



COABC ACCREDITATION BOARD

Volunteer Members – BCCOP Producer & Inspection/Certification Members

The [Certified Organic Associations of British Columbia](#) (COABC) represents organic Certifying Bodies (CBs) in British Columbia and supports and advocates for a stronger, more resilient organic sector. The **COABC Accreditation Board** (AB) administers the province's organic accreditation program – **British Columbia Certified Organic Program** (BCCOP). This involves the core work of accrediting BC Certifying Bodies who, in turn, certify organic operators (farms and businesses) in BC.

The AB is seeking two (2) volunteers: one **BCCOP Producer Member** and one **Inspection/Certification Member** for a minimum of one three-year term starting in 2024.

The AB operates through a robust and transparent accreditation system.

Duties and responsibilities of **AB Members** are the following:

- Commitment to attending, preparing for, and actively participating in meetings (4 virtual, 1 in-person) and email discussions;
- Accreditation decision making in compliance with COABC policy and procedure, BCCOP program criteria;
- Making recommendations for improvement of COABC policy and procedure;
- Responding to requests for interpretation of accreditation criteria and standards.

The successful applicants will have a high degree of personal integrity, knowledge, and experience in the organic sector, as well as several of the following basic competencies:

- Knowledge and/or experience in organic production agriculture, farming, and food systems;
- Knowledge and/or experience in quality control systems and audit processes;
- Knowledge and/or experience in administration/management;
- Knowledge and/or experience with volunteer boards of incorporated societies;
- Knowledge and/or experience in professions that require certification or accreditation.

The **Certification/Inspection Member** would be an individual with experience in organic inspection and the certification process e.g. an inspector or file reviewer or someone from a similar field, or with experience with the development of organic standards.

The **BCCOP Producer Member** will represent the interests of organic Producers in BC throughout the accreditation process. They should have experience in agricultural production and a working knowledge of the Canadian Organic Standard. Experience in livestock would be considered an asset. Have 2 or more years' experience with a certified operation in the BC Certified Organic program

Benefits of this position include:

- Maintaining and improving the integrity and efficiency of BC's organic accreditation system;
- Professional experience and skill set building in all the above competencies;
- Professional networking and training opportunities within BC's organic sector;
- Annual in-person AB meeting with all board-related travel expenses included.

Please submit a cover letter, resume and two references to accreditation@organicbc.org

We thank all applicants for their interest. Preference will be given to candidates with minimal conflict of interest involving BC Certification Bodies and associated organic operations. *This posting will remain open until filled.*