

SILGA Spring Newsletter 2018

PENTICTON



2019 SILGA AGM

Convention

Penticton, B.C.

Save these dates!

April 30 to

May 3, 2019

Penticton Trade
and Convention
Centre

2018 - 2019 SILGA Executive Board

The 2018-19 SILGA Board has three new additions – Mayors Andrew Jakubeit (Penticton) and Robin Smith (Logan Lake) and Councillor Barbara Roden (Ashcroft).

Congratulations to all three! Here's the complete listing of the SILGA board, who always want to hear any concerns you may have. Please visit the SILGA website (www.silga.ca) for their contact information.

Table Officers

President, Shelley Sim, Clearwater

1st Vice, Lori Mindnich, Lumby

2nd Vice, Karla Kozakevich, RDOS

Past President, Chad Eliason, Salmon Arm

Directors

Toni Boot, Summerland

Andrew Jakubeit, Penticton

Tim Lavery, Salmon Arm

Mike Macnabb, RDNO

Barbara Roden, Ashcroft

Robin Smith, Logan Lake

Keith Thom, Peachland

SILGA would also like to give a big thanks to Helena Konanz, Penticton Councillor, Patty Hanson, CORD Director and Charlie Hodge, Kelowna Councillor for their insights and enthusiastic participation during their tenure on the SILGA board.

Do you want to
host the 2020
or 2021 SILGA
AGM and
Convention?

Let us know:

yoursilga@gmail.com

LGLA Elected Officials Seminar

January 23-25, 2019

Kelowna

This two day seminar is designed for both newly elected and returning elected officials.

There will be concurrent presentations on the following topics:

Legal sessions | Meeting procedures | First Nations relationships | Government finance | Social Media

SILGA Youth at UBCM

reflections and going forward

Allie Landy, Salmon Arm

It was so interesting to see politics in such an active, real world way at the UBCM Convention. I especially enjoyed the focus on local governments, which I find are often glossed over in school. Coming back from UBCM, I started to become more involved in our local youth council and with encouragement from my teachers I applied for a program in Ottawa to further explore politics at the national level. I was lucky enough to receive a scholarship for women in politics from FCM. It truly has been an incredible year for me and UBCM was really the event that sparked my interest in politics and helped me see governments in action and experience how our society really operates.

Cecelia McLean, Ashcroft

Attending the convention gave personality to some of the subject matter within my introductory politics courses and in turn made them more interesting and understandable. However, it also made me realize how focused the Political Science discipline is on federal and provincial events rather than local. Attending UBCM has made me more aware of municipal politics and sparked

an interest of one day having a career in that field.

Stacia Panko, Clearwater

I can say that my experience at the UBCM convention expanded my knowledge of municipal government and some of their responsibilities and issues as well as how the municipal and provincial government interact and work with each other. The UBCM convention seemed to bring the two levels of government together and onto a platform that, for me, made it easy to observe and learn as much as I could about the inner workings of the relations that members of municipal governments have with the provincial government, and with each other. I had the privilege of meeting many dignitaries and individuals I might not have gotten the chance to meet otherwise, which was very humbling and exciting for me. Truly my viewpoint of government was changed through this experience and I'm very grateful for that.

The SILGA board is pleased to announce that Gray Simms, nominated from the CSRD, will be attending the 2019 UBCM convention as our youth representative.

2018 Convention Highlights

Revelstoke never looked so good at the end of April – after a long, snowy winter, the sun shone on the white peaked mountains that surrounded the community and gave an energy that was amazing. Our Revelstoke hosts welcomed the SILGA membership to their city and made everyone feel so welcome. The community centre staff, the outstanding venue at Revelstoke Mountain Resort for the welcome reception and the unique restaurants that opened their doors for “Lunch on the Town” all contributed to the good vibes we felt during our stay in this historic community.

This year, the delegates attending the convention commented that the networking opportunities available during the 4 days were invaluable in helping them be a better local politician. Hearing other communities’ stories, listening to their challenges and discussing potential solutions in a relaxed environment were very worthwhile.

The SILGA membership

debated 25 resolutions, 24 of which were received prior to the deadline date. Of those debated, 22 passed and 3 were defeated. After receiving many comments expressing frustration in how the late resolutions were handled, the SILGA board will re-examine their late resolution procedures prior to next year’s AGM to ensure an equitable process is established.

We heard that the cannabis and housing presentations were excellent, and there were a lot of sessions that were applicable to smaller communities.

WE HEAR YOU!

These are some of the suggestions we received from the Revelstoke evaluations that we are working on to put into the 2019 convention program.

- Mock disaster round table
- CAO/Council relations
- Cost effective ways to beautify your community
- Basics for newly elected
- Conservation Fund information

If you have a suggestion for a topic for 2019, please forward it to the SILGA office. Thanks!

SILGA started the Community Excellence Awards in 2018 and we are proud to announce the winners!

Economic Development
City of Penticton

Environmental Sustainability
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Social Responsibility
City of Kamloops

SURVEY RESULTS FROM REVELSTOKE CONVENTION

How many terms have you served?	What is your age?	Will you be running in 2018?	If you're not running or thinking you may not run, what is influencing your decision?	Do you favour a 3 or 4 year term of office for locally elected office?
1 - 30%	20 to 40 - 5%	Yes - 59%	I've done my time - 9%	3 year - 44%
2 - 24%	41 to 50 - 15%	No - 21%	4 years is too long - 38%	4 year - 51%
3 - 14%	51 to 60 - 25%	Undecided 20%	Health - 2%	No opinion - 5%
4 or more - 31%	61 to 70 - 38%		Other career opportunity - 13%	
	70 + - 17%		Not confident in colleagues - 4%	
			Other - 17%	