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Canadian Society for Chemistry 2025 Board of Directors Nominations

Vice President: Jérôme Claverie



I have been Chair of the Chemistry Department at the Université de Sherbrooke for 6 years (my mandate ends this June). I have been Secretary and Treasurer of the Canadian Council of College Chemistry Chairs (CCUCC) since 2022 and was a member of the NSERC Chemistry Committee for Discovery Grants from 2018 to 2022. Through these various roles, I have become increasingly familiar with the Canadian academic chemistry ecosystem. Through my career in research dedicated to polymer and nanomaterial chemistry, I have been fortunate to work with many industries of all sizes operating in the chemical sector, so I am also attuned to the challenges that Canadian industrial chemists face. Finally, I maintain amicable and productive relations with the management of the Ordre des Chimistes du Québec.

Although I am certain that I will still learn and discover a lot, I hope that I can also give back to the community and serve the CSC efficiently. Since 2006, when I moved to Canada, I have seen many changes in the CSC, which has evolved into a more accessible and inclusive society. If given the opportunity, I would do everything to further this dynamic, which I believe is greatly welcomed by the membership. In particular, living in a rural Francophone area, I believe that the CSC can continue to reaffirm its important role as a link and facilitator for chemists working in remote areas or in French-speaking environments.

Director of Accreditation: Jay Wickenden



I joined the Accreditation Committee in 2022, focusing on understanding and enhancing its portfolio. In June 2024, I was appointed interim Director of Accreditation and have served in this role since. I am committed to advancing projects that benefit the broader chemistry community. My vision includes optimizing current requirements to align with other accrediting bodies while reducing the workload for institutions undergoing re-accreditation. Since my interim appointment, I have expanded committee membership, revised and improved our "terms of reference," and continued efforts to update the CSC Accreditation Guidelines.

Jay Wickenden is an Associate Professor of Teaching at the University of British Columbia, where he works at the Vancouver campus. He obtained his Hons. B.Sc. in Chemistry from Western University and his Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia. He is an organic chemist, and his research interests are focused on improving undergraduate chemistry education in both lectures and teaching laboratories. Jay has been a member of the CSC Accreditation Committee since 2022, having participated in both domestic and international accreditation site visits. He is the current interim Director of Accreditation for the Canadian Society for Chemistry.

Director of Awards: Sanela Martić



I joined the CSC as a member when I was a Ph.D. student at Queen's University in 2006 and have attended most annual CSC conferences, either in person or remotely, over the past 16 years. The CSC conferences are valuable to our members, and I really enjoyed attending, participating and networking at these meetings. The CSC has been an integral part of my scientific and professional development. And now, I am interested in contributing to future growth and success of the CSC.

In terms of committee experience, I am currently holding the role of the Director-at-Large (2024-2026) on the CSC Board. This has been a valuable position as it allowed me to learn about the CSC Board's vision and mission, and ongoing activities. Currently, I also hold other committee-related positions: 1. Secretary and treasurer of the Electrochemical Society Canada Section, 2. Treasurer of the CSC Analytical Chemistry Division, 3. Faculty advisor on the Empowering Women in Organic Chemistry organization, 4. CSC WIDE Board member, 5. member-at-large on the CSMB Conference Committee, and 6. CSC Accreditation committee member.

Director of Subject Divisions: Fred West



I am writing to express my interest in being considered for the recent call for nominations regarding several CSC Director positions. Specifically, I am interested in the Director of Subject Divisions post. This has been an area of interest for me dating back to my service in the Division of Organic Chemistry Executive. While I have observed a lot of cooperation between the Organic Division and several others when it comes to shared symposia at annual CCCE meetings, I think there are other opportunities for divisions to work more closely and combine forces where appropriate—especially as chemistry becomes increasingly interdisciplinary. My prior experience in the Division of Organic Chemistry, as well as several major leadership

positions that I have held at my university, leave me well prepared to take on the challenges of this Directorship.