



Dreams to achievements: Building the future of Canadian urology

"Some people say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one."

– John Lennon

« Rêver mieux »

– Daniel Bélanger

Who would have imagined that membership in the Canadian Urological Association would grow to more than 2000 members? Who would have envisioned the CUA Scholarship Foundation awarding more than one million dollars in grants? And who would have imagined a woman serving as president of the CUA?

Today, these are no longer simply aspirations. They are meaningful achievements that reflect the strength, commitment, and continued evolution of our association.

Such progress does not occur through vision alone. It is the result of sustained effort by the CUA Board, our committees, our dedicated Corporate Office team, and the many members who contribute their time, expertise, and ideas to the association. It requires thoughtful leadership, careful planning, and, most importantly, a willingness to listen closely to the needs of our membership.

While we should take pride in how far the CUA has come, we must also recognize that our work is far from complete. The practice of urology continues to evolve, and our association must evolve with it. We have a responsibility to preserve and strengthen the quality of urologic care across Canada, while helping our members navigate the professional, institutional, and health-care-system challenges that affect their daily work.

One important priority is the future of our trainees. We must address the challenges residents face in pursuing fellowship opportunities, particularly when access to institutions and programs that have traditionally been favored by Canadian trainees is limited. Supporting the next generation of

urologists means helping them identify high-quality educational opportunities, develop strong professional networks, and acquire the knowledge and experience they will need to serve patients and communities throughout Canada.

We must also invest in leadership development for our members. Clinical expertise is essential, but today's urologists are increasingly called upon to lead teams, manage programs, participate in institutional decision-making, and advocate for appropriate resources. Strong leadership skills can help us become more effective negotiators and more persuasive advocates for our patients, our profession, and the sustainability of urologic care. This advocacy is needed in our hospitals and operating rooms, as well as in our discussions with administrators and healthcare decision-makers.

The CUA must continue to provide opportunities for members to develop these skills and to participate meaningfully in shaping the future of Canadian urology. Our success will depend on our ability to remain responsive, forward-looking, and united around a shared commitment to excellence. It will also depend on the active participation of our members. Your experiences, concerns, ideas, and ambitions should continue to guide the work of the association.

The achievements we celebrate today began as ideas that may once have seemed ambitious. They became possible because people were prepared not only to dream, but also to act. As we look ahead, we should continue to dream boldly while remaining prepared to undertake the hard work required to transform those dreams into lasting progress.

The CUA will continue to listen, learn, and strive to serve its members even better. Together, we can strengthen our profession, support one another, and build a future in which Canadian urology continues to flourish.

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