

Canadian Association on Gerontology

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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. Kim Sawchuk, CAG2025 Conference Chair, the Conference Planning Committee, Executive Director, Student Connection, and Board to deliver an excellent and well-attended in-person Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting in Montréal, QC. Work is underway on CAG2026 that will be hosted in Charlottetown, PE and Co-Chaired by Dr. Jessica Strong and Dr. Janice Keefe.
- Worked with Deanna Vervaecke, CAG Student Connection President, to plan a very successful Pre-Conference Workshop at CAG2025 focused on student/trainee opportunities in aging and public policy.
- Worked with the CAG Awards Committee on the 2025 CAG Awards, Scholarships, and Bursaries.
- Worked with the Canadian Journal on Aging (CJA) Editor-in-Chief, CJA Editorial Board, and Cambridge University Press on journal operations.
- Worked with the CJA Editorial Board and the CAG Student Connection on approving the new CJA Article of the Year: Emerging Scholar Award. The inaugural award will be given in 2026.
- 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 role in collaboration with CAG Executive Director Anthony Lombardo.
- At the 2024 AGM, the CAG membership approved a change in the public accounting firm for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, following significant delays with the previous firm for the 2023-2024 audit.
 - For the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025, Glenn Graydon Wright LLP was appointed as CAG's public accountant to conduct the 2024-2025 audit.
 - The 2024-2025 audit was completed efficiently.
- The CAG Board of Directors recommends the reappointment of Glenn Graydon Wright LLP as CAG's public accountant for the audit of the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
 - The 2026 AGM should be held before the end of the 2026 calendar year.

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
- Worked closely with Kim Sawchuk and her team at Concordia University in the planning of CAG2025 in Montreal
- Worked closely with Glenn Graydon Wright, the newly appointed public accountant, on the audit of the 2024/25 financial statements
- 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
Secretary- Treasurer <i>Secrétaire-trésorier</i>	BETHELL, Jennifer	Ontario
Division Chair: Health and Biological Science <i>Présidente de section : Sciences de la santé et sciences biologiques</i>	CHAMBERLAIN, Stephanie	Alberta

Respectfully submitted,
CAG Nominating Committee

Awards Committee Report

- CAG Victor Marshall Distinguished Member Award: Dr. Veronique Boscart
- CAG Contribution to Gerontology Award:
 - Dr. Daniel Lai
 - Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos
- CAG Mid-Career Award: Dr. Christine Kelly
- CAG New Investigator Award: Dr. Michael Kalu
- Recognition Award for Excellence in Research on Paid or Unpaid Caregiving: In Honour of Neena Chappell: Dr. Susan Braedley
- CAG Margery Boyce Bursary: Li-elle Rapaport
- CAG Donald Menzies Bursary: Paulina Malcolm
- Schlegel-UW RIA Scholarship: Navjot Gill-Chawla

Respectfully submitted,
CAG Awards Committee

Canadian Journal on Aging Report

- CJA impact factor was 1.7 for 2024.
- Manuscript management:
 - Issue 43(1-4) and Issue 44(1) published 68 Articles and 6 Policy and Practice/ Research Notes.
 - From May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025, **177 manuscripts** were received compared to 141 from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.
 - From May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025, the number of days to first decision (all manuscripts) was **59 days** and the number of days to last decision (manuscripts with final decisions) was **110 days**. This is lower than May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024, where the number of days to first decision (all manuscripts) was 61 days and the number of days to last decision (manuscripts with final decisions) was 123 days.
 - The acceptance ratio for May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 was 28%.
- Recruited and oriented new Section Editors.

Respectfully submitted,
Veronique Boscart

Division Report: Educational Gerontology

- Facilitated the awards and bursaries selection process.
- Congratulations to the recipients!
- Thank you to the selection committee members!
- 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 Edmonton, 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. Used workshop discussions and feedback to inform Student Connection CAG2025 activities.
 - Worked with Dr. Kim Sawchuk (CAG2025 Conference Chair) regarding Student Connection involvement with CAG2025 as well.
- Welcomed new Student Connection Communications Coordinator, Stefanie Gard.
- Attended monthly International Association on Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) Council of Student Organizations (CSO) meetings as North American Regional Student Representative.
- Kept CAG student members engaged through online professional development opportunities:
 - 7-week Knowledge Mobilization in Gerontology Course: Total of 18 students completed the course.
 - Considering new professional development opportunities for future offerings.

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 in Edmonton, AB.
- The Fund was likewise honoured to support the CAG2024 keynote address by Dr. Julia Rozanova, King's College London, "Older People with HIV in Ukraine: A Journey of Resilience."
- The Fund launched a call for student travel grants for CAG student members to attend CAG2025 in Montreal.
- The Fund began planning for the IAGG2026 Student Travel Grants program to support CAG student members to attend the conference in Amsterdam.

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-Related Meetings:** May 9, 2024; September 4, 2024; November 14, 2024; January 31, 2025; February 14, 2025; April 8, 2025.
- **NARC Symposiums:** 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.
 - *CAG2024 selection:* “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.; *CGS2024 selection:* N/A; and *GSA2024 selection:* “Ageism Everywhere All at Once: Different Manifestations and Research Approaches” by Dr. Alison Chasteen (University of Toronto) et al.
- **NARC Webinar:** “Through the Looking Glass: Examining the Intersectionality of Ageism,” planned and 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 May 30, 2025 webinar is available online here: <https://youtu.be/oJgLp-cmSVM>
- **NARC at IAGG 2026 World Congress:** Symposium submitted to IAGG 2026 World Congress in follow-up to successful webinar. The symposium is titled, “Ageism in the North America Region: Manifestations, Mechanisms, and Resistance.”
- **NARC Bid for IAGG 2034 World Congress:** Canada prepared 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Meisner
IAGG NARC Chair