



2025 AISC Annual General Meeting Agenda

March 5th, 2025, Olds College

Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda – Sebastien Dutrisac
2. Review of 2024 AGM Minutes – Sebastien Dutrisac
3. Introduction of Board and staff Sebastien Dutrisac
4. Chair Report – Sebastien Dutrisac
5. Financial Report - Sebastien Dutrisac
6. Appointment of Auditor – Sebastien Dutrisac
7. 2025 budget – Sebastien Dutrisac
8. Report on Operations & Communications, AISC Staff
9. New Business:
 - Fiscal Year-End Change, proposed bylaw change
 - Policy Advocacy: Should AISC Engage in Lobbying?
10. Director Recognition – Sebastien Dutrisac
11. Elections – Patrick Hanington
12. Big EDD Award – Patrick Hanington
13. Adjournment – Sebastien Dutrisac

Link to 2024 AGM Minutes



Link to AISC 2024 Infographic



2024 Financial Year End Report

Coming soon

Link to Nomination Forms

Coming soon

2025 Budget



Link to Election Poll:

Coming soon

Visit <https://abinvasives.ca/news-and-events/2025-aisc-conference/> for the latest AISC Conference and AGM documents. For more information email execdirector@abinvasives.ca; or call 587 999 0954.

ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL (AISC) 2024 AGM MINUTES

March 20, 2024

2024 AGM Agenda:

- No amendments

2023 AGM Minutes:

- No amendments

2023 Chair Report:

- Sebastian referred to the four board meetings held throughout the year.
- Delivered 76 releases with the Biocontrol Release Program.
- Also hired two new staff, new AIS Technician and new Terrestrial Technician.
- Looking to the continuation of building policies for AISC and securing additional funding sources.

2023 Financial Report:

- Statement of change in assets.
- Increase grants led to increased expenditures.
- Excess – surplus, 77K for 2023
- Sonya Raven seconded Ian McDonald to accept audited finances
- Appt of auditors for 2023: Two members Rick Niwa, second Carla Preachuk
- Kelly Cooley appointed unanimous carried
- Two auditors for 2024
 - Nicole Kimmel nominated Ian MacLeod, Carla Preachuk nominated Cody McIntosh
 - Motion - Atty Bresler Doug Macauley Seconder Carried
- Sonya Raven motion, 2nd Quinten Beaumont that the ED recommend auditors to the board.
- Motion to adopt 2024 budget as presented Laura Polie Doug Macauley 2nd
- Carried

2023 Operations and Communications Report:

- Paige presents what they did over the year – see Year in Review 2023 poster.
- Meagan five minutes to highlight a year's work
 - thanks to rural municipalities as partners
 - lots of members and partners for 2024 already
 - review continues for factsheets, 2 new created for goldfish and crayfish
 - 2023 conference was first in-person in 3 years with 20 speakers and 293 attendees
- Campaigns supported by AISC
 - Squeal on Pigs secured \$100,000 to promote further
 - WFF 21 participating counties
 - DLIL continue with Pet Store Program
- Farrah Fischer motion to accept operations report no seconder recorded.
- Carried

New Business:

- Applied for \$2.5 million in new grants with projects on rats, biocontrol, AIS, video game, species at risk
- AISC is entering growth stage
- Successful in \$2.2 million for AIS work

Board Acknowledgements:

- Director Recognition: Ashley Tkachyk gets plaque for 2 terms – must retire according to TOR.
- Connor Frizzley and Natalie LaForest

Board Nominations:

- Patrick conducts elections and Secretary recording nominations.
- Industry with 2 vacancies:
 - Kallum McDonald
 - Craig Mushens
- Other with 2 vacancies:
 - Sebastien Dutrisac
 - Emma Stroud

- Provincial government with 1 vacancy:
 - First call for NFTF (nominations from the floor) 1, Karen Wickerson is nominated by Farrah Fischer, who is the Provincial Rat Patrol Chief.
- 2nd & 3rd call made, hearing none, nominations closed.
- No attendance taken total votes was 90 – see below
- Nicole nominated Mike Jenkins DK Nicole’s Kimmel
- Other government with 1 vacancy:
 - Jay Byer
 - Melissa Logan
 - Electronic voting by Menti - Melissa wins 60 to 30 vs Jay (See note above re attendance – could have been difficulties with electronic voting?)
- Welcome to new board members and elections concluded.

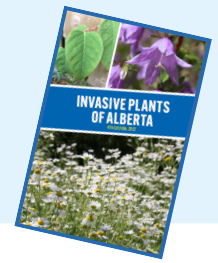
Big EDD Award:

- Patrick awards the EDDMAPS Belt Buckle for who submits most reports in the year Ashley Gallon submitted 7 reports.
 - Was not in attendance to accept award

Sebastian calls for any new business, 3 times no, **2024 AGM adjourned.**

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

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OUTREACH EVENTS

ATTENDED BY AISC

38 IN-PERSON

13 VIRTUAL

51

BIOCONTROL RELEASES



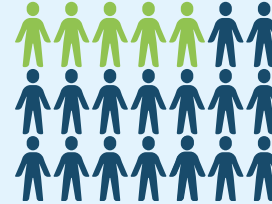
OF LEAFY SPURGE BEETLES, DALMATIAN TOADFLAX WEEVILS AND SPOTTED/DIFFUSE KNAPWEED WEEVILS

84



AISC AT A GLANCE

5 STAFF MEMBERS



16 BOARD MEMBERS

183

INDIVIDUAL & STUDENT MEMBERS

28,000+

WEED ID GUIDES

DISTRIBUTED TO DATE

CAMPAIGNS

SUPPORTED BY AISC

9



5,480

REPORTS

93 DIFFERENT SPECIES

EDDMapS
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REPORTERS

147

5,692,996 INFESTED ACRES

SOCIAL MEDIA

STATISTICS

2,000+

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS



300 POSTS



350,000+ REACH

1090



2701

WEED FREE FORAGE

21

PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

150+

FACTSHEETS

FOR INVASIVE PLANTS, ANIMALS, INVERTEBRATES & DISEASES

50+

VIDEOS

200+

PHOTOS

11TH

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2 DAYS HELD IN-PERSON

7

APPLICATOR CREDITS OFFERED

240

ATTENDEES

9+

HOURS OF CONTENT

18

SPEAKERS



Notice of Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Change to Fiscal Year-End

Dear Members,

The Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC) is proposing an amendment to its bylaws to change the organization's fiscal year-end. Currently, AISC operates on a **January 1 – December 31** fiscal year. However, the majority of our funders follow an **April 1 – March 31** fiscal cycle. This misalignment creates challenges in budgeting, financial reporting, and forecasting, making it more difficult to manage funding streams effectively.

To improve financial planning and reporting consistency, we propose changing AISC's fiscal year-end to **April 1 – March 31**. Implementing this change will require a transitional period, during which additional financial reporting will be necessary. The transition plan includes:

- Completing a fiscal year from **January 1 – December 31, 2025**
- A short fiscal year from **January 1 – March 31, 2026**
- Beginning the new fiscal cycle from **April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027**, and continuing annually thereafter

While this transition will require additional effort and administrative costs in the short term, it will ultimately streamline financial management and align our operations with funding cycles. This proposed bylaw amendment will be presented for approval at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Changes to the Alberta Invasive Species Council Bylaw:

Current Section 1 - Definitions Current

1.6 The fiscal year of the AISC shall be the calendar year, commencing on the first day of January each year.

Proposed to be changed to:

1.6 The fiscal year of the AISC shall be March 31, commencing on the first day of April each year.