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Subject: AVICC Call for Resolutions for 2020 Convention, Nominations for 2020/21 AVICC Executive, Proposal Submission Form

Please forward to elected officials, the CAO and Corporate Officer.

Please find attached a package outlining the Resolutions Process for the 2020 AVICC Convention to be held in Nanaimo from April 17-19, 2020.

Also attached is the Nomination package with the form and procedures for the election of the 2020/21 AVICC Executive Committee.

The deadline for both resolutions and nominations is Thursday, February 6, 2020.

At the AVICC lunch during the UBCM Convention, President Jensen informed members that the proposal form for sessions at the 2020 Convention was available on the AVICC website. We have received several proposals to date, but would like to hear from our members about the kind of sessions you would like to have. A copy of the proposal form is attached to this email, please send through your suggestions to avicc@ubcm.ca by Wednesday, November 27th.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

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2020 AGM & CONVENTION

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AVICC EXECUTIVE

AVICC members elect directors to the Executive Committee at the Convention. The Executive Committee ensures that the policies set by the general membership are carried forward, and provides direction for the Association between Conventions. This circular is notice of the AVICC Executive Committee positions open for nomination, and the procedures for nomination.

1. **POSITIONS OPEN TO NOMINATIONS**

The following positions are open for nomination:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

2. **NOMINATION PROCESS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE**

Candidates must be an elected official of an AVICC local government member and must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC local government member. Background information on the key responsibilities and commitments of an AVICC Executive member is provided following the nomination form. The Chair of the 2020 Nominating Committee is Past President Edwin Grieve.

3. **NEXT STEPS**

The Nominating Committee will review the credentials of each candidate for eligibility. A Report on Nominations including a photo and 300-word biography will be prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee and distributed prior to the Convention.

**To be included in the Report on Nominations,
Nominations Must Be Received by February 6, 2020**

4. **AT CONVENTION**

Candidates may also be nominated at the Convention from the floor. Candidates and their two nominators must be elected officials of an AVICC local government member.

5. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

All enquiries should be directed to:

Past President Edwin Grieve, Chair, 2020 Nominating Committee
c/o AVICC
525 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8
Phone: (250) 356-5122
email: avicc@ubcm.ca

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 AVICC EXECUTIVE

We are qualified under the AVICC Constitution to nominate¹ a candidate and we nominate:

Candidate Name: _____

Local Government Position (Mayor/Councillor/Director): _____

Local Government Represented: _____

AVICC Executive Office Nominated For: _____

MEMBERS NOMINATING THE CANDIDATE:

Printed Name: _____ Printed Name: _____

Position: _____ Position: _____

Muni/RD: _____ Muni/RD: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

CONSENT FORM

I consent to this nomination and attest that I am qualified to be a candidate for the office I have been nominated for pursuant to the AVICC Bylaws and Constitution². I also agree to provide the following information to avicc@ubcm.ca by **Thursday, February 6, 2020**.

- Photo in digital format
- Biographical information of approximately 300 words that may be edited by AVICC

Printed Name: _____

Current Position: _____

Muni/RD: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

¹ Nominations require two elected officials of local governments that are members of the Association.

² All nominees must be an elected official of an AVICC local government member. Nominees for the position of Electoral Area Representative must be an Electoral Area Director.

**Return To: Past President Edwin Grieve, Chair, Nominating Committee,
c/o AVICC, 525 Government Street, Victoria, BC V8V 0A8
or scan and email to avicc@ubcm.ca**



BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES TO THE AVICC EXECUTIVE

1. RESPONSIBILITY OF AVICC EXECUTIVE

Under the AVICC Bylaws:

"The Executive shall manage or supervise the management of the Society"

See <http://avicc.ca/about-the-avicc/constitution-bylaws/> for a complete copy of the AVICC Constitution and Bylaws.

2. AVICC EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (three positions)
- Electoral Area Representative
- Past President

COMMITTEES

The President may appoint Executive members to AVICC committees and to external committees and working groups as required. The Nominating Committee is a standing committee and is comprised of the Past President and the Secretary-Treasurer. All members of the Executive serve on the Resolutions Committee.

CONTRACTED EMPLOYEE

The Association contracts with UBCM for the provision of key services that support the Association. A staff person based in Victoria's Local Government House provides the key functions. The President is responsible for overseeing the regular activities of the Association and for providing direction to staff.

3. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The full Executive meets in person five times a year, following this general pattern:

- During the last day of the annual Convention (less than 15 minutes)
- Mid June
- End of October
- Mid January
- Thursday before the Annual Convention

Executive meetings (other than those in conjunction with the Convention) are generally held on a Friday or Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and are typically held in Nanaimo. Meetings by teleconference occur 2-3 times per year on an as needed basis (60-90 minutes).

Travel expenses and a per diem are provided for Executive Meetings. For the meeting held on the Thursday before the Convention, reimbursement is only for the added expenses that would not normally be incurred for attending the annual Convention.



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RESOLUTIONS NOTICE

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions must be received in the AVICC office by: **Thursday, February 6, 2020**

IMPORTANT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To submit a resolution to the AVICC for consideration please send:

1. One copy as a **word document** by email to avicc@ubcm.ca; AND
2. One copy of the resolution by regular mail to:
AVICC, 525 Government Street, Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

Guidelines for preparing a resolution follow, but the basic requirements are:

- Resolutions are only accepted from AVICC member local governments, and must have been endorsed by the board or council.
- Members are responsible for submitting accurate resolutions. Local government staff must check the accuracy of legislative references, and be able to answer questions from AVICC/UBCM about each resolution. Contact AVICC/UBCM for assistance.
- Each resolution **must include a separate background**er that is a maximum of 3 pages and specific to a single resolution. Do not submit backgrounders for multiple resolutions. The backgrounder may include links to other information sources and reports.
- Sponsors should be prepared to introduce their resolutions on the Convention floor.
- Resolutions must be relevant to other local governments within AVICC rather than specific to a single member government.
- The resolution should not contain more than two "whereas" clauses.
- Each whereas clause must only have **one sentence**.

LATE AND OFF THE FLOOR RESOLUTIONS

- a. A resolution submitted after the regular deadline is treated as a "Late Resolution". Late Resolutions need to be received by AVICC by noon on **Wednesday, April 15th**.
- b. Late resolutions are not included in the resolutions package sent out to members before the Convention. They are included in the Report on Late Resolutions that is distributed on-site.
- c. The Resolutions Committee only recommends late resolutions for debate if the topic was not known prior to the regular deadline date or if it is emergency in nature. Late resolutions require a special motion at the convention to admit for debate.
- d. Late resolutions are considered after all resolutions printed in the Resolutions Book have been debated. The time is set out in the program, and is normally on Sunday morning.
- e. Off the Floor resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Resolutions Session, and copies must be made available to all delegates no later than Sunday morning.

UBCM RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

UBCM urges members to submit resolutions to Area Associations for consideration. Resolutions endorsed at Area Association annual meetings are submitted automatically to UBCM for consideration and do not need to be re-submitted to UBCM by the sponsor.

UBCM and its member local governments have observed that submitting resolutions first to Area Associations results in better quality resolutions overall. If absolutely necessary, however, local governments may submit council or board endorsed resolutions directly to UBCM prior to June 30. Should this be necessary, detailed instructions are available on the UBCM website.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

1. Members submit resolutions to their Area Association for debate.
2. The Area Association submits resolutions endorsed at its Convention to UBCM.
3. The UBCM Resolutions Committee reviews the resolutions for submission to its Convention.
4. Resolutions endorsed at the UBCM Convention are submitted to the appropriate level of government for response.
5. UBCM will forward the response to the resolution sponsor for review.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS GUIDELINES

The Construction of a Resolution:

All resolutions contain a preamble and an enactment clause. The preamble describes *the issue* and the enactment clause outlines *the action being* requested. A resolution should answer the following three questions:

- a) What is the problem?
- b) What is causing the problem?
- c) What is the best way to solve the problem?

Preamble:

The preamble begins with "WHEREAS", and is a concise paragraph about the nature of the problem or the reason for the request. It answers questions (a) and (b) above, stating the problem and its cause, and should explain, clearly and briefly, the reasons for the resolution.

The preamble should contain no more than two "WHEREAS" clauses. Supporting background documents can describe the problem more fully if necessary. Do not add extra clauses.

Only one sentence per WHEREAS clause.

Enactment Clause:

The enactment clause begins with the phrase "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED", and is a concise sentence that answers question (c) above, suggesting the best way to solve the problem. The enactment should propose a specific action by AVICC and/or UBCM.

Keep the enactment clause as short as possible, and clearly describe the action being requested. The wording should leave no doubt about the proposed action.

HOW TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION

1. Address one specific subject in the text of the resolution.

Since your community seeks to influence attitudes and inspire action, limit the scope of a resolution to one specific subject or issue. Delegates will not support a resolution if it is unclear or too complex for them to understand quickly. If there are multiple topics in a resolution, the resolution may be sent back to the sponsor to rework and resubmit, and may end up as a Late Resolution not admitted for debate.

2. For resolutions to be debated at UBCM, focus on issues that are province-wide.

The issue identified in the resolution should be relevant to other local governments across BC. This will support productive debate and assist UBCM to represent your concern effectively to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional districts. Regionally specific resolutions may be referred back to the AVICC, and may not be entered for debate during the UBCM Convention.

3. Use simple, action-oriented language and avoid ambiguous terms.

Explain the background briefly and state the desired action clearly. Delegates can then debate the resolution without having to try to interpret complicated text or vague concepts.

4. Check legislative references for accuracy.

Research the legislation on the subject so the resolution is accurate. Where necessary, identify:

- the correct jurisdictional responsibility (responsible ministry or department, and whether provincial or federal government); and
- the correct legislation, including the title of the act or regulation.

5. Provide factual background information.

Even a carefully written resolution may not be able to convey the full scope of the problem or the action being requested. Provide factual background information to ensure that the resolution is understood fully so that members understand what they are debating and UBCM can advocate effectively with other levels of government and agencies.

Each resolution **must include a separate backgrounder** that is a maximum of 3 pages and specific to a single resolution. Do not submit backgrounders that relate to multiple resolutions. The backgrounder may include links to other information sources and reports.

The backgrounder should outline what led to the presentation and adoption of the resolution by the local government, and can link to the report presented to the council or board along with the resolution. Resolutions submitted without background information **will not be considered** until the sponsor has provided adequate background information. This could result in the resolution being returned and having to be resubmitted as a late resolution.

6. Construct a brief, descriptive title.

A title identifies the intent of the resolution and helps eliminate the possibility of misinterpretation. It is usually drawn from the "enactment clause" of the resolution. For ease of printing in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book and for clarity, a title should be no more than three or four words.



Sample Resolution

CURTAIL JUMPING OVER DOGS
[SHORT TITLE]

City of Green Forest
[Sponsor]

WHEREAS the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog;

Semicolon precedes
"WHEREAS" clause.

AND WHEREAS the lazy dog does not enjoy games of leapfrog:

Colon precedes
"THEREFORE" clause.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the quick brown fox will refrain from jumping over the lazy dog.

[A second enactment clause, if absolutely required:]

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the future the quick brown fox will invite a different partner to participate in games of leapfrog.

Your resolution should follow the structure of this sample resolution.

Draft your resolution to be as readable as possible within these guidelines.



AVICC 2020 Convention
April 17-19, 2020
Vancouver Island Conference Centre
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2020 AVICC Convention. It will be held Friday through Sunday, April 17-19, 2020 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo.

To submit a proposal fill in the information requested below and email this document back as a **word document** to avicc@ubcm.ca

The deadline for submissions is November 27, 2019.

There are limited spots on the program including 45-60 minute plenary presentations, 60 minute concurrent workshops on Saturday afternoon, and two to three hour pre-convention workshops and study tours on Friday morning.

Delegates prefer sessions that involve multi-party perspectives and ones that are interactive rather than “talking heads”.

Title of Session:	
Name of Organization:	
Contact Person Name:	
Phone:	
Address:	
Email:	

Session Description (for review of AVICC Executive Committee in choosing sessions. This information will also be used in program materials):	
Proposed Session Length:	
Preferred Time and Day:	
Audio Visual Requirements:	
Travel or other expenses if any:	
# of Proposed Presenters:	
Name - Presenter #1:	
Bio and Organization - Presenter #1:	
Name - Presenter #2:	
Bio and Organization - Presenter #2:	
Name - Presenter #3:	
Bio and Organization - Presenter #3:	
Name - Presenter #4:	
Bio and Organization - Presenter #4:	

Any other Information or requirements:	
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Successful applicants must confirm their session description, session title, and final list of presenters with AVICC by February 21 for inclusion in the program. Changes to presenters or failure to meet this deadline may result in the session being cancelled.

Presenters must agree to submit all PowerPoint presentations by April 10th

I agree to the above conditions and deadlines:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____