

**The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Welcomes a Change in Leadership:
Members Elect New Board of Directors at Annual General Meeting**

Toronto, Ontario – March 1, 2024 – The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) is pleased to announce the successful election of its new Board of Directors (BOD) at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel.

Dr. Laura Sly, representing the Nominations Committee, presented the slate of directors for re-election. Dr. Paul Moayyedi and Dr. Lawrence Hookey were re-elected for a 2-year term each as Past President and President respectively. In addition, Dr. François Boudreau and Dr. Mark Borgaonkar were elected as President Elect and Treasurer, each for a 3-year term.

Newly elected President, Dr. Hookey, recognized the volunteer members departing from their BOD and CAG committee positions in March 2024:

- Kevin Waschke for his six years of service on the Board, during which he provided invaluable leadership, particularly during challenging times like COVID;
- Neeraj Narula, as Treasurer, who played a crucial role in managing and securing our investments, resulting in positive returns for the CAG;
- Grigoris Leontiadis and Nathalie Perreault for their dedicated service as VP Clinical Affairs and VP Research Affairs, respectively.
- Subcommittee chairs and co-chairs: Brian Yan, Alaa Rostom, Jennifer Jin, Mark Borgaonkar, Frances Tse, Jean-Eric Ghia, Harminder Singh
- Members of subcommittees: Elena Verdú, Nadia Griller, Yasmin Nasser, Juliet Daniel, Noor Jawaid, Premysl Bercik, Cathy Lu, Arthur Mortha

Dr. Lawrence Hookey expressed gratitude for their valuable contributions, and Dr. Paul Moayyedi presented certificates of appreciation.

In his final address as President, Dr. Paul Moayyedi highlighted the past year's successes, including the establishment of the Advocacy and Climate Change committees. He thanked the Board, committee members, and CAG staff for their hard work and dedication and extended his “heartfelt appreciation to all those who have supported me throughout my tenure and who continue to support me as I step into this new role. Your encouragement, guidance, and camaraderie mean the world to me, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you and our community,” and extended best wishes to Dr. Lawrence Hookey, the incoming President.

Dr. Lawrence Hookey, in his remarks as President-Elect, expressed his “sincere gratitude for the trust and confidence you've shown in me by reelecting me to serve as the President of CAG. It's a role I hold with great pride and humility, and I'm deeply committed to continuing the excellent work of this organization.” He also shared his excitement for the upcoming term and his commitment to increasing trainee involvement within the association and thanked those who supported him during his tenure as President-Elect.

Additional reports included an update from Kelsey Cheyne on the Canadian Digestive Health Foundation (CDHF) and its initiatives, as well as a presentation by Dr. Nicola Jones on the TRIANGLE program's activities and achievements.

The CAG looks forward to a new chapter under the leadership of its newly elected Board of Directors, committed to advancing the field of gastroenterology and improving digestive health for Canadians.



About the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology

The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) is dedicated to promoting the advancement of the science and art of gastroenterology by providing leadership in patient care, research, teaching, continuing professional development, and ethics. Through collaboration and innovation, the CAG aims to improve the digestive health and quality of life of all Canadians.

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