



## **Canadian Law and Society Association**

### **Annual General Meeting Agenda**

**11 June 2026 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Atlantic)**

**KCIC Auditorium**

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1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Announcements/Question Period
4. Minutes from the 12 June 2024 AGM at U of S (see below)
5. Business Arising from the Minutes

New Business

6. President's Report (Nicole O'Byrne)
7. Constance B. Backhouse Prize (Lyndsay Campbell)

Description of Award: The Constance B. Backhouse Award is awarded for the best article or book chapter published in the previous calendar year on equality and anti-discrimination in Canada. The Award recognizes Backhouse's distinguished record of scholarship on the history of equality, race and gender in Canada and her exceptional contributions to the Canadian Law and Society Association and to sociolegal scholarship and education in Canada.

Self-nominations are accepted, as are nominations by journals, universities, publishers or other individuals. The winner(s) receive a one-year membership in the Canadian Law & Society Association.

Requirements for Nominations:

- Articles or chapters submitted must be published in English, French or be English/French translations of original works.
- Submissions must have been published during the calendar year prior to the granting of the award.
- The nomination, in English or French, must be done electronically and accompanied by a digital copy of the nominated article or chapter.

8. Report from the Nominations Committee (Phil Boyle)
9. Report from the CJLS (William Hebert)
10. Vice-President (Membership) Report (Joshua Shaw)
11. Treasurer's Report (Phil Boyle)
12. Vice-President (Conferences) Report (Joao Velloso)
13. Communication Director's Report (Sarah Turnbull)
14. Report from the Graduate Student Representatives (Joseph Young and Neela Hassan)
15. Prize Committees – Updates and Announcements
  - a. Book Prize Committee Report
  - b. Article Prize – English Language Committee Report
  - c. Report of the Roderick A. Macdonald Graduate Student Essay Prize
16. Other Business
17. Adjournment

**Canadian Law and Society Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**University of Saskatchewan College of Law**  
**12 June 2025, 12:00pm**

Attending in person: Robert Fantina, Neela Hassan, Meray Sadek, Asmaa Jisri, Corey McKibbin, Suzanne Bouclin, Joan Brawn, Jennifer Dagsnik, Robin Hansen, Michael Aires, Amy Swiffen, Sam Ghebrai, Reakash Walters, Rine Vieth, Lyndsay Campbell, Zahra Maghsouelzerebeh, Constance Backhouse, Mariana Valverde, Marianna Castillo, Leanne Katz, Rachel Ariss, Thomas McMorrow, Debra Parkes, Marianna Iovenko, Joseph Young, Jamie Liew, Amar Khoday, Joao Velloso, Véronique Fortin, Annie Bunting, William Hébert, Kelly Gallagher-Mackay, Bruce Ryder, Emily Snyder, Debbie DeGirolamo, Phil Boyle, Nicole O’Byrne, Sylvia Rich, Thanhhai Nyvyen, Parmida Beedle, Greg Marquis, Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny

Attending online: Joshua Shaw, Sarah Turnbull, Jérémy Boulanger-Bonnely, Chante Barnwell, Mary-Jane Mossman, Margaret L Boittin

Agenda Item	Notes	Decision
Call to order and introductions	Nicole called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.	
Approval of the Agenda	Sylvia moves, seconded by Debbie, to approve the agenda as amended.	Approved
Announcements/Question Period	none	
Approval of the Minutes from the 15 June 2024 AGM at UQAM	Bruce moves, seconded by Phil, to approve the minutes.	Approved
Business Arising from the Minutes	none	
President’s Report (Nicole O’Byrne)	Nicole presented her report. Recognition of Bruce Ryder’s commitment to the Board and long and dedicated service to the association.	
Report from the Nominations Committee (Nicole O’Byrne and Phil Boyle)	Phil presented the report of the committee. Biggest challenge is recruiting new people. <u>Committee recommends for elections to the Board of Directors the following:</u> Secretary: Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny (Carleton, new two-year term to 2027) VP Memberships: Joshua Shaw (Saskatchewan; new two-year to 2027) VP Conferences: Joao Velloso (Ottawa; new two-year term to 2027)	Motion 1 carried Board members elected

	<p>Treasurer: Phil Boyle (Waterloo; new two-year term to 2027)</p> <p>Communication Officer: Sarah Turnbull (Waterloo; new two-year term to 2027)</p> <p>Director at large: Kelly Gallagher-Mackay (Laurier; new three-year term to 2028)</p> <p>Director at large: Lyndsay Campell (Calgary; new three-year term to 2028)</p> <p>Director at large: Rachel Ariss (Ontario Tech; new three-year term to 2028)</p> <p>Director at large: Emily Snyder (UBC; new three-year term to 2028)</p> <p><u>Motion 1</u>: Joao moves, seconded by Debbie, to dedicate \$5000 in total to provide support for new directors to attend the 2025 mid-winter or 2026 annual meeting. Priority will be given to early career researchers and/or based on need (to be determined confidentially).</p> <p>Discussion of the motion ensued.</p> <p>Rine Vieth (Laval + St Mary) volunteered to join the Board.</p> <p>Each new board members introduced themselves.</p> <p>William moves, seconded by Suzanne, to elect the officers and directors as presented, including the nomination from the floor.</p>	
<p>Report from the CJLS (William Hebert)</p>	<p>William presented his report. Recognizing Tom’s contribution to the CJLS. Searching for a new Co-Editor in Chief, English, to replace Tom. Noting the incredible growth of the journal and its moves to online open access. Noting the tech issue with CUP that has delayed the publication of articles. Announcing that the journal moved from Carleton University’s Law and Legal Studies Department to the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law. William is staying on as Managing Editor for one year to ensure a transition period.</p>	
<p>Vice-President (Membership) Report (Bruce Ryder)</p>	<p>Bruce presented his report. Membership dropped to 166 from 240 last year. Bruce is not a concern as the association’s finances are good and membership is dependent in part on conference attendance since membership is a condition for attendance and the last two years</p>	

	were large conferences while this year was smaller (a bit over half as previous two years attendance). Welcoming Josh as new VP membership.	
Treasurer’s Report (Phil Boyle)	<p>Phil presented his report. Discussion of the report ensued. Phil’s ideas to spend some of the money accumulated in the bank: increase support for grad students and new directors, cash prize or other material prizes for the various academic prizes of the association. Inviting suggestion on priority for spending.</p> <p><u>Motion 2</u>: Phil moves, seconded by Lyndsay, to reassign the banking second-signature requirement from Bruce Ryder to Sarah Turnbull.</p> <p><u>Motion 3</u>: Phil moves, seconded by Lyndsay, to accept the Treasurer’s report.</p> <p><u>Motion 4</u>: Phil moves, seconded by Kelly, to waive appointment of a public accountant until the annual general meeting in 2026.</p>	<p>Motion 2 carried</p> <p>Motion 3 carried</p> <p>Motion 4 unanimously carried</p>
Vice-President (Conferences) Report (Joao Velloso)	Joao presented his report. Next conference will be in the Atlantic. Next year’s mid year meeting will be more of a retreat.	
Communication Director’s Report (Sarah Turnbull)	Report’s deferred due to tech issues.	
Report from the Graduate Student Representatives (Reakash Walters and Asmaa Jisri)	Reakash presented her report. The new graduate student representatives are Joseph Young (Ontario Tech) Neela Hassan (Waterloo). Marianna I and Josh will join to the grad representatives on the prize committee.	
Prize Committees – Updates and Announcements	<p><u>Book Prize Committee Report</u> (Committee Members: Bruce Ryder, Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny, Debbie de Girolamo, Palma Paciocco, Kelly Gallagher-Mackay): the winner is Margaret L. Boittin, <i>The Regulation of Prostitution in China: Law in the Everyday Lives of Sex Workers, Police Officers, and Public Health Officials</i> (Cambridge University Press), with honourable mentions for Elaine Craig, <i>Mainstreaming Porn: Sexual Integrity and the Law Online</i> (McGill-Queen’s University Press) and Mary Jane Mossman, <i>Quiet Rebels: A History of Ontario Women Lawyers</i> (Wilfrid Laurier University Press).</p>	

	<p><u>Article Prize – English Language Committee Report</u> (Committee Members: Joao Velloso, Annie Bunting, Miriam Zucker): the 2023 winner is Emma Feltes, Jocelyn Stacey and the T̄silhqot’ in National Government, "Crisis, Colonialism and Constitutional Habits: Indigenous jurisdiction in times of emergency" 38(1) <i>CJLS</i> (2023)1-22, and an honourable mention for Sarah Riley Case, "To Protest for Black Life during the Pandemic: Resistance and Freedom in a Settler State." 38(3) <i>CJLS</i> (2023) 316–334; the 2024 winner is Kanika Samuels-Wortley, " The "Unusual" Suspect—Race, Class, and Crime: A Critical Discourse Case Study of Nova Scotia’s Mass Casualty Event" <i>CJLS</i> 39(2) (2024)180-203, and an honourable mention for Saaz Taher, Amélie Barras, Jennifer Selby, "Quebecois Laïcité and Its Canadian Multicultural Other in the Debates Surrounding Law 21" <i>CJLS</i> 39(2) (2024) 204-224.</p> <p><u>Report of the Roderick A. Macdonald Graduate Student Essay Prize</u> (Committee members: Sarah Turnbull, Asmaa Jisri, and Reakash Walters): the winner is "White terrorism on trial: Anti-Muslim violence, Canadian counterterrorism, and the legal governance of hate" by Sophie Marois, Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto, with two honourable mentions for "User/payor: workfare discipline in child support" by Yukiko Kobayashi Lui, SJD Candidate at the University of Toronto, and "Opening the Gates of Social Closure: strategies for incorporating participatory and reflexive research strategies into the study of legal contexts" by Kaitlyn Cumming, PhD Candidate at the University of British Columbia Allard School of Law.</p> <p>New book prize committee: Greg, Debbie, Kelly, Marianna C, Palma Paciocco</p> <p>New English article prize committee: Meray, Jennifer, Phil, Rachel</p> <p>New French article prize committee: Pierre, Joao, Véronique</p>	
Other Business	none	
Adjournment	Metting adjourned at 1:32pm	

Minutes taken by Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny, Secretary

## CLSA/ACDS Financial Report

Prepared by Phil Boyle, CLSA/ACDS Treasurer  
CLSA/ACDS Annual Meeting  
Wolfville, Nova Scotia  
June 2026

1. 2024 end-of-year bank balance	\$117,896
2. 2025 Revenue & Expenses	
<i>2025 Revenue</i>	
Membership & Conferences	\$23,838
<i>2025 Expenses</i>	
Conference Expenses	\$32,046
Grad Student Travel Grants	\$12,469
Website Fees & Maintenance	\$6,594
Professional Fees (MNP)	\$3,213
Memberships (Federation)	\$1,290
Translation Fees (Bulletin)	\$300
Banking Fees	\$211
Office Supplies	\$30
Total Expenses	\$56,153
Total Revenue for 2025	-\$32,315
2025 end-of-year bank balance	<b>\$85,581</b>

### 3. Projected Expenses & Outlook

Overall, the association's finances continue to be healthy. The annual meeting in Saskatoon was relatively expensive compared to the previous year due to a variety of factors, and the board may wish to develop a budget model to lend more predictability to the costs for the annual meeting. At the 2025 annual meeting the board decided to draw down the amount of cash sitting in the association's bank account by increasing spending on graduate travel grants for the 2026 conference. As such, an annual deficit is also expected by the end of 2026. The association's accountant has filed all necessary annual filings to maintain good standing with the CRA for 2025.

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Report of the Nominations Committee  
Acadia University  
June 2026**

The Nominations Committee recommends that the following slate of candidates be elected as the 2026-2027 CLSA Board of Directors:

New Director Appointments (3-year terms to 2029)

Honor Brabazon, Associate Professor, St. Jerome's University  
Amelie Barras, Associate Professor, York University  
Sam Ghebrai, Postdoctoral Fellow, Carleton University  
Ghuna Bdiwi, Senior Research Fellow, University of Ottawa  
Miriam Zucker Postdoctoral Fellow, McGill

New Officer Appointments (2-year terms to 2028)

Joao Velloso (Ottawa), President  
Nicole O'Byrne (New Brunswick), Past President

Graduate Student Representatives (2)

To be announced

Continuing Officers & Directors (11)

Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny (Carleton; Secretary to 2027)  
Joshua Shaw (Saskatchewan; VP Memberships to 2027)  
Philip Boyle (Waterloo; Treasurer to 2027)  
Sarah Turnbull (Waterloo; Communications Officer to 2027)  
Paula Maurutto (Toronto; director-at-large to 2027)  
Debbie De Girolamo (University of London; director-at-large to 2027)  
Kelly Gallagher-Mackay (Laurier; director-at-large to 2028)  
Lyndsay Campell (Calgary; director-at-large to 2028)  
Rachel Ariss (Ontario Tech; director-at-large to 2028)  
Emily Snyder (UBC; director-at-large to 2028)

Vacant

VP Conferences

Departing Directors

Jérémy Boulanger-Bonnely (McGill)  
Palma Paciocco (York)  
Dale Ballucci (Western)  
Irina Ceric (Windsor)