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Dear CSChE Members, it is my pleasure to meet with you all again and to present some exciting new projects we initiated this year. The Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering (CSChE) Board has greater engagement with The Engineering Institute of Canada. Engage with the development of a Respectful Workplace and Safety Policy. Collaborate with the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) to organize the concurrent conference, x2026, the first time in decades. The Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering (CSChE) Board continues to find ways to revitalize and modernize the CSChE student programming. A summary of the Board's major activities for the year is provided below. While all Board members have worked hard on your behalf this year, I would like to offer special thanks to our previous President, Dr. Michael Cunningham who provided the leadership that guided and continues to be engaged in the Society's restructuring of our conference model.

Executive Director. Dr. Josephine Tsang, our Executive Director, had an extremely busy and productive year rebuilding the National Team (CIC office staff) and building synergies with the CIC, CSC and CSChE Boards. As Executive Director, Dr. Tsang is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations and administration of the Society which serves you, our members. We look forward to continuing to work closely with Josephine and the National Team in the coming year.

Board Meetings. Between October 2024 and October 2025, the CSChE Board held ten meetings to advance a number of strategic priorities. In addition to regular business, key discussions focused on developing a Respectful Workplace and Safety Policy, approving the Society budget, and restructuring the annual conference model, including the landmark 2026 collaboration with the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC). A significant development was the Society's deepened engagement with the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC). To formalize this relationship, Dr. Zhibin Ye was appointed as the CSChE representative to the EIC's History and Archives Council. Concurrently, the Board also prioritized efforts to revitalize and modernize CSChE's student programming.

Membership. Several discussions were held concerning Society membership, amidst growing concerns over slowly declining membership numbers. This situation is not unique to the CSChE among professional societies. The concern has resulted in reflections among Board members about the nature and value of what we offer the chemical engineering community across the span of their careers and across various sectors. In particular, promoting inclusivity and bilingualism, as well as attracting early-career members were a priority. This led to the modernization modernize the CSChE student programming.

Canadian Chemical Engineering Conferences. The CSChE 2024 conference was successfully held in person from October 6-9 in Toronto. Under the theme "Chemical Engineering: Addressing Grand Challenges," the event was chaired by Dr. Ning Yan with Dr. Krishnan Mahadevan, Dr. Todd Hoare and Dr. Philip Chan serving as Technical Program Co-Chairs. Other members of the Conference Organizing Committee included Dr. Grant Allen as the Sponsorship Chair, Dr. Jordan Wosnick as the Industry Partner Chair, and Dr. Nariman Yousefi and Dr. Jennifer Farmer as Student Program Co-Chairs. Looking ahead, the 2026 conference will mark a significant collaboration with the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) to host a concurrent conference—the first of its kind in decades. Themed "Erasing Boundaries," this model will leverage the combined knowledge of both communities to address global challenges while celebrating discipline-specific advancements. The call for symposia has been highly successful, with over 100 proposals received. Potential topics include "Chemists, Chemical Engineers and Industry's Expectations" and "Envisioning the Future of Canada's Chemical Industries." Plans for international symposium collaborations are also in development.

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