

Canadian Association on Gerontology

Reports of the Board of Directors
2022-2023

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President Report

- Worked with the CAG Executive Director as well as the Board Officers and Directors to submit financial status, audits, and legal commitments that are required for the operations of the association.
- Worked with Dr. Alexandra Fiocco, CAG2023 Conference Chair, as well as with the Conference Planning Committee, Executive Director, and Board to deliver an excellent and well-attended in-person Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting in Toronto. Work has already begun on CAG2024 that will be hosted in Edmonton from October 24 to 26, 2024, chaired by Dr. Stephanie Chamberlain.
- Worked with Deanna Vervaecke, CAG Student Connection President, to plan a very successful Pre-Conference Workshop on Student/Trainee Mentorship in Gerontology.
- Worked with Dr. Natalia Balyasnivoka on the CAG Awards, Scholarships, and Bursaries, as well as on the renaming and presentation of the inaugural CAG Victor Marshall Distinguished Member Award.
- Worked with the CJA Acting Editor-in-Chief, Board, and Cambridge University Press on journal operations.
- Represented CAG and Canada on the North American Regional Committee of the International Association on Gerontology and Geriatrics.
- Sincere thanks to the Board, Executive Director, Conference Chairs, Student Connection, and the entire membership for your ongoing participation and contributions to CAG.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Meisner
President

Vice-President Report

3 webinars were organized and delivered by 5 CAG award recipients in 2023 at noon (Eastern). The webinars were well-attended during the live sessions, and recordings are also made available on the CAG website.

- April 20: Deanna Vervaecke
- May 18: Dr. Tamàs Fülöp
- June 15: Karen Lok Yi Wong
- June 15: Gloria Gutman

As the CAG liaison with the student connection, I am available to support their work.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Weeks
Vice-President

Secretary-Treasurer Report

- For the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023, we retained the firm of KPMG to conduct the audit.
- CAG received a Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan for \$60,000 in 2021. This loan was unsecured and interest-free through December 31, 2023. A repayment of \$40,000 was made in early December 2023 and the remaining \$20,000 was forgiven by the CEBA program (via CIBC).
- No significant changes have been made to the CAG operating budget or the investment strategies for the CAG investment accounts (Legacy Initiative, Canadian Journal on Aging, and Menzies Bursary).

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Heyer
Secretary-Treasurer

Executive Director Report

- Worked closely with the conference chair and conference management team in the planning of CAG2023, where we welcomed nearly 900 delegates
- Assisted with implementation and execution of the 2023 CAG Webinar Series
- Worked closely with Secretary-Treasurer and external accounting company to execute the 2022/23 audit and financial statements
- Implemented a new membership management system to improve member experience and streamline renewal processes
- Managed day-to-day operations of the Association and part-time staff
- Completed all legislated filings on behalf of the Association

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Lombardo, PhD
Executive Director

Awards Committee Report

- CAG Victor Marshall Distinguished Member Award: Dr. Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard
- Excellence in Research on Unpaid Caregiving-In Honour of Neena Chappell: Dr. Yeonjung Lee
- Mid-Career Award: Dr. Lisa Cranley
- New Investigator Award: Dr. Charlene Chu
- CAG Margery Boyce Bursary: Kelly Baskerville
- CAG Donald Menzies Bursary: Diya Chowdhury
- Michael T Sharratt Scholarship: Deanna Vervaecke
- Schlegel-UW RIA Scholarship: Taylor Kurta

Respectfully submitted,
CAG Awards Committee

Canadian Journal on Aging Report

- CJA impact factor is 2.14 for 2022.
- Manuscript management:
 - 59 Articles, 7 Policy and Practice/Research Notes, 5 Book Reviews, and 1 Editorial published in Issue 42(1-4).
 - From January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023, 140 manuscripts were received compared to 142 during the same period in 2022.
 - From January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023, the number of days to first decision (all manuscripts) was 59 days and the number of days to first decision (manuscripts with final decisions) was 56 days. This is lower than in 2022, where the number of days to first decision (all manuscripts) was 108 days.
 - The acceptance ratio for the prior 12 months is 30.1%.
- Recruited and oriented new Section Editors.

Respectfully submitted,
V. Boscart

Division Report: Health & Biological Sciences

- It has been a pleasure working alongside Board Members, Executive Director and CAG members.
- This year, I led the abstract review process for the Health & Biological Sciences Division.
- 263 abstracts were submitted to the Health & Biological Sciences Division this year.
- Thank you to the 40 reviewers who took the time to review abstracts!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sheiban Taucar

Division Report: Psychology

- It has been a pleasure serving as the Chair of the Psychology Division and working alongside the CAG Board and Executive Director.
- This year, **89 abstracts** were submitted to the Psychology division for the ASEM in Toronto, ON (almost double from last year).
- I would like to thank the **12 CAG members** who helped with the peer-review process this year! Your time and energy is greatly appreciated.
- I hope to continue to enhancing the presence of Psychology at the CAG. More work is needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra J. Fiocco

Division Report: Social Sciences

- It's been a great year working with the CAG board in my first year in this position, and it was great to see many of you in person in Toronto.
- The Social Sciences and Humanities Division received 221 abstracts for the 2023 conference, resulting in numerous presentations and panels
 - This is compared to 154 abstracts submitted in the previous year
- A sincere thanks to the 27 peer-reviewers, especially those from other divisions who pitched in to help with our large numbers!

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dalmer

Division Report: Social Policy & Practice

- As I complete my term 3rd term as the Chair of the Social Policy & Practice division I want to extend my thanks to the CAG Board and Executive Director. It's been a pleasure to serve in this role over the last 6 years.
- In 2023, 146 abstracts were submitted to the Social Policy & Practice division for the ASEM in Toronto, ON. This represents a 60% increase since last year!
- Many thanks to the 17 members who assisted with abstract reviews!
- It was wonderful to reconnect with members in Toronto and I look forward to seeing you again next year in Edmonton, AB.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberley Wilson

Division Report: Educational Gerontology

- Facilitated Awards and Bursaries Adjudication.
 - Congratulations to the winners
 - Thank you to the members of the adjudication committee!
 - Distinguished Member Award was renamed the Victor Marshall CAG Distinguished Member Award.
- In 2023, 55 abstracts were submitted to Educational Gerontology division.
- Thank you to all the reviewers for the conference, for your service and insightful comments on the proposals.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalia Balyasnikova

Student Connection Report

- Worked with Dr. Brad Meisner (CAG President), Dr. Alexandra Fiocco (CAG2023 Conference Chair), Conference Planning Committee, Executive Director, and Board to deliver Student Connection activities at the Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting in Toronto.
 - Planned and provided a well-attended Pre-Conference Workshop on Student/Trainee Mentorship in Gerontology and a Student Social.
 - Will use workshop discussions and feedback to inform Student Connection CAG2024 activities.
- In contact with Dr. Stephanie Chamberlain (CAG2024 Conference Chair) regarding Student Connection involvement with CAG2024.
- Keeping students engaged through online professional development opportunities.
 - Offered an 8-week Knowledge Mobilization Certificate Course in partnership with the York University Knowledge Mobilization Unit. Total of 41 students completed the course.
 - Offering webinar series on Innovative Research Methodologies in Gerontology in 2024.
 - Last week of February to third week of March 2024.
- Welcomed new Secretary-Treasurer, Shawna Hopper.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Vervaecke
President, CAG-SC