



**The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology welcomes a change in governance:
Members elected new Board of Directors at Annual General Meeting**

OAKVILLE, ON – (May 16, 2022) – The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) announces new bylaw changes and news of a new training fund project at its 60th annual general meeting this evening.

Dr. Kevin Waschke hosted the association's virtual annual general meeting, a gathering that marks a change in leadership and participation. New bylaw changes under the Canadian Not for Profit Corporations Act were approved by CAG member attendees. A notable bylaw change included a new streamlined nominations process. Nominees Dr. Lawrence Hookey, Dr. Paul Moayyedi, and Dr. Waschke were elected/re-elected as Directors on the CAG Board of Directors. Subsequently, the Board elected Dr. Moayyedi as President, Dr. Hookey as President-Elect, and re-appointed Dr. Laura Sly as Secretary and Dr. Neeraj Narula as Treasurer.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as the CAG's President during these past two years," said Dr. Waschke. "During this challenging time, it is always a joy to collaborate with a group of dedicated and innovative leaders for the betterment of GI health and research."

Dr. Waschke concluded tonight's annual general meeting by welcoming Dr. Moayyedi as the CAG's newest President. I am humbled and honoured to be President of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology," says Dr. Moayyedi. "It is auspicious that CAG was founded on the same year as I was born! It has been a guiding light for generations of GI clinicians in supporting education, research, quality improvement, and clinical practice. I am excited to lead CAG as it continues to evolve to meet the needs of the membership in an ever-changing world."

Dr. Nicola Jones also brought exciting news about the announcement of the Training Researchers In the Next Generation in Gastroenterology and Liver (TRIANGLE) program, a part of the Health Research Training Platform (H RTP). TRIANGLE is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) with funding of just under \$2.4 million over six years, with the CAG and other partners contributing funding and support as well. Dr. Jones concluded her term as Past-President with the CAG this year. She is now retired from the CAG's Board of Directors.

"I want to thank Nicola for the many years of dedicated service to the CAG," said Dr. Waschke. "The Board of Directors and the CAG are that much better because of Nicola's work. We will certainly miss her wisdom and clear thinking at the Board table, but we look forward to working with her through the new TRIANGLE program."

The CAG thanks renowned Canadian artist and speaker Susan Aglukark, Order of Canada, for concluding tonight's annual general meeting with her keynote presentation *NOMAD: Correcting the Narrative*, a speaking and singing presentation on the last several thousand years of Canadian Inuit history.

About the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology

The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG), founded in 1962, supports and engages in the study of the organs of the digestive tract in health and disease. The association promotes the advancement of the science and art of gastroenterology by providing national leadership in patient care, research, teaching and continuing professional development.



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