

## **President's Report**

### **Annual General Meeting for 2025–2026**

**Dear colleagues and friends,**

It is both a pleasure and a privilege to present this annual report. It has been an honour to serve as CAUCE President over the past year, and I am deeply grateful to work alongside such a dedicated and collaborative community of continuing education leaders.

My sincere thanks to our CAUCE Secretariat, Coral Sawchyn, Deanna (Dee) Wolfe, and Elizabeth Eberts, for their steadfast support to the Board, our committees, and our members. Their professionalism and commitment continue to be central to CAUCE's success.

As our recent conference in Halifax affirmed, we are operating in a time of rapid change and increasing complexity across the post-secondary landscape. Yet our community continues to demonstrate resilience, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to learners and adult education.

This year, our work has been both ambitious and highly coordinated. Supported by the Secretariat, we advanced more than 40 strategic actions as part of an integrated system. The result is not only progress across initiatives, but a stronger, more connected organization.

#### **Key Highlights**

##### **Thought Leadership and Advocacy**

We strengthened CAUCE's role as a national voice for continuing education by deepening engagement with key partners, including the Business + Higher Education Roundtable (BHER) and the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). These collaborations created meaningful opportunities to contribute to national conversations on workforce development, skills training, and lifelong learning.

We also benefited from the leadership of Past President Rod Lastra, whose [Levelling Up](#) report highlights the strategic role of university continuing education in Canada's learning ecosystem. This work - grounded in data and strengthened through partnerships - continues to enhance our collective impact.

##### **Communications and Engagement**

This year, we began developing a more strategic and coordinated approach to communications. Under the leadership of Secretary-Treasurer Ewa Wasniewski, the Communications Committee is building a framework that integrates data with compelling impact stories.

I would also like to recognize Elizabeth Eberts for significantly elevating our digital presence. Engagement across our website and social platforms is stronger than ever, helping amplify the CAUCE voice.

### **Data and Insights**

The successful completion of our national data collection cycle marks an important milestone. Through improved processes and governance, the Data Collection Committee delivered insights that are already informing sector-wide discussions. This work ensures our advocacy and programming remain evidence-based and responsive.

### **Organizational Capacity and Infrastructure**

Significant progress has been made to strengthen our operational foundation and position CAUCE for greater independence. We successfully transitioned to a new website and digital infrastructure and adopted Microsoft 365 (which Coral and Dee have taken to impressive new heights), while piloting a Canadian conference app (PheedLoop).

These investments enhance member engagement and provide a strong platform for future growth and sustainability.

### **Partnerships and Member Opportunities**

We expanded year-round engagement through webinars and virtual roundtables, strengthening connections across our membership. We were also pleased to welcome new members from universities, colleges, polytechnics, and executive education units, enriching our network and broadening collaboration.

In addition, we began exploring new corporate partnership models to diversify relationships and strengthen connections with industry.

Our Halifax conference was a highlight of the year. I tip my bright yellow fishing hat to the entire Dalhousie University for organizing an energizing and forward-looking gathering that brought together diverse voices from across institutions and sectors.

### **Closing Reflections**

What stands out most is how intentionally interconnected our work has become:

- Data informs our advocacy and thought leadership
- Thought leadership shapes our communications and influence
- Communications support partnerships and engagement
- Infrastructure and governance enable everything to function effectively

This systems-based approach reflects a growing maturity in how we operate, allowing us to be more strategic, coordinated, and impactful.



None of this progress would be possible without the dedication of our members, Board, and committees. Thank you for your continued commitment to CAUCE and to advancing continuing education in Canada.

**With deep appreciation,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jo-Anne Clarke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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