

Canadian Association on Gerontology

Reports of the Board of Directors

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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. Stephanie Chamberlain, CAG2024 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 Edmonton. Work has already begun on CAG2025 that will be hosted in Montreal and chaired by Dr. Kim Sawchuk.
- 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 Balyasnikova on the CAG Awards, Scholarships, and Bursaries.
- Worked with the Canadian Journal on Aging (CJA) Editorial Board and the CAG Student Connection on developing and approving the new CJA Article of the Year: Emerging Scholar 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 Boards, Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, 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 CAG award recipients in the fall of 2024 at noon (Eastern). The webinars were well-attended during the live sessions, and recordings are also made available on the CAG website and our YouTube channel.

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

Lori Weeks
Vice-President
Respectfully submitted,

Secretary-Treasurer Report

- As the Secretary-Treasurer position was vacant, CAG President Brad Meisner assumed the duties of the position, in collaboration with CAG Executive Director Anthony Lombardo.
- For the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024, KPMG was again retained to conduct the financial audit.
- Unfortunately, KPMG was not able to begin the audit process until October 2024. Once it began, there were ongoing delays and lapses in communication on the part of KPMG that significantly delayed the preparation of the audited financial statements. The delayed statements ultimately required the rescheduling of the 2024 Annual General Meeting. Concerns were raised with KPMG throughout the process, including:
 - March 27, 2025: The external accountant working with CAG communicated “serious concerns” about inefficiencies on KPMG’s part during the audit.
 - May 9, 2025: CAG President Brad Meisner issued a formal letter of concern regarding the delays and requested KPMG deliver statements as soon as possible.
- As a result of the experience with the 2023-2024 audit, and following a request for proposals process, the CAG Board of Directors recommends a change in the auditing firm for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- 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,
Brad Meisner, President
Anthony Lombardo, Executive
Director

Executive Director Report

- Worked closely with the conference chair and conference management team in the planning of CAG2024, where we welcomed over 600 delegates
 - Facilitated the review of abstracts submitted to the Policy & Programs track on behalf of the vacant position for Divisional Chair for Social Policy & Programs
- Assisted with implementation and execution of the 2024 CAG Webinar Series
- Worked extensively with external accounting company and auditing firm (KPMG) to execute the 2023/24 audit and financial statements
- Issued a Request for Proposals for website redevelopment companies and liaised with potential vendors on proposal development
- Issued a Request for Proposals for new auditing services for the 2024-25 fiscal year and liaised with potential vendors on proposal development
- Assisted in issues related to the management of the *Canadian Journal on Aging*
- 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

Nominating Committee Report

Position / Poste	Candidate / Candidat	Location / Lieu
President Pr�sident	MEISNER, Brad	Ontario
Vice-President Vice-Pr�sidente	KEEFE, Janice	Nova Scotia
Division Chair: Social Policy and Practice <i>Pr�sidente de section: Politiques et programmes</i>	MARIER, Patrik	Qu�bec

Respectfully submitted,
CAG Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Report

Position / Poste	Candidate / Candidat	Location / Lieu
Division Chair: Psychology <i>Pr�sidente de section: Psychologie et sciences du comportement</i>	FIOCCO, Alexandra	Ontario
Division Chair: Educational Gerontology <i>Pr�sidente de section: Enseignement et apprentissage de la g�rontologie</i>	PIANOSI, Birgit	Ontario
Division Chair: Social Sciences <i>Pr�sidente de section: Sciences sociales</i>	CASEY, Rebecca	Nova Scotia

Respectfully submitted,
CAG Nominating Committee

Awards Committee Report

- CAG Victor Marshall Distinguished Member Award: Dr. Katherine McGilton
- Mid-Career Award: Dr. Arne Stinchcombe
- CAG Margery Boyce Bursary: Brittany Kroetsch
- CAG Donald Menzies Bursary: Oi Yee Wong
- Schlegel-UW RIA Scholarship: Rebecca White

Respectfully submitted,
CAG Awards Committee

Canadian Journal on Aging Report

- CJA impact factor is 1.7 for 2023.
- Manuscript management:
 - 55 Articles and 5 Policy and Practice/Research Notes published in Issue 43(1-4).
 - From January 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024, 150 manuscripts were received compared to 140 during the same period in 2023.
 - From January 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024, the number of days to first decision (all manuscripts) was 49 days and the number of days to first decision (manuscripts with final decisions) was 37 days. This is lower than in 2023, where 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.
 - The acceptance ratio for the prior 12 months is 31%.
- Recruited and oriented new Section Editors.

Respectfully submitted,
V. Boscart

Division Report: Educational Gerontology

- Facilitated Awards and Bursaries Adjudication.
 - Congratulations to the winners
 - Thank you to the members of the adjudication committee!
- In 2024, 41 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

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.
- 196 abstracts were submitted to the Health & Biological Sciences Division this year.
- Thank you to the 80+ 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, **49 abstracts** were submitted to the Psychology division for the ASEM in Manitoba, AB.
 - I would like to thank the **14 CAG members** who helped with the peer-review process this year!

Your time and energy is greatly appreciated.
- I had the pleasure of organizing the CIHR Poster Competition. The competition included 16 MA-level posters, 20 PhD-level posters and 2 postdoctoral-level posters.
 - I would like to thank the **26 judges** who took time out of their busy conference schedule to evaluate posters.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra J. Fiocco

Division Report: Social Policy & Practice

- CAG Executive Director, Anthony Lombardo, facilitated the review of abstracts submitted to CAG2024 for consideration under the track “Policy & Programs” as the Divisional Chair position for Social Policy & Practice was vacant
- In 2024, 70 abstracts were submitted to the Social Policy & Practice division for the ASEM in Edmonton, AB.
 - A big thank you to our 45 volunteer reviewers!

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Lombardo, PhD
Executive Director

Division Report: Social Sciences

- It's been a fantastic term working with the CAG board and was an honour to be able to engage with and serve the CAG community in this capacity
- The Social Sciences and Humanities Division received **171 abstracts** for the 2024 conference in Edmonton (papers, posters, workshops, and symposia)
 - This is compared to 221 abstracts submitted in the previous year
- A sincere thanks to the **62 peer reviewers** who took the time to review the abstracts - I am truly grateful for your time, care, and work
 - This is a substantial increase in the number of reviewers as compared to the year prior (27 reviewers)
- See you in Montreal!

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dalmer

Student Connection Report

- Worked with Dr. Brad Meisner (CAG President), Dr. Stephanie Chamberlain (CAG2024 Conference Chair), Conference Planning Committee, Executive Director, and Board to deliver Student Connection activities at the Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting in Edmonton.
 - Planned and provided a well-attended Pre-Conference Workshop on Student/Trainee Mentorship in Gerontology, a Student/Trainee Social, and a Symposium extending the Innovative Research Methodologies in Gerontology Course.
 - Will use workshop discussions and feedback to inform Student Connection CAG2025 activities.
- In contact with Dr. Kim Sawchuk (CAG2025 Conference Chair) regarding Student Connection involvement with CAG2025.
- Welcomed new Student Representative Coordinator, Isabelle Auclair, and Vice President, Rupsha Mutsuddi. Currently holding election for Communications Coordinator.
- Connected with President of the International Association on Gerontology and Geriatrics International Council of Student Organizations.
- Keeping students engaged through online professional development opportunities.
 - Offered a 7-week Innovative Research Methodologies in Gerontology Course. Total of 16 students completed the course.
 - Offering webinar series on Knowledge Mobilization in Gerontology in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Vervaecke
President, CAG-SC

Legacy Fund Committee Report

- The CAG Legacy Fund was honoured to support the attendance of Student and Recent Graduate members at CAG2024.
- The Fund was likewise honoured to support the CAG2024 keynote address by Dr. Julia Rozanova, Neuroscience Research Australia, “Older People with HIV in Ukraine: A Journey of Resilience.”

Respectfully submitted,

CAG Legacy Fund Committee

IAGG North America Region Committee (NARC) Report

- **NARC Organizational Members:** Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG); Canadian Geriatrics Society (CGS); and Gerontological Society of America (GSA).
- **NARC Meetings:** November 10, 2023; February 26, 2024; September 4, 2024; and November 14, 2024.
- **NARC Symposiums at the National Conferences:** Selected from symposiums submitted to national conferences based on high-quality of and relevance to aging-related topics that span across Canada and the United States, as well as for showcasing cross-national collaborations in North America. Selections were at CAG 2024, “Caring Near and Far: Remote Monitoring Home Care in Support of Older Adults and Family/Friend Caregivers” by Dr. Lorie Donelle (University of South Carolina) et al. and at GSA2024, “Ageism Everywhere All at Once: Different Manifestations and Research Approaches” by Dr. Alison Chasteen (University of Toronto) et al.
- **IAGG NARC Webinar:** Held on May 30, 2025 titled, “Through the Looking Glass: Examining the Intersectionality of Ageism,” which was co-hosted with the Canadian Coalition Against Ageism (CCAA). Presenters were: Dr. Alison Chasteen (University of Toronto, Canada); Dr. Anne Barrett (Florida State University, USA); and Dr. Michael Vale (Sacred Heart University, USA). The recording of the webinar is available online here: <https://youtu.be/oJgLp-cmSVM>
- **IAGG 2034 World Congress Bid:** Canada is preparing a bid to host IAGG 2034 in Toronto, jointly, by the Canadian Geriatrics Society and the Canadian Association on Gerontology. The bid will be presented at the IAGG 2026 World Congress in Amsterdam. Dr. Manuel Montero-Odasso (CGS President) is the primary contact person.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Meisner
IAGG NARC Chair