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2020 Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) proposed slate of Directors and Officers for 2020-2021

Prepared by: CSC Nominations Committee, chaired by Kim Baines, Past-President CSC.

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NOTE: As a result of the “Call for Nominations” conducted prior to the AGM, there will be an election conducted during the CSC AGM for Vice President.

The CIC Nominations Committee has proposed the following slate of candidates for election as Directors of the CSC for 2020-2021.

Steven Holdcroft, FCIC, Simon Fraser University

Has agreed to stand as a director for a term of two (2) years if elected, and has agreed to hold the following offices during that term:

President	2020–2021
Past President	2021–2022

Steven Holdcroft is a professor of chemistry and former Departmental chair of Simon Fraser University (SFU). He has research programs in ionic polymers, membranes, π -conjugated polymers, and electrochemical energy conversion technologies. He is author/co-author of more than 250 peer-reviewed articles and co-inventor of 17 patents. He has served on research advisory boards throughout North America, Europe and Asia. From 2001–2013, he undertook partial secondment to the NRC - Institute for Fuel Cell Innovation in Vancouver, serving in several advisory and leadership capacities. In 2012, Holdcroft established a national network “Catalysis Research for Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells (CaRPE-FC)”. He was the technical program chair of Pacifichem 2010 and technical program chair and Congress vice-chair of Pacifichem 2015. He has chaired various NSERC committees including Strategic Project and Discovery Grant panel. More recently, he was the group chair of NSERC’s Evaluation Group 1504 (chemistry) and served on the Committee for Discovery Research reporting to the Vice President, Research. He serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of the journals Chemistry of Materials (ACS) and Energy and Environmental Science (RSC).

He holds a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Electrochemical Materials. In 2018, he cofounded Ionomr Innovations Inc., a 25-person SFU spin-out commercializing electrochemical membranes for clean energy applications. In 2018, he was recipient of SFU’s outstanding Alumni Award for Academic Achievement. For services to the community, Holdcroft was awarded the Macromolecular Science and Engineering Division Award and is a recipient of the RioTinto Alcan Award for contributions to Inorganic chemistry or electrochemical research.

Deborah A. Nicoll-Griffith, MCIC, EndoParagon Inc.

Has agreed to stand as a director for a term of one year if elected, and has agreed to hold the following office during that term:

Past President 2020–2021

Deborah Nicoll-Griffith is a former senior director of Merck Frosst and is currently president of EndoParagon Inc., a biotech company, which she founded. Nicoll-Griffith holds an Honours BSc in biochemistry (Bishop's University) where she won the convocation Governor General's medal. She completed a PhD in synthetic organic chemistry (UBC) and two post-doctoral fellowships; one at University of Toronto in pharmacology (drug metabolism) and one at BioResearch Laboratories, Senneville, QC (Bioanalytics/Pharmacokinetics). She entered the pharmaceutical industry to establish and manage an analytical chemistry team within the Medical Chemistry Department (LC-MS, NMR, HPLC and in vitro drug metabolism). She also served as senior scientific director at Merck & Co (NJ, USA) where she played a global role in drug metabolism and led external R&D projects in infectious diseases. Nicoll-Griffith contributed to the discovery of over 40 pre-clinical drug candidates and several marketed drugs. She won numerous internal Merck awards for both science and leadership and has published some 75 peer-reviewed articles and patents. She retired from Merck in late 2013, after over 25 years of employ, and founded EndoParagon Inc. which is focused on the discovery and development of a novel diagnostic for Chagas' disease. She has served as Scientific Advisory Board member and consultant for two multimillion-dollar NIH/NIAID projects for HIV and drug-resistant anti-biotic drugs. In the CSC she was conference program chair for the Analytical Division in 2001 and a member of the Analytical Division executive from 1999–2002. Nicoll-Griffith has been a continuous CSC member since 1982 and is currently the CSC president (2018-2020).

Thomas Brady, CPA, CMA, B. Comm., CFO, Xerox Research Corporation Canada

Has agreed to stand as a director for a term of three (3) years if elected, and has agreed to hold the following office during that term:

Treasurer 2020-2023

Tom Brady is a financial executive with a strong acumen for business strategy and vision in helping organizations achieve their financial goals. He has gained a wide range of experience over the last 15+ years from both public and private sectors across various industries, all within strong entrepreneurial work environments. He has built high performing teams at several companies with a proven track record of financial leadership as well as creating corporate strategy to produce maximum bottom line results to each company on his resume. His education includes a Chartered Professional Accountant designation as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Management Economics. He has served two terms on the West Haldimand General Hospital Board of Directors where he was a member of the Governance Committee and was chair of both the Finance and Audit Committees.

Alison Flynn, MCIC, University of Ottawa

Has agreed to stand as a director for a term of three (3) years if elected, holding the following position during that term:

Director of Accreditation 2020–2023

Alison Flynn is a bilingual Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Sciences at the University of Ottawa. She is a 3M National Teaching Fellow, Canada's highest recognition for excellence in education at the post-secondary level and a member of the Global Young Academy. Her work includes developing open-access online learning tools and flipped course structures to support student learning, especially in high enrolment classes. Her research group studies student learning in organic chemistry (FlynnResearchGroup.com). As uOttawa's Chair in University Teaching, she developed and is evaluating a new Growth & Goals Module for students. At the provincial

level, she is a Director on eCampusOntario's Board; this organization brings together the province's universities and colleges to foster technology-enabled innovation, research, and excellence on behalf of and in collaboration with students. At the National level, she is helping to build Canada's strength in Chemistry Education Research (ChemEdCanada.com), is the Canadian Society for Chemistry's Director of Accreditation, and the inaugural associate editor for chemistry education research with the Canadian Journal of Chemistry. She is also part of an IUPAC-funded international team that will explore learning outcomes focused on systems thinking in chemistry. In all her work, she is committed to helping students succeed in their chosen careers and goals.

Marc Janes, MCIC, NuChem Therapeutics Inc.

Was appointed by the CSC Board of Directors to the role of Director of Industry Liaison subsequent to the CSC AGM in 2019 and has agreed to stand as a director for the remaining two (2) years of the three (3) term if elected, holding the following position during that term:

Director of Industry Liaison 2020–2022

Marc Janes is Vice President, Business Development & Innovation, Partner, and Board Member of NuChem Therapeutics Inc. He has extensive experience in business development especially in the chemistry CRO industry. Marc's background as a PhD chemist and experience in biopharma and high-tech make him invaluable in meeting the client's need. Previously to joining NuChem in 2014, Marc was Director of Sales and Business Development for PCAS, a custom chemistry manufacturing company and Vice President, Business Development of the Canadian division of Santai Labs, a large chemistry CRO company. Marc obtained his BSc, MSc and PhD degree in organic chemistry from the University of Montreal. He has various business certificates including the Executive Education, Leadership and Strategy in Pharmaceuticals and Biotech from the Harvard Business School.

**For Information:
Ongoing Directors**

Thomas Baumgartner , MCIC, York University	Director of Conferences	2018–2021
Kazim Agha , MCIC, Ridout & Maybee, LLP	Director of Local Sections	2018–2021
Carlos Velázquez , MCIC, Exova	Director of Professional Status	2018–2021
Nola Etkin , MCIC, University of Prince Edward Island	Director of Student Affairs	2018–2021
Jennifer Love , MCIC, University of Calgary	Director of Awards	2019-2022
Jeffrey Keillor , FCIC, University of Ottawa	Director of Subject Divisions	2019-2022

**For Information:
Individuals who have been invited as standing guests to attend and contribute to the
CSC Board of Directors**

Iain McNab, CChem, MCIC, Association of the Chemical Profession of Ontario
representing the Federation of Canada's Professional Chemistry (FCPC).

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