MINUTES of the
CIOCAN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, October 30, 2025
12:30 EDT

Attendees:

Alex Buhler	**Lionel Akagah**	**Tyler Brinkworth**
Andrew Pratt	**Steve Melnichuk**	**Wilkin Hsien**
Robert Antonishen	**Michael Bennett**	**Willy Tenadjang**
Cameron Telford	**Michel Serry**	**Wilson Ho**
Carlos Tobar	**Nastaran Bisheban**	
Chris Knowles	**Nathan Diebold**	**Non Members**
Dan Brooks	**Omid Hamed**	
Dave Aeri	**Paul Huddleston**	**Lorraine Bauer**
Derek Cullen	**Peter Holowka**	**Barb Gorman**
Derrick Whalen	**Peter Iskra**	**Connor Bratowski**
Man Doan	**Philippe Johnston**	**Jeannie Taylor**
Dodii Villareal	**Pradeep Nair**	**Carolyn Reimer**
Doris Simcich	**Rachel Porteous**	**Jessica Bellehumeur**
Doug Howell	**Rakesh Kumar**	**Ken Rowley**
Gareth Clarke	**Rob Lipson**	**Lily Frimpong**
Gary Davenport	**Robert Preduta**	
Greg Kaufman	**Roland Woo**	
Greg Widmeyer	**Ronald Rodriguez**	
Biying He	**Ranjeet Saini**	
Ilana Sprongl	**Sarah Shortreed**	
Jim Hoeppner	**Caren Sarkissian**	
Johnathan McFarlane	**Shaun Guthrie**	
Jude Abbey	**Sherri Honeychurch**	
Thomas Keating	**Kent Smith**	
Kin Lee Yow	**Surani Ademesco**	
Kyoko Kobayashi	**Todd Kennedy**	

Shaun Guthrie welcomed everyone and introduced himself as President and Chairperson of the CIO Association of Canada 2024-2025 Annual General Meeting.

Shaun stated the land acknowledgement as follows:

“The Board of Directors of the CIO Association of Canada respectfully acknowledges that the land on which I am virtually coming to you from is Treaty 6 territory, a traditional home, gathering place, and travelling route for diverse Indigenous Peoples, including Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota, and Sioux, as well as the homeland of the Métis Nation. We recognize our

responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples of this land."

He then asked if anyone else wished to acknowledge the lands of which you are on, please do so in the chat.

Shaun Guthrie reviewed the housekeeping notes to the members who joined the AGM.

Noting, proper notice being given and a quorum being present, Shaun Guthrie called the Annual General Meeting of the CIO Association of Canada to order at 12:33 pm EST.

Shaun Guthrie confirmed that official notice of the annual general meeting was delivered to all members via an email on September 3rd, 2025 and weekly CIOCAN member e-newsletters beginning on September 4th, 2025. Therefore, it was confirmed that CIOCAN was in compliance with the 14-day notification period required under the BC Societies Act. As a quorum of 10 members must be present throughout the meeting, members were asked to remain on the call until the AGM was adjourned.

Approval of the Agenda
The agenda for the Annual Meeting was provided electronically on the CIOCAN website. There were no changes made to the agenda.

Motion 1 : Shaun Guthrie asked someone to move the acceptance and approval of the agenda. Dave Aeri moved the motion, and it was seconded by Nastaran Bisheban. A poll was completed by all members attending, and based on the polling results the motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on October 24th, 2024 were provided electronically on the CIOCAN website. There were no changes made to the minutes.

Motion 2: Shaun Guthrie moved to approve the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of members held on October 24th, 2024 be approved as circulated. Dave Aeri seconded the motion. A poll was completed by all members attending, and based on the polling results the motion carried.

President's Report:

Shaun Guthrie was honoured to deliver his first President's Report to the membership as the President and Chairperson of the CIO Association of Canada. He noted stepping into this role last year following Philippe Johnston's tremendous leadership, and inherited a strong foundation; one built on collaboration, professionalism, and passion. He was proud to say that over this past year, that foundation CIOCAN has been built on has continued to grow and strengthen.

Shaun thanked the operational team for their outstanding work over the past year, and the growth of the Association to over 600 members. He also thanked the efforts of our chapters, divisions, and volunteers, who've delivered a remarkable number of webinars and events this year, over 100! In addition, CIOCAN has hosted it's most successful CIO Peer Forum ever in Ottawa to date.

Shaun Guthrie highlighted a number of achievements over the past 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Media Partnership: Digital Journal
This year we launched an exciting national media partnership with Digital Journal, expanding our visibility and voice across Canada.

CanadianCIO of the Year Awards

Although just celebrated last week, he wanted to acknowledge our CanadianCIO of the Year Awards, in partnership with TechNewsDay, that celebrated the best of Canadian technology leadership.

This year's winners reflected the strength, innovation, and impact of our national community:
- Private Sector: Catherine Desgagnes-Belzil, Beneva
- CISO of the Year: Brent Fowles, Western University
- Not-for-Profit Sector: Lesa O'Brien, Canadian Cancer Society
- Public Sector: Scott McKenna, Nova Scotia Health Authority

CIOCAN Impact Awards

Shaun acknowledged the 2025 CIOCAN IMPACT Award Recipients

- President's Award – Dr. Peter Holowka
- Lifetime Achievement Award- Shari Wallace

He noted that nominations for the 2026 awards are coming soon and encouraged members to nominate.

CIO.D Program

The CIO Executive Leadership Program, delivered in partnership with the Rotman School of Management, continues to thrive, and this past year we completed Cohort 2 and 3. The feedback from participants has been strong. This CIO.D designation, is the first of its kind in Canada, and is rapidly becoming the national standard for CIO excellence. It formally recognizes the professionalism, leadership, and strategic capability of digital executives across the country.

2025 CIO Peer Forum: Ottawa

This year's CIO Peer Forum in Ottawa was our largest and most successful event to date with record attendance, incredible sponsors, and outstanding content. He thanked the Peer Forum Committee, our volunteers, and especially the Ottawa Chapter for making this event such a resounding success. He noted the next Peer Forum in 2026 will be held in Vancouver.

Operations & Alignment

Our staffing model under Lorraine Bauer's leadership, has driven the association forward. The alignment between Chapters and Divisions has never been stronger, allowing our national team to deliver results that enhance every member's experience.

Shaun recognized the entire CIOCAN team: Lorraine, Barb, Jeannie, Jessica, Lily, Carolyn Connor & Ken and thanked them for their dedication to CIOCAN.

Get Involved

Shaun emphasized that the key to our success continues to be our Chapters and Division who work hard on your behalf to ensure you receive excellent value for your investment. Our Chapters continue to develop programming throughout the year on key topics relevant to our CIO community and our unique markets.

Shaun thanked the outgoing National Board members of the association, advising that CIOCAN will make a donation in their name and in honour of their service.

- Kent Smith, Manitoba Chapter President
- Roland Woo, Edmonton Chapter President
- Sylvian Viau, Quebec Chapter President

In addition to recognizing the outgoing members, he thanked all the volunteers from both the National and Chapter levels for their time, energy and commitment, and playing a role in the future of the CIO profession in Canada.

Shaun also welcomed the incoming Board members for this coming year:

- Andrew Pratt, Manitoba Chapter President
- Sherri Honeychurch, Edmonton Chapter President
- Derek Cullen, current Leadership Director and incoming 2nd Vice-President

In closing, he outlined the key priorities for this year being:

- Membership growth and engagement
- Brand visibility and partnerships
- CIO.D program expansion:
- Operational excellence

Shaun Guthrie then invited Rachel Porteous, National Treasurer to present the Financial Report.

Financial Report:

Rachel Porteous asked if there were any concerns or comments regarding the financial statement that had been distributed for the period ending June 30, 2025. There being none, she continued to deliver her report.

Rachel reported that the CIO Association of Canada (CIOCAN) 2024-25 fiscal year, which ended June 30th, 2025, underwent an audit, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. She confirmed that the 2024-25 year ended with combined net assets of $329,210 and a net revenue of $46,668. Under the strong leadership of the Board and CIOCAN's Executive Director, Lorraine Bauer and her team, along with significant volunteer efforts by board and other members, we have once again delivered a net positive revenue position.

CIOCAN executed on the following key initiatives during the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

- As per the CIOCAN strategic plan, continued to fund investments that focus on delivering member value, growth, and development, while ensuring appropriate governance, and controls are adhered too.
- Delivered rich content focused on leadership and technology challenges, while supporting and evolving a trusted IT leadership community.
- Had very successful Peer Forum in Ottawa – well attended, financially successful and appreciated by all who attended
- Continued partnership with Rotman School of Business, to deliver 2nd & 3rd cohorts of the CIO Executive Leadership Program, and awarded 57 CIO Association of Canada, CIO designations (CIO.D) which continues to be a positive revenue stream as well as a conduit for future members
- Continued to invest in dedicated staff to support the CIOCAN strategic plan and operational delivery

- Implemented the National Finance Committee, to support and oversee strategic financial decisions
- Conducted consistent review of the financial statements, which were distributed, and reviewed on a 45-day cycle by the CIOCAN Treasurer, and Board of Directors. Therefore, provided visibility of the financial position, and ensured oversight of the financial health of CIOCAN.

Rachel asked the members if they had any questions regarding the financial statements. There being none, she moved to motion.

Motion 3: Rachel Porteous moved that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, be approved as presented. Derek Cullen seconded the motion. A poll was completed by all members attending, and based on the polling results the motion carried.

Motion 4 : Rachel Porteous moved that the accounting firm Kriens LaRose, LLP, Chartered Accountants be confirmed to complete the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Nastaran Bisheban seconded the motion. A poll was completed by all members attending, and based on the polling results the motion carried.

Shaun thanked Rachel and asked Philippe Johnston to present the report from the nominating committee

Report from the Nominating Committee and the Election of Board of Directors

Phillipe Johnston, Past-President, and Chair of the CIO Association of Canada Nominating Committee advised that the National Board had endorsed the slate of candidates for election, or re-election to the Board. The Nominating Committee assessed all applicants and worked to place the suitable applicants on either a Chapter Board or the National Board. As a result, the 2025-26 CIO Association of Canada Board of Directors was elected by acclamation. The directors are to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Association in the fall of 2026.

Philippe then introduced the full slate of the National Board for the 2025/2026 term

- Shaun Guthrie, National President
- Nastaran Bisheban, 1st Vice President
- Derek Cullen, 2nd Vice-President, Director of Leadership Development
  Philippe Johnston, Past President
- Rachel Porteous, Treasurer
- Kin Lee-Yow, Director of Events
- Todd Kennedy, Director of Membership
- Dave Aeri, Director of Partnerships & Sponsorships
- Humza Teherany, Honorary Director
- Gary Davenport, Honorary Director

And Chapter Presidents:

- Derrick Whalen, Atlantic Canada
- Ross Ballendine, Calgary
- Omid Hamed, CISO Division
- Kyoko Kobayashi, Toronto
- Gerry Akkerman, Vancouver
- Andrew Pratt, Manitoba
- Lucie Loignon, Ottawa
- Sherri Honeychurch, Edmonton

He asked the members present to welcome the new CIOCAN Board of Directors for the year 2025-2026.

In addition to the official board positions, this year, Philippe advised CIOCAN is also supported by Committee Chairs, who will be leading important portfolios for the association; Technology & Security, Thought Leadership, and the CIO Peer Forum. He thanked Silviu Hinta, Omid Hamed, Kyoko Kobayashi, Gerry Akkerman & Luiba Mamonova for stepping up to chair these committees. Philippe also wished to recognize, Honorary Directors, Gary Davenport and Humza Teherany for their continued support as advisors to the Board of Directors.

Other Business:

Shaun Guthrie asked the membership if there was any other business to conduct.

There being no requests to conduct additional business and no questions, Shaun moved to end the meeting.

Termination

Motion 5 : There being no further business, Shaun Guthrie moved that the 2024-2025 Annual General Meeting of the members of the CIO Association of Canada be terminated. Rachel Porteous seconded the motion. A poll was completed by all members attending, and based on the polling results the motion carried.

Shaun Guthrie thanked everyone for joining the meeting and for their time and commitment to CIOCAN.

Shaun Guthrie
President and Chair
Nov 10, 2025