



CSC President's Report – AGM May 2026

Dear colleagues,

This past year serving as President of the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) has been a challenging but rewarding experience, and I appreciate the opportunity to reflect on our work together in this report. I have considered it a privilege to serve during this eventful period as we prepare (and prepared) for major international conferences and the joint conference with the CSChe, strengthen(ed) our community, and navigate(d) financial and operational challenges. I extend my gratitude to the Board of Directors of both CSC and the Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC) and the CIC National Team (NT) for their dedication and commitment. I have also greatly appreciated the collaborative discussions we have engaged in with members of the CSChe Executive, and in particular President Ying Zheng and Vice-President Ramin Farnood. From the CSC, a special thank you to Drs. Shan Zou, Edward Lai, Curtis Rieder, Janelle Sauvageau, and Bruce Arndtsen for their valuable contributions and leadership during their time on the board (although a number of these colleagues may return for a second term). Their dedication has made a lasting impact. We also thank Dr. Zou for leading the 2026 nomination committee and guiding the process for five CSC Board of Directors positions.

The CSC Board of Directors, along with the NT, continue our efforts towards increased transparency and commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA). We are also delighted to report that there are five recipients of FCIC designation this year, four of whom are chemists. Congratulations to Drs. Andrew Dicks (University of Toronto), Paul Hayes (University of Lethbridge), Dongling Ma (INRS), and Philip Jessop (Queens University). We would also like to extend our congratulations to Dr. Michael Organ (University of Ottawa) for receiving the CIC Medal “presented as a mark of distinction and recognition to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the science of chemistry or chemical engineering in Canada, this is the CIC’s top award” and to Dr. Stacey Wetmore (University of Lethbridge) on receiving the 2026 Montréal Medal “presented as a mark of distinction and honour to a resident of Canada who has shown significant leadership in or has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of chemistry or chemical engineering in Canada.”

The following is a summary of activities of the CSC Board in the past year.

International and External Engagement

CSC continues to strengthen its global presence through major international conferences and strategic collaborations:

- **Pacificchem 2025** – As the host society, CSC, led by Dr. Laurel Schafer, brought together global leaders in chemical sciences and showcased Canada’s contributions. The CSC also



hosted an “Island Evening” for CSC members and guests, and it was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance.

- **CSC 2025 conference** – The CSC 2025 “Chemistry. Unfiltered.” in Ottawa, organized by Dr. Maria DeRosa (Carleton), conference chair, and the organizing committees from both the University of Ottawa and Carleton University, was both a scientific and financial success.
- **x2026 conference** – The Canadian Societies for Chemistry and Chemical Engineering 2026 Conferences and Exhibition “Erasing Boundaries” brings together the two societies for both scientific exchange and networking. Under the leadership of Conference Chairs Dr. Roland Roesler (CSC, University of Calgary) and Dr. Todd Hoare (CSChe, McMaster University) an exciting technical program has been assembled, along with many social, networking, and professional development events.
- **ABCChem 2026** – the CSC is one of the partnering organizations for the Atlantic Basin Conference on Chemistry “Chemistry for Global Impact: Strategic Partnerships for Sustainable Innovation” being held 6-9 December 2026 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Thanks to Francesco Gentile (University of Ottawa) and Johanna Blacquiere (Western University), who are members of the technical programming committee.
- **IUPAC & CSC 2027** – CSC will host the 51st IUPAC World Chemistry Congress and 54th General Assembly, led by Dr. Francesca Kerton. This event will highlight Canadian chemistry on an international stage.
- **International Engagement** – CSC remains engaged in global advocacy, with representation (from the President and Executive Director) at the 3rd Commonwealth Chemistry Congress and Commonwealth Chemistry AGM in Capetown, South Africa, where we connected with our Commonwealth partners. As President, I attended the 35th Chinese Chemical Society Congress in Chongqing, China, where I participated in a Leadership Forum with more than 20 leaders (Presidents, Executive Directors, CEOs) of international chemistry organizations. Finally, I represented the CSC at the recent ACS Landmark Event at Queens University recognizing the impact and legacy of Dr. Alfred Bader.
- **MOUs** – The CSC has renewed our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the American Chemical Society (ACS), and we will soon sign a new MOU with the Société Chimique de France (SCF). We also maintain our long-term relationship with the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC).
- **Publishing & partnerships** – CSC maintains strong ties with the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and Canadian Science Publishing (CSP) to support high-impact chemistry publications.

Supporting Members

CSC remains dedicated to supporting its members by increasing accessibility to professional development and networking opportunities:



- **Financial support for early-career researchers (ECRs) and chemistry teaching-professionals** – In line with our commitment to accessibility, CSC offered funding to support early-career researchers and educators holding permanent positions at Canadian post-secondary institutions. This initiative, launched in 2025 and continued in 2026 by CSC Vice President Dr. Jérôme Claverie in collaboration with CSC Board members, provides awards that cover half of the CSC early-bird registration fee for x2026. By reducing financial barriers, this funding aims to encourage the participation of emerging scientists and professionals at our national conference, fostering a more inclusive and engaged community. The CSC also funded 2 ECRs to attend and present at the 3rd Commonwealth Chemistry Congress in Capetown, South Africa. Support was also provided for 4 faculty ECRs and 4 HQP to attend and present at Pacifichem 2025. Upcoming (to be announced in the near future) support will be available for ECRs to attend ABCChem in December 2026 and the 4th Commonwealth Chemistry Conference in Agra, India in 2027.
- **Bilingual communications** – Together with the CIC National Team, we have continued to promote bilingualism, ensuring that francophone members receive more communications in French. Notably, efforts have been made to have CSC newsletters and announcements available in English and French on the CIC website and via email.

CSC continues to enhance its governance structures to serve its members better:

- **Symposia & Conference Planning** – The CSC Board, SDs, and NT have worked together to improve support for symposia organizers at x2026. More straightforward guidelines on Registration Discount Codes were developed to reduce logistical challenges and streamline the registration process.
- **Awards** – Further clarity has been provided to SDs regarding the funding and long-term sustainability of CSC Awards and Prizes. A new CIC policy regarding awards, including their creation and continuation, has been developed and adopted.

Financial & Membership Updates

- **Financial strategy** – Given the ongoing financial constraints, the Board has focused on exploring sustainable funding models, including seeking new partnerships, exploring external sponsorship opportunities, and increasing visibility for CSC's programs. The audited books for 2025 show the finances of the CSC for that year to be stable with a modest net loss. However, the ongoing finances for 2026 are challenging and contain elements of risk due to the financial importance of the conference in the overall financial health and stability of the organization. As such, with two unique/new conference endeavours for 2026 (x2026, i.e., the joint conference) and 2027 (IUPAC 2027, which contains the IUPAC General Assembly plus the World Chemistry Congress, which is combined with the 110th CSC), financial challenges are arising as upfront costs



precede any revenues (thus there are cash flow issues) and the overall revenue picture for those conferences is less clear. The Board and National Team are working diligently to mitigate those risks.

- **Symposia & conference support** – In response to financial pressures, we have refined our approach to supporting symposia organizers, offering clearer guidance on registration discount codes and other available resources to reduce logistical challenges and support engagement in events like x2026.
- **Membership** – The total CSC membership fee revenue was slightly lower than the 2025 budget. However, the membership showed a strong increase from 2024, reflecting the success of the 2025 conference.

Moving forward, we will continue to prioritize financial stewardship while encouraging our members to access the better resources, more networking opportunities, and further professional development provided by the Society. These will be important priorities for the Board, and the NT under the leadership of a new Executive Director. The search for the new Executive Director will begin in the very near future. As part of the broader Strategic Plan, we will also work to engage more proactively with subject divisions, local sections, student chapters, and membership resource groups.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Accessibility (EDIA)

CSC remains committed to advancing EDIA initiatives to foster an inclusive and representative chemical sciences community. Key ongoing efforts, as part of the five-year plan shared at CSC 2023, included:

- **EDI embedded across CSC activities** – Integration into awards, conferences, accreditation, and Society decision-making
- **Policy and data-driven initiatives** – Working for Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (WIDE) refined the Self-Identification Questionnaire (SIQ) and data collected is used to identify barriers and guide evidence-based action.
- **Collaborations and strategic support** – WIDE collaborated on advancing equity in the awards process, updated CSC conference Accessibility Policy, continued development of EDI-focused symposia at CSC conferences as well as integrating EDI into disciplinary programming and cross-listed symposia, and participation in NSERC EDIT-STEM to drive systemic change in STEM.

Additional Portfolio Specific Activities and Director Reports:

Accreditation

Dr. Jay Wickenden was appointed Interim Director of Accreditation in 2024 and was elected to the Board as Director of Accreditation at the Annual General Meeting at CSC 2025. He has



focused on recruiting a strong team of adjudicators to support the accreditation of Canadian and international chemistry programs. CSC accreditation promotes high quality, recognized programs, provides comparator analyses required for quality assurance, and supports institutions in attracting students. The workload of the Accreditation Committee has been substantial due to the backlog resulting from the pandemic, and to address this Dr. Wickenden expanded committee membership, which led to a significant number of applications being completed in 2025. The Accreditation Committee is also updating its guidelines to ensure they accurately reflect the study and application of chemistry in 2026.

Awards and Recognition

Dr. Sanela Martic took on the position in 2025 leading the awards program as Director of Awards, overseeing adjudication, policy development, and strategic initiatives. This year, 89 nominations were received for 24 awards, evaluated by the Joint CIC/CSC/CSChE Awards Committee under integrated policies. The award recipients will be honored and recognized throughout the week at x2026 and at the awards ceremony Wednesday evening May 27, 2026.

Dr. Martic played a significant role in discussions and decision-making regarding the re-evaluation of the administration fee for awards; fees needed to ensure the awards long-term financial stability. Dr. Martic, working with the CIC and CSChE Directors of Awards, helped finalize integrated awards policies including conflict of interest policy for board members, policy changes related to EDI awards, policy related to establishing new awards, and policy related to sustainability of awards. Dr. Martic continued important work on awards management including improved communication and collaboration with important stakeholders such as the awards committees, CSC Board, the Director of Subject Division and Subject Division executives. Dr. Martic also assisted the NT with communications related to the showcasing and advertisement of award winners. Ongoing priorities for the Joint Awards Committee include ensuring financial sustainability of awards, growing nominations, and working with the Director of EDI to initiate collection of SIQ data related to award nominations and award recipients.

Conferences

Dr. Johanna Blacquiere has continued to promote the mission and values of the CSC by supporting conference-related initiatives and advocating for member interests. As Director of Conferences, she has provided guidance on planning for the first concurrent CSC and CSChE conference x2026 – Toronto (May 2026). Preliminary numbers (final #s TBD post-conference) suggest strong community engagement with >3500 abstracts and >3000 registrants. She was active in support for the continuing (first started for CSC 2025) ECR and education-focused academics Registration Grant, which supported reduced registration ay x2026 for 37 ECRs and education-focused academics.



Dr. Blacquiere extends congratulations to Conference Co-Chairs Profs Laurel Schafer and Tom Baker for hosting (on behalf of the CSC) an excellent Pacifichem– Honolulu (Dec 2025). Dr. Blacquiere helped adjudicate CSC-Pacifichem travel Awards that supported the attendance of 4 faculty and education-focused ECRs and 4 HQP. Dr. Blacquiere participates on the Technical Program Development Committee for ABCChem– Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Dec 6-9, 2026), a conference for which the CSC is a Partner Society. She noted that the CSC will provide some ECR Travel Grant Support for attending ABCChem and the details will be announced soon. As Director of Conferences, Dr. Blacquiere continues to engage as needed in planning for upcoming conferences including CSC/IUPAC – Montreal (July 2027) with the Theme: Engaging Chemistry and Commonwealth Chemistry Congress – Agra, India (July, 2027). For the former, planning and organization is ongoing in collaboration with IUPAC and importantly the Conference Organizing Committee is in place, Plenary Speakers are set, and the technical program is starting to take shape. For the latter, we anticipate the CSC will provide some ECR Travel Grant Support, as was done for the recent (2025) Commonwealth Chemistry Congress in Capetown, South Africa, where the travel and attendance for 2 ECRs was supported. Through these initiatives, Dr. Blacquiere remains dedicated to ensuring that CSC conferences, and conferences where the CSC is a partner organization, continue to provide a valuable and engaging experience for the community.

Working for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (WIDE)

The WIDE committee, led by Director of EDI Dr. Tricia Carmichael, has advanced from foundational EDI strategy development to implementation, evaluation, and systems-level integration across CSC activities. Efforts have focused on embedding equity, diversity, and inclusion into core Society processes and decision-making, including awards, conference planning, accreditation, and data-informed decision-making.

Several strategic priorities and systems-level initiatives have been advanced over the past year within (i) a data-Informed EDI strategy, (ii) equity in nomination and adjudication for awards, (iii) conference accessibility and inclusion, (iv) accreditation and structural change in education, and (v) national partnerships and external engagement

Within (i) the data-informed EDI strategy, the Self-Identification Questionnaire (SIQ) remains integrated into CSC conference registration and continues to serve as a key tool for understanding member experiences and representation. The 2025 SIQ data, analyzed by Senomi Solutions, was reviewed by WIDE and shared with the CSC Board. These data are now being used to identify actionable priorities, including accessibility barriers, financial barriers, and representation gaps. The SIQ was substantially revised for 2026 to improve clarity, inclusivity of language, and usability, with strengthened framing around confidentiality and purpose. Initial work has begun to translate SIQ demographic data into actionable benchmarks



(e.g., representation across career stages) to inform equitable practices in awards and programming.

With (ii) awards, WIDE worked with the Awards Committee to advance equity in CSC awards processes through several initiatives. A voluntary self-identification questionnaire for award nominees was developed to better understand the diversity of the nominee pool. Terms of Reference were revised to remove eligibility restrictions for WIDE members. A conflict-of-interest framework was established to support fair adjudication while enabling broader participation. These efforts represent an initial step toward more transparent, data-informed approaches to improving equity in award nominations and outcomes.

Several items helped improve (iii) conference accessibility and inclusion. The CSC Conference Accessibility Policy was comprehensively revised to improve clarity, structure, and implementability. Updates include clearer guidance on the use of American Sign Language (ASL) and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), as well as planning timelines and contingency considerations. WIDE continues to work with the CIC National Team and conference organizers to support implementation of accessibility features and inclusive practices at CSC conferences.

Within area (iv) accreditation and structural change in education, WIDE continues to work with the Director of Accreditation and a dedicated subcommittee to revise CSC accreditation requirements through an EDI lens. Proposed revisions aim to embed accessibility, inclusion, and EDI competencies within undergraduate chemistry program expectations. Updated language is being brought forward for CSC Board approval.

Finally, within (v) national partnerships and external engagement, there were several successes. WIDE contributed to the successful NSERC Alliance Society grant EDI Transformation for STEM (EDIT-STEM), led by Dr. Rowan Thomson and a national interdisciplinary team. The initiative secured over \$3.3 million in funding through NSERC, Mitacs, and partner organizations. EDIT-STEM brings together academic, government, and professional society partners across Canada (including the CSC) to develop innovative, technology-enabled approaches to advancing EDI in STEM, with a focus on systemic and behavioural change. WIDE continues to be actively engaged in the initiative, with representation at partner meetings and ongoing contributions to project development and knowledge mobilization activities. WIDE continues to collaborate with national organizations and community groups, including the Canadian Council of University Chemistry Chairs, Canadian Black Scientists Network, and Egale, to support coordinated EDI efforts across the chemistry community.

WIDE continues to move forward in each of the areas of education, community, and outreach. The 2025-2026 WIDE Spotlight Videos have been completed and were launched on YouTube



and will be promoted through CSC communication channels. The Virtual Seminar Series, launched in September 2024, continues to provide a platform for engagement on EDI topics in chemistry and the broader scientific community. Recordings are available through the CIC WIDE Virtual Platform. WIDE is in discussion with the Canadian Journal of Chemistry regarding a potential publication focused on SIQ findings and related EDI topics. The 2026-2027 WIDE Spotlight Videos will be supported by the CEF funds.

Within community engagement and communication, the Education, Community & Outreach (ECO) subcommittee continues to coordinate WIDE's outreach and communications strategy. ECO continues to curate and share publicly accessible EDI resources for the chemistry community. WIDE strengthened its internal infrastructure and communication capacity through: establishment of a centralized SharePoint workspace to support document management and continuity, creation of a dedicated CSC-supported email account to formalize communications, and revitalization of WIDE's YouTube channel to support dissemination of recorded content and outreach initiatives. WIDE expanded its digital presence through the establishment of a Bluesky account in response to evolving communication practices within the scientific community.

The 2026 CSC–CSChE joint conference (x2026, themed “Erasing Boundaries”) expanded the scope of programming to emphasize interdisciplinarity and diverse perspectives across chemistry and chemical engineering. The Director of EDI served as EDI Ambassador for CSC 2026 and represented WIDE on the conference organizing committee, contributing to planning discussions and supporting integration of EDI considerations across conference activities. EDI-focused programming spans multiple formats, including symposia, panels, and education sessions that address: inclusion, belonging, and student experience in chemistry and chemical engineering education, equity and accessibility in teaching practices and use of emerging technologies, as well as mental health, well-being, and community-building within the research environment. Several established and recurring symposia organized by WIDE members highlight the continued growth and sustainability of EDI programming, including: Indigenous Perspectives in Chemistry, supporting Indigenous visibility and engagement, It Gets Better - Pride in the CSC, now in its third year, fostering 2SLGBTQ+ visibility and community, and Inclusive Designs in Chemistry Research (second year), reflecting growing interest in embedding EDI into research and teaching practices, particularly in how projects are conceived, designed, executed, and disseminated, including methodological choices, participant inclusion, data interpretation, and knowledge mobilization. Across the broader program, many sessions incorporate EDI-related themes such as accessibility, diversity of learning experiences, and inclusive pedagogy (e.g., first-year transition, undergraduate engagement, and technology-enhanced learning).



There is clear evidence of increasing engagement with EDI across subject divisions, with multiple divisions incorporating EDI-related content into their programming. Notably, the Green Chemistry Division included cross-listed symposia that integrate sustainability with broader EDI themes, reflecting growing recognition of the intersection between environmental responsibility, equity, and inclusion. EDI perspectives are also increasingly present in education-focused sessions and broader disciplinary programming, with topics such as inclusive pedagogy, student experience, and accessibility becoming more visible. This trend reflects a broader shift toward embedding EDI across disciplinary programming, rather than confining it to standalone sessions.

Looking ahead, WIDE will continue to move ahead on important initiatives including: continued integration of SIQ data into decision-making and strategic planning, implementation and evaluation of revised awards processes, and ongoing refinement of accessibility practices and conference delivery models. These efforts reflect continued progress toward embedding EDI as a core, evidence-informed component of CSC governance, programming, and community engagement.

Industrial Liaison

Dr. Curtis Rieder continues to explore opportunities for increasing industrial engagement with the Society. Modest strides have been made on increasing industrial engagement with the society on a day-to-day basis. To date, more meaningful engagement has been achieved through the annual Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition and efforts have continued to be focused there.

Industrial programming continues at x2026 with the Transitions Program. The Transitions Program was formed for CSC2024 as a strategic amalgamation of the Industry and Professional Development Programs. The defined mission is to help prepare early career scientists for the next stage of their career and broaden the national chemistry network. The Transitions Program strives to expose early career scientists to the diverse array of careers that are possible with a degree in chemistry and create the opportunity to showcase local innovation. This provides a platform to engage industry, in particular local industry, with the CSC, providing increased engagement and sponsorship with the conference, and addressing ways to leverage these relationships into additional engagement with the society.

The CSCx2026 Transitions Program offers 4 days of programming, and includes multiple workshops, an industry tour, panel and networking events with diverse industry representatives, and the 3rd iteration of the National Career Fair, and Start-Up Symposia, which aims to showcase local innovation and industry engagement. Additionally, the Transitions



Program acts to liaise with external partners of the conference, including organizations like CSP and RSC, to bolster the value proposition of their sponsorship.

Subject Divisions

2025 marked a handoff of the Subject Division (SD) portfolio from Dr. Paul Hayes to Dr. Fred West. The initial year has provided Dr. West an opportunity to survey the landscape and identify the key challenges and ongoing initiatives that present themselves in this portfolio. In addition to several one-on-one meetings, a joint virtual meeting of all SD Chairs was held to introduce new leadership at the Board level and at many of the Subject Divisions. The Chair of the now fully operational Division of Green Chemistry was welcomed. Particular matters of concern around budget and membership numbers were discussed, and Dr. Peter Loock (CIC Director of Awards) presented new standardized administration costs associated with SD-specific awards. Certain awards with low nomination numbers were flagged for future consideration, in which either more aggressive canvassing for nominations will be pursued, or the long-term continuation of these awards will be debated within their home divisions. In addition, EDI considerations regarding diversity in the pool of nominees and winners of these awards was discussed. Efforts in the coming year will focus on further efforts to stabilize and strengthen these awards, and on increased engagement between the CSC Board and the Division Executives.

NSERC Liaison

The NSERC-Chemistry Liaison Committee (NCLC), under the leadership of Dr. Bruce Arndtsen, provides a forum for the Chemistry community to communicate with NSERC, and for NSERC to obtain feedback on its programs. The NCLC is made up of representatives from 12 different universities across the country, the Discovery EG Chair, and NSERC Discovery and Partnership representatives. Information on the NCLC, including its membership, can be found at the [NCLC website integrated into the CSC webpage](#).

The committee met several times in the past year to discuss current programs, the state of Discovery funding for Chemistry, and an analysis of how Chemistry performs in Partnership programs and at CIHR. Current thrusts include strongly advocating for greater Discovery funding within the NSERC system, and accounting for the differences in student training norms when distributing funds between disciplines.

NCLC also headed a drive in August 2025 to address proposed significant cuts to the NSERC budget. It submitted a letter to Industry Minister Joly, and signed by chemistry chairs, the CSC board chair, and other organization, urging the government to not follow through on 7% cuts to Tri-agency programs, and instead increase investments in research to stimulate economic activity in Canada.



Directors-at-Large

Directors-at-large Drs. Janelle Sauvageau and Alex Veinot supported the Board's activities in various capacities. Dr. Sauvageau stepped into the role in an interim capacity for 2025-26 and thus spent parts of the year acclimatizing to the CSC Board activities (prior to be impacted by changes at NRC). While serving in the Director at Large role during the 2025-2026 year, Dr. Veinot focused on supporting CSC governance, contributing to strategic and programmatic initiatives, and representing the interests of CSC members across a broad range of activities. Broadly, as Director at Large, Dr. Veinot acted as a general representative for CSC members, bringing forward perspectives, feedback, and considerations from across the membership. He contributed to CSC's strategic direction by offering insights on member needs, opportunities for program enhancement and collaboration. The role supported long-term planning efforts and helped identify areas where CSC could strengthen impact, relevance, and service delivery.

Among Dr. Veinot's activities, his primary responsibilities were regular participation in Board meetings and Board-related activities, contributing to discussion as an early-career researcher (ECR), review, and approval of matters related to governance, strategy, and operations. This included reviewing reports, providing input on organizational priorities, and supporting informed, member-focused decision-making.

A key contribution made during this year was his continued service as a member of the CSC Transitions Program team. In this capacity as Director at Large, Dr. Veinot supported initiatives aimed at facilitating professional transitions from academia to industry and strengthening connections between the broader CSC community. Participation included collaborative planning, discussion of program objectives, and support for program development and delivery.

As Director at Large, he also supported CSC's commitment to student engagement and professional development by serving as an adjudicator for the 2025 CSC Student Chapter Merit Awards. In this role, he reviewed submissions, evaluated student chapter achievements against established criteria, and contributed to a fair, rigorous, and transparent adjudication process. Participation in the awards program helped recognize excellence among student chapters and reinforced CSC's investment in the next generation of professionals.

Overall, as Director at Large, Dr. Veinot provided flexible, reliable support for CSC Board activities. Through governance participation, program involvement, adjudication activities, and member representation, he helped advance the CSC's mission, supported professional excellence, and strengthened engagement across the CSC community.



Past President Report

The primary responsibility of the Past-President, Dr. Shan Zhou, is through the support and implementation of the 2025-26 CSC Board nominations and elections. For this cycle, five CSC Board positions are open: VP, Treasurer, NSERC Liaison, Director-at-Large, and Industrial Liaison. The process involves an open call for nominations, which is web-based and open to all CSC members. When assessing potential nominees there are many key considerations: geographic, gender, and sector balance (academia/industry/gov; org size). The nomination process involves ongoing consultation with CSC Executive and CSC Board as there is no formal nominating committee. At the nominations' deadline of Feb 1, the Treasurer and NSERC Liaison nominees were identified (with Dr. Edward Lai and Dr. Bruce Arndtsen returning to these roles, and there were new Director-at-Large applications. Thank you to the new and returning applicants. The past-President, in consultation with the CSC Board, engaged in targeted outreach for the VP & Industrial Liaison position and applications were secured. The CSC Board reviewed eligibility and alignment, leading to the approved slate for the 2026 CSC Board election. The voting is electronic taking place in the weeks prior to the AGM to ensure broad CSC membership participation beyond conference attendees.

Vice President

To be presented at the CSC AGM, Tuesday May 26, 2026.

Local Sections

To be presented at the CSC AGM, Tuesday May 26, 2026.

Student Affairs

To be presented at the CSC AGM, Tuesday May 26, 2026.

Closing Remarks

As I conclude this report, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all CSC members for your ongoing support and dedication. Your participation, engagement, and enthusiasm are the driving force behind the success of our community and events. A special thank you goes to the outgoing members of the CSC Board for their valuable contributions and leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as CSC President this past year. I look forward to continuing to support the CSC as **Past President** in the upcoming year.

Alex Brown, MCIC
CSC President, 2025–2026