



April 3, 2020

Hello BCGEHR members,

As you have seen from previous updates, **Spring Ring 2020** has been postponed due to the COVID-19 situation. This left your board with a decision to make about our **2020 AGM**. After deliberate and serious discussion, it has been decided to hold a virtual AGM for the whole membership via teleconference (ZOOM) on May 16th at 2 pm. Reports will be emailed to members ahead of the meeting and presented virtually. Nominations and elections for board positions will also be carried out virtually by email ahead of the AGM, and the results will be announced on the AGM teleconference.

This will require your attention to some important dates and emails to you, the members of BCGEHR.

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| April 17: | Deadline for nominations for board positions and AGM reports |
| May 1: | AGM package emailed out to constituents including voting ballots |
| May 10: | Deadline for completed voting ballots to be emailed back |
| May 16 @ 2pm: | Teleconference AGM for review of votes and minutes |

Please submit the names of anyone you wish to nominate for any position to pastpresident@bcgehr.com by April 17th, 2020. The past president will contact all nominees to confirm their willingness to allow their names to stand. Only those who have agreed to stand will appear on the ballot that will be distributed with the AGM package on May 1. Please consider the Area Directors role if you live in one of the open areas (see below).

All 2019 reports, including Area Director reports, should be submitted to vicepresident@bcgehr.com by April 17th, 2020. Guild members should send their choir reports to their Area Director for compilation and submission. Members who are in a region that does not currently have an area director may send a brief update on their choir's activities directly to the vice president.

Area Director for:

- Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands: Cara Beirnes — headdingaling@shaw.ca
- Okanagan Kootenays: Linda Sears — sears55@shaw.ca
- Greater Vancouver – Open
- Thompson/Cariboo – Open
- Fraser Valley – Open

We will be using the ZOOM platform for our virtual AGM. It is a very safe and easy system to use. Prior to the date of the meeting, you will receive an email invitation to join the teleconference at the prescribed date and time. On the date and time of the meeting you will

click on that link and will be asked to download some software (this is very safe). Once you have completed the download, the program will automatically open and then just follow the prompts for using your computer's microphone and camera. You may choose to use your video or not – remember that all others on the teleconference will be able to see you if you do. The ZOOM invitation will also include a phone number and passcode that will allow you to call in to the meeting rather than use your computer, if you are not comfortable with the technology.

We suggest you log in to the call 10–15 minutes ahead of scheduled time to make sure you have everything connected and running correctly. We will be sending out the ZOOM connection link by email a week before the meeting.

Please stay safe and well during these difficult times!

Sincerely,
Chena Le Gresley,
President, BCGEHR