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## CSC Treasurer's Report (2025) – AGM May 2026

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### Year in Review -- 2025 Summary

The Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) experienced a generally stable financial year in 2025, supported by strong conference performance and positive investment returns.

- The Society's investment portfolio performed well, generating net investment income of \$26,470.
- As the financial outcome of the annual conference significantly influences the Society's overall financial position, it is encouraging that the 2025 conference in Ottawa achieved a net income of \$158,534. The resulting surplus was allocated in accordance with Board direction.
- Overall, the Society reported a year-end deficit of \$17,906, compared to a budgeted net income of \$68,530.

### 2025 Revenue and Expenditures

Several key financial trends were observed in 2025:

- Most revenue categories exceeded budget expectations, except for membership revenues and the Pacifichem grant.
- CSC conference revenues exceeded budget by \$413,400, reflecting strong organization, participation and engagement.
- Higher revenues were accompanied by corresponding increases in expenses, consistent with expanded programming and activity levels.
- The investment portfolio performed in line with expectations, contributing positively to overall financial results.

### Financial Outlook and Member Engagement

The CSC's financial sustainability remains closely tied to the success of its annual conference and the strength of its membership base. Continued engagement from members is essential. Members are encouraged to renew annually and to actively promote CSC within their professional networks to support ongoing growth and vitality. Sponsorship is a crucial source of revenue for supporting our conferences. Donation of new award funds can build a bright future for the best achievers in our Society. Endowment contributions will strengthen the foundation of our strategic plans.

### Conclusion

In summary, the Society benefited from a strong conference outcome and positive investment performance in 2025. However, elevated spending levels contributed to the year-end deficit relative to the approved budget.

In this third year of my term as Treasurer, I am honored to work with the National Team staff, who are diligent in making CSC a stronger, more engaged professional society in Canada. I would like to give a large thank you to all

the Board members and staff members who have achieved the many work goals throughout 2025-2026.

*NOTE: The Treasurer reported that draft Financial Statements are being presented at this time. The final version of the audited Financial Statements will be available during the week of May 18, 2026, following the completion of the audited financial statement release procedures on May 15, 2026*

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