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**60<sup>th</sup> CSCHE Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday, October 6, 2025**  
**13:05-13:50 ET**  
**Palais des Congrès de Montréal**

**MINUTES**

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**Virtual attendees:**

Florence Mwandipendaah  
Mehrez Hermassi  
Muthana Ahmed  
Baoqiang Liao  
Jyoti Patel  
Pascale Champagne  
Secretary (National Team member)

**1. Call to Order**

Zheng welcomed attendees, noting that she will be Chairing the meeting as Champagne is attending virtually. Protocols and procedures for a successful AGM, including facilitating discussion and passing a motion were outlined. Secretary indicated that a quorum was present. (Attendance: number not recorded.)

The AGM was called to order at 13:14 PM ET. Zheng introduced the individuals at the head table:

Ying Zheng, Vice-President  
Alexander Rousina-Webb, Treasurer  
Michael Cunningham, Past President  
Josephine Tsang, CIC Executive Director



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## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

### MOTION

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved: Ying Zheng  
Seconded: name not recorded

**No discussion**

**CARRIED**

## 3. Adoption of the 59<sup>th</sup> AGM Minutes

### MOTION

That the minutes be adopted as presented.

Moved: Ying Zheng  
Seconded: Nader Mahinpey

**No discussion**

**CARRIED**

## 4. Reports:

### Executive Director

Josephine Tsang summarized the activities and outcomes as presented. Looking forward, Tsang indicated that the National Team is focussed on a strong operational foundation, data driven participation, and serving members who are in marginalized communities.

### President

Zheng presented the President's report on behalf of Champagne who was attending virtually. She highlighted greater engagement with the EIC, respectable workplace and safety policy, and collaboration with the CSC for the concurrent 2026 conference (x2026) before emphasizing that student programming needs modernization. She thanked Michael Cunningham for his guidance and engagement in restructuring the conference model.



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### **Director**

Zheng briefly presented each Director's report, pausing and allowing attendees to read the reports directly from the slides. They were presented in this order:

1. Director of Awards, Jennifer Littlejohns
2. Director of Industrial Liaison, Jyoti Patel
3. Director of Subject Divisions and Local Sections, Nader Mahinpey
4. Director of Publications and Continuing Education and Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal of Chemical Engineering, João Soares
5. Interim Director of Student Affairs, Mojtaba Nabipoor Hassankiadeh
6. Director of Young Professionals, Arash Alizadeh
7. Director-at-Large, Zhibin Ye

### **Treasurer**

Alex Rousina-Webb discussed the Treasurer's report and financial statements as presented. He highlighted the creation of the strategic plan 2030, which will be initiated in 2025 before thanking the National Team and CSChE board.

### **Questions:**

Jim McCullen: Will the strategic report be available for members to see?

Josephine Tsang: It will be provided to members after it's finalized.

### **MOTION:**

THAT the Treasurer's report and the Auditor's statement of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Moved: Alex Rousina-Webb

Seconded: Not recorded.

**No discussion**

**CARRIED**



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## 5. Appointment of Auditor for 2025

### MOTION

THAT Parker Prins Lebano be appointed as CSCHE auditor for Fiscal Year 2025.

Moved: Alex Rousina-Webb

Seconded: Michael Cunningham

**No discussion**

**CARRIED**

## 6. Election of Board Members for 2025-2027

Cunningham, as the CSCHE Nominations Committee Chair, thanked attendees for turning out and highlighted attendance from younger members. He then outlined the process undertaken by the 2025 Nominating Committee which was comprised of previous CSCHE Presidents.

Cunningham introduced the Slate of Directors for Election, highlighting the one-time 18-month October 2025 – 2027 board term length necessary due to change in conference timing.

Ying Zheng	President	2025-2027
Ramin Farnood	Vice-President	2025-2027
Mahrez Hermassi	Director of Subject Divisions and Local Sections	2025-2027
Mojtaba Nabipoor Hassankiadeh	Director of Student Affairs	2025-2027



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## **MOTION**

That the proposed slate of Directors be approved as presented.

Moved: Michael Cunningham

Seconded: Nader Mahinpey

**No discussion**

**CARRIED**

## **Ongoing Directors**

Cunningham introduced the ongoing directors and thanked the board for their service.

Alexander Rousina-Webb	Treasurer
Jyoti Patel	Director of Industrial Liaison
João Soares	Director of Publications and Continuing Education and Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal of Chemical Engineering
Arash Alizedah	Director of Young Professionals
Zhibin Ye	Director-at-large

## **Retiring Directors and Officers of the Board**

Zheng thanked the retiring Directors and Officers of the Board

Mike Cunningham (retiring from Past President)

Nader Mahinpey (retiring from Director of SDs and LSs)



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### **Looking Forward to 2026**

Zheng thanked Champagne for her guidance and leadership. She will continue to work closely with CSC on the upcoming concurrent conference (x2026). Zheng emphasized the need for more interaction between the two societies, including joint sessions and student programming. She plans to work closely with each Chemical Engineering department across the country to engage faculty and students and modernize the CSChE.

Champagne, attending virtually, sent their regrets for not being able to attend in person, thanking the National team and Zheng for their assistance. They then shared that it's been a pleasure to serve as President and thanked the CSChE board members.

### **Golden Hard Hat**

Cunningham, on behalf of Champagne, transferred the golden hard hat to Zheng, the new President of the CSChE

### **7. Other Business**

No other business was raised.

### **8. Next AGM**

Concurrent conference with the CSC (x2026) is to be held in Toronto, May 2026. In 2026, the 2025 Financial statements will be reviewed and approved. In 2027, CSChE will return to a typical one-year cycle AGM at Edmonton, May 2027. Attendees were invited to participate in x2026.

### **9. Adjournment**

Zheng adjourned the meeting.