, 2021 using an online platform.** This is a joint message prepared by the Continuing Education (CE) Committee and Regulatory Review Task Force (RRTF), endorsed through the BCSLA Board of Directors.

In March of 2021, the BCSLA was informed that the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (OSPG) would receive applications from regulatory bodies. Our application process is under way. If we are accepted to the PGA, *this will have the greatest impact to our legislation and standards of practice since the creation of our Society.* It is of the utmost importance that all Members and Associates understand the breadth of impact and have the opportunity to provide input.

## **Who must attend this event?**

1. Registered Landscape Architects (Active and Inactive)
2. Landscape Architects (Active and Inactive)
3. BCSLA Interns

## **Event Information**

Format of the event is 1.5 hours total, which includes a 30-minute presentation followed by Q&A. A follow-up Town Hall may be scheduled if needed.

You must only attend **ONE** of these events as all will be the same. You can claim 10 CE Credits for one attendance. You may attend at additional times, but the 10 credits can only be earned for one event.

## **Registration**

Registered members can use their MBCSLA stamp number when registering, along with their name. BCSLA Interns and members without an assigned stamp number can use the number "0000" when registering.

1. May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (9am PDT)

Link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltcOCorDotG9w33UGswPucqnrJpXtQUB3>

2. May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (12pm PDT)

Link: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAocOqoqjvHNGT1B\\_rLfWLjhVrBsQg7Ld](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAocOqoqjvHNGT1B_rLfWLjhVrBsQg7Ld)

3. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 (6:30pm PDT)

Link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEuduGgpjwsG9Cn34dl2r5vqgwfKx4YIH14>

You will need to be at a computer/tablet to attend this event. Calling via phone will not work properly for the screen sharing. Ensure your equipment is set up to allow for audio and speaking.

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### **Why is this a mandatory CE Event?**

If the BCSLA application to the Professional Governance Act is approved, the structure and functions of the BCSLA will change as dictated by the OSPG. There will be changes to practice responsibilities of landscape architects, which will include new duties to report, conflict of interest statements, competency statements, and aspects of proposal writing.

The PGA will impact all BCSLA Members and Associates. Therefore, the Board of Directors, the RRTF, and the CE Committee decided to provide the critical information via webinar. The presentation will also describe changes recently made by the six professions that are transitioning to the PGA.

### **Where do I claim my 10 CE Credits?**

Log the 10 CE Credits under the “Category 6 - Special Projects” section of the website. This special entry has been created to log this event in the 2022-2022 CE Calendar.

### **How did we get here?**

The BCSLA RRTF has been tracking the evolution of legislation impacting regulating professionals since 2018. The PGA was created in response to recommendations made in the independent Final Report of the Professional Reliance Review submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in June 2018. The PGA implements two of the Review’s recommendations by legislating best practices for professional governance for consistent and independent oversight of the professional regulators. The PGA establishes a new, consolidated framework for professional regulators in the natural and built environment, including engineering, geoscience, forestry, agrology, biology, and applied science. In November 2020, the Architectural Institute of BC became part of the PGA.

The PGA also established a new oversight body for this legislation – the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (OSPG) – which reports into the Ministry of the Attorney General. The PGA received Royal Assent on November 27, 2018. The Professional Governance Act was brought into force as of February 5, 2021.

Two key motions have advanced our Society’s position to work towards applying to the PGA, 1. It was *resolved* via Special Resolution #1 of the 2019 AGM that funding and research continue in the pursuit of BCSLA potentially joining the PGA, and 2. The BCSLA Board of Directors *passed motion* to apply to the PGA on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, following conversations with the OSPG confirming that our path forward would be by route of application.

### **What if I cannot attend on these dates?**

Please contact Devon Francis, BCSLA Member Services Coordinator ([office@bcsla.org](mailto:office@bcsla.org)) and we will plan for you to observe this event later.

### **Who do I contact with other questions?**

Questions can be directed to BCSLA Executive Director Tara Culham ([admin@bcsla.org](mailto:admin@bcsla.org))

### **Can I change the date of my registration?**

Yes. Please cancel your current registration using the link in your Zoom confirmation email, and then register for a different date using the links in this email. Email Devon Francis at [office@bcsla.org](mailto:office@bcsla.org) with any questions.

### **What are some recent resources shared by the OSPG that are good to review for background information?**

Please see below for links to the Professional Governance Act Slide Deck from the OSPG: You can watch the [presentation](#) and/or view the [associated slide deck](#). You can read more about these efforts on the OSPG [engagement page](#).