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## Canadian Society for Chemistry Call for Nominations 2026-2027 Board of Directors

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### Officers

The Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) is seeking a volunteer for the following roles on its Board of Directors. The positions will involve attending six to ten virtual CSC Board meetings, an in-person meeting and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the annual conference, per year.

### Vice-President

This position is a one-year term, after which the individual will typically become the President for one year, followed by one year as Past President, for a possible total commitment of three years. The term begins following confirmation by the CSC membership at the AGM (typically in May–June) and usually commences at the 2nd CSC Board meeting on the last day of the annual conference.

In addition to attending CSC Board meetings, this role involves participating in approximately six to ten virtual Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC) Board meetings and an in-person CIC Board meeting and the CIC AGM during the annual conference.

#### Core responsibilities include:

- Perform the duties of the President in their absence.
- Serve as an observer at the CIC Board of Directors meetings and vote on behalf of the President when required.
- Serve on the CIC Nominating Committee.
- Serve as a member of the CSC Executive Committee and its Board of Directors.
- Oversee specific CSC Board portfolios as assigned.
- Participate on CIC and CSC Awards Committees as required.
- Share responsibility with the CSC President for science policy matters, including engaging with government officials, responding to documents, and contributing to the development of position papers on behalf of the Society.

**Notes:** This position works closely with the CSC President and Past President, the CIC Chair and Vice-Chair, and the CIC Executive Director. While progression to the presidency is expected, it is not guaranteed.

## Treasurer

The Treasurer plays a critical role in ensuring the financial health, accountability, and transparency of the CSC. This position is a three-year term, with the opportunity for re-election to a second three-year commitment.

### **Core responsibilities include:**

- Serve as a member of the CSC Executive Committee and its Board of Directors.
- Oversee CSC's financial accounts to ensure funds are managed responsibly and remain in good standing with CSC's self-financing mandate, serving as one of the required dual signatories.
- Verify financial records and the cashbook (prepared by the Finance Director) to ensure accuracy, address irregularities, and maintain up-to-date financial documentation.
- Review and approve the annual financial statement prior to submission to the independent auditor.
- Review audited financial statements with the auditors and the Director, Finance and Business Services, typically in March / April of each year.
- Lead the preparation and presentation of the annual budget at CSC Board meetings and AGM, in coordination with the National Team.
- Participate on the CIC Finance Committee and collaborate with the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering (CSCChE) and CIC Treasurers regarding allocating grants to Subject Divisions.

## Directors

The Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) is seeking volunteers for the following roles on its Board of Directors. These positions are for three years, with the opportunity for re-election to a second three-year commitment. The term begins following confirmation by the CSC membership at the Annual General Meeting (typically in May – June).

These positions will involve attending six to ten virtual board meetings per year, an in-person meeting and the AGM during the annual conference, as well as any meetings specific to the responsibilities of each portfolio.

### **Director of Industrial Liaison**

The Director of Industrial Liaison serves as the primary link between the CSC and the chemical industry, providing strategic insight into industrial research, development, and policy.

### **Core responsibilities include:**

- Actively participate in CSC Board meetings, providing insight and updates on industry-related matters.
- Advise the CSC Board on matters relating to industrial strategy, research and development policy, and the broader role of chemistry in Canadian industry.
- Act as a liaison to the chemical industry, ensuring two-way communication between the CSC and industrial stakeholders.

- Collaborate with the Director of Conferences to integrate industrial content and participation into the annual conference or its equivalent.
- Coordinate with the Director of Industrial Liaison in the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering (CSChE) on joint initiatives and shared priorities.
- Monitor relevant government policies affecting the chemical sciences and advise the Board on emerging issues, opportunities, and policy directions.
- Communicate and align CSC activities with broader science policy initiatives across the CIC and other relevant organizations.

### Director of NSERC-Chemistry Liaison

The Director of NSERC–Chemistry Liaison plays a vital role in strengthening communication and collaboration between the chemistry research community in Canada and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

**Core responsibilities include:**

- Facilitate dialogue and engagement between NSERC and the chemistry community.
- Chair the NSERC-Chemistry Liaison Committee (NCLC).
- Bring forward the recommendations of NCLC to the CSC Board of Directors and to NSERC.
- Support interactions that enhance alignment between NSERC priorities and the advancement of chemistry research in Canada.
- Report to CSC members on activities of the Committee at the AGM or annual conferences.

**Notes:** As Chair of the NCLC, this position requires active participation, commitment, and attendance at an additional set of meetings specific to the NSERC-Chemistry Liaison Committee.

### Director-at-Large

The Director-at-Large plays an active and influential role on the CSC Board of Directors, contributing to the implementation of the Society’s strategic direction and goals. This position is ideal for individuals seeking to broaden their involvement in CSC governance and initiatives, particularly those bringing an early-career perspective.

**Core responsibilities include:**

- Actively participate in CSC Board meetings and strategic discussions.
- Collaborate with other Directors and Board members to advance CSC priorities.
- Contribute to subcommittees and special projects that support the Society’s goals.
- Bring an early-career perspective to inform Board decision-making and planning.

**Notes:** The extent and type of responsibilities are highly dependent on the individual’s interest and time commitment.

### How to Nominate

To nominate yourself or a colleague, please email the CSC Chair of the Nominating Committee via [CICAdmin@ChemInst.ca](mailto:CICAdmin@ChemInst.ca) by **February 1, 2026**. Please include a justification letter, a biography

(each no more than 250 words), and a two-page abbreviated resume/CV. If you nominate a colleague, please ensure that you have their consent before forwarding their information. The CSC Board is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion and seeks to represent the entire CSC membership. In the election process, we strive to balance areas of chemical interest, geographic representation, and membership demographics, including underrepresented and equity-deserving groups. For more information, contact the CSC Past President, [Shan Zou](#).

## Who We Are

The Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) is a national, not-for-profit professional association that unites chemistry students and professionals who work in industry, academia, and government. The CSC is recognized by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) as the technical organization for Canadian chemists.

[Learn more](#) about how the CSC serves chemical science professionals and imagines how you, as part of the team, will help the CSC empower the Canadian chemical sciences and technology community.