



## From one chapter to the next: Reflections on the CUA presidency

As my term as CUA President comes to a close, I find myself reflecting less on individual accomplishments and more on what they collectively represent. Taken together, they point to an organization that is not only growing but evolving in steady and pragmatic ways — guided by its members, responsive to change, and grounded in a shared set of goals and values.

Member engagement remains one of the clear markers of that strength. Our record membership of 1992 reflects sustained national outreach, strong affiliate partnerships, and increasing involvement from colleagues in medical and radiation oncology. More than a number, this growth reinforces the CUA's role in bringing together multidisciplinary GU care across the country and speaks to the value members continue to place on our work.

Education continues to be one of the CUA's defining pillars. Through UROpedia Canada, accredited webinars, national meetings, and the expanding Community Practice Series, the Office of Education is delivering timely and relevant content. Feedback from members confirms that CUA resources are not only trusted, but actively used to support clinical decisions, guide patient discussions, and stay current in a rapidly evolving field.

Our scientific and research mission also continues to grow. Through the CUASF, we are supporting high-impact research across the country, with record levels of funding this year. Our recent strategic plan clarified priorities around funding, mentorship, equity and inclusion, and long-term sustainability, while opening the door to partnerships beyond traditional models. This work positions the CUASF for continued impact in an increasingly competitive environment.

Advocacy has also taken on a more active and visible role. The CUA is engaging with federal and provincial policymakers, shaping national guidelines, and addressing issues that directly affect patient care, including workforce challenges, access, and screening. These efforts reflect a commitment to advocacy that is both evidence-informed and grounded in the realities of clinical practice.

The association's work in guideline development continues to evolve. The introduction of more structured processes strengthens transparency, consistency, and methodologic rigor. At the same time, we are exploring innovation — including the use of large language models to improve access to guidelines — while remaining attentive to the importance of evidence integrity, transparency, and professional accountability.

Looking ahead, the upcoming 81st Annual Meeting in Saskatoon — our first in Saskatchewan — reflects the direction the CUA continues to take. With a focus on equity, Indigenous health, and professional connection, the meeting highlights not only scientific excellence, but also a broader understanding of our role within the healthcare system.

If there is one thing this year has reinforced, it is that the strength of the CUA lies in its people. The volunteers, committee members, educators, researchers, and staff who contribute their time and expertise — often quietly, and without recognition — are what sustain the association. This includes our exceptional Corporate Office, team led by an outstanding CEO, whose work behind the scenes is essential to keeping the organization thriving and running smoothly.

As I step away from this role, I do so with a great deal of gratitude. It has been an honor and privilege to serve this community and to work alongside colleagues who are deeply committed to excellence in care and shaping the future of our field. The CUA is financially stable, active across its core areas, and increasingly relevant at a national level. More importantly, its strength comes from those involved, and that will continue to carry it forward.

I would also like to welcome incoming President, Marie-Paule Jammal. Her appointment as the first female President of the CUA is an important and well-deserved milestone for the association, and I am confident the CUA will continue to thrive under her leadership. I look forward to staying engaged in different ways, and to seeing how the next chapter unfolds.

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