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# 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating 50 Years of  
Leadership in Continuing  
Professional Development

# Past President's Remarks

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It has been an honor to serve SACME during a year marked by momentum, meaningful progress, and deepened partnership. Together, we strengthened the foundation of our organization while advancing innovative programs that support our mission to elevate continuing medical education and professional development. This annual report reflects not only what we have accomplished, but the collective commitment of a dedicated community working in service of lifelong learning.

This past year saw significant growth and renewal across SACME's portfolio. We expanded access to professional development through the continued evolution of our Certificate of Recognition Program and the launch of the CPD Scholarship Program, opening doors for learners and leaders across the continuum. Our educational reach was further amplified through a robust monthly webinar series—including Virtual Journal Club, Faculty Development, Virtual Research Roundtables, and other timely topics—providing consistent, high-quality engagement for members. Programs such as SPARKS reinforced SACME's role as an incubator for innovation and collaboration, while the hybrid Annual Meeting broadened participation and strengthened connections across geographies.

Organizationally, we put the "house in order," positioning SACME for sustainable success. The launch of NoviAMS and our redesigned website modernized the member experience and enhanced operational efficiency. We celebrated the first full year of partnership with Custom Management Group (CMG), whose expertise and steadfast support have been instrumental in strengthening governance, systems, and day-to-day operations. Strategic progress also included the receipt of more than 30 Letters of Intent for the Manning Grant, signaling a strong pipeline of future leadership and continued confidence in SACME's direction.

SACME's influence expanded through strategic partnerships and initiatives that reinforce trust and integrity across our field. The Task Force on Integrity, developed in partnership with the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS), underscored our commitment to ethical practice. We deepened collaborations with the International Association for Health Professions Education (AMEE), strengthened our presence through the AMA House of Delegates, and launched the *Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions* Marketing Team to support scholarly dissemination and visibility. These efforts collectively

advance SACME's voice, credibility, and impact within the broader healthcare education ecosystem.

None of this work would be possible without the extraordinary people behind it. To our members: thank you for your engagement, your ideas, and your unwavering belief in SACME's mission. To the CMG staff: thank you for your professionalism, partnership, and tireless support during our first full year together. To our SACME Fellows: thank you for modeling excellence, mentorship, and leadership across everything we do. To the Board of Directors: your vision, stewardship, and willingness to lean into change have guided SACME through a year of growth and transition. And to our many volunteers: your generosity of time and talent is the engine that powers SACME forward.

As I reflect on this year, I am deeply proud of what we have accomplished together and confident in the organization's future. SACME is well positioned to continue leading, innovating, and serving our community with integrity and purpose. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Past President.

***Linda Caples, PhD, FSACME***  
SACME President, 2025-2026

*SACME Members and Annual Meeting attendees enjoying dinner out with Board members during various Annual Meetings*



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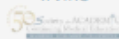
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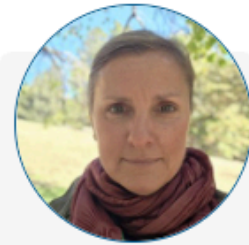


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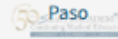
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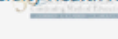
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# 50th Anniversary

SACME's 50th anniversary marked an important milestone for the Society, celebrating five decades of leadership in continuing professional development and medical education while highlighting the strength of its member community and committee work. The anniversary year reflected both SACME's legacy and its future direction through expanded membership initiatives, stronger scholarly programming, advances in technology and communications infrastructure, and continued commitment to collaboration, innovation, and global engagement.

**WE HAVE EXCEEDED  
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# Committee Accomplishments

Across committees, several themes stood out: growth in engagement, stronger infrastructure, and increased scholarly output. Committees emphasized new programs, improved workflows, and promoted greater use of data and technology to support SACME's future direction.

SACME committees made strong contributions in 2025 through membership growth initiatives, expanded scholarly programming, and enhanced operational infrastructure. Highlights included new membership discounts, the successful launch of the CPD Scholarship Program, active virtual learning and mentoring offerings, significant progress in abstract and grant processes, and key technology and communications advances that position the Society for continued growth.

- **Membership Committee:** The committee expanded SACME's membership offerings by launching an institutional membership discount and a low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) membership discount, while also increasing international membership and expanding the Canadian region to strengthen global participation. The committee also introduced a regional coffee chat series to support networking and engagement across Canadian and international members.
- **Program Committee:** The committee maintained an active and engaged core membership, supporting the planning for SACME's 50th Anniversary commemoration. The committee noted strong participation from members who regularly attend and take on responsibilities, while identifying the need for a clearer process for members who have not attended meetings.
- **Scholarship Committee:** The committee deployed the CPD Scholarship Program, conducted five virtual research roundtables, and organized a CPD brainstorm session to assess the status of the discipline. The committee also provided flash mentoring before abstract submission and after acceptance, helping members strengthen posters and talks.
  - **Research Awards Subcommittee:** This subcommittee managed Annual Meeting abstract selection and poster rating, and launched the Manning Grant LOI process, receiving 33 submissions compared with five in the previous cycle. The committee highlighted strong leadership and successful process implementation for the grant review cycle.
  - **Capacity Building Subcommittee:** This subcommittee conducted six Virtual Journal Clubs (VJCs) and launched the Certificate of Recognition Program, with approximately 20 individuals registered. Their planned activities for the future include continuing VJCs and research roundtables and promoting the recognition program.

- **Technology-Enhanced CPD Committee:** TECPD recommended NoviAMS as SACME’s new association management system, supporting a more flexible and modular infrastructure for communication, engagement, and analytics. The committee also advanced research and scholarly dissemination, with multiple abstracts accepted for SACME 2026 and international presentations accepted for AMEE 2026.
- **Communications and Marketing Committee:** The committee strengthened communications operations by transitioning editorial leadership for *CE News*, adding a new assistant editor, and building baseline data on communications and marketing channels. The committee also partnered on a marketing slide deck about SACME and prepared for transition to the new NoviAMS system.
- **Strategic Affairs Committee:** Over the past year, the Strategic Affairs Committee advanced SACME’s mission by monitoring the external environment and identifying opportunities that strengthen the organization’s influence, partnerships, and long-term direction. The committee focused on aligning SACME’s strategic priorities with emerging trends in continuing professional development, accreditation, and healthcare education. Key areas of work included evaluating and advancing strategic partnerships, advising leadership on SACME’s positioning within national and international forums, and supporting initiatives that enhance SACME’s visibility, relevance, and voice across the CPD community. The committee also served as a resource to the Board by providing insight on policy, advocacy, and collaboration opportunities that align with SACME’s values and strategic plan.



*From left to right: Stephanie Staggs, Mark Vinciguerra, Anahit Abrahamyan, Brittany Dashevsky, Jessica Walter, and Brenda Wilson, some of the participants in SACME’s 2025-2026 cohort of the CPD Scholarship Program*

# Academy of Fellows

There was continued advancement of the Academy's educational mission through professional development webinars offered as part of the SACME webinar series, including:

- *The Great Debate on the Intersection of CPD and Faculty Development* (December 5, 2025)
- *From Challenge to Opportunity: Supporting Faculty Career Trajectories* (April 22, 2026)
- Sponsorship of a workshop at the 2026 Annual Meeting titled: *Thriving as a CPD Educator and Professional: Charting Your Growth and Strategic Impact*

In addition, the Fellows saw meaningful progress on the Guide by the Side mentorship initiative:

- Board approval was obtained.
- It was agreed to pilot the initiative with graduates of the CPD Scholarship Program.
- Key implementation considerations were established, including mentor and mentee solicitation strategies and evaluation planning

During a discussion at the full Academy of Fellows meeting, the group affirmed plans to hold two Academy meetings per year, with dedicated agenda time for facilitated discussion of "thorny issues" in CPD and exploration of webinar-based discussions or panel formats that could extend these or other conversations to the broader SACME membership.



*From left to right: Linda Caples, Gabrielle Kane, Bill Rayburn, Betsy Williams, David Wiljer, Nancy Davis, Jack Kues, Mary Turco, and Kimberly Northrip, some of SACME's Past Presidents and members of the Academy of Fellows*

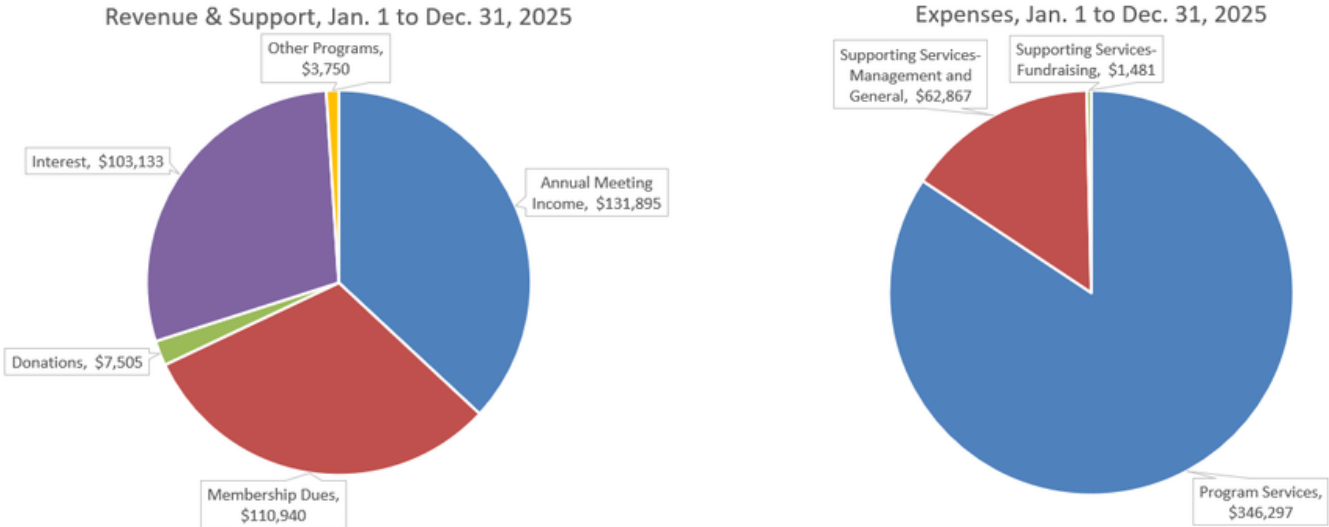
# Financials

During the past year, the Finance Committee focused on strengthening SACME’s financial stability, governance, and long-term sustainability. The committee advanced targeted budget reductions aligned with the SACME financial roadmap while continuing to support strategic investments, including the association management system platform, to enhance organizational infrastructure and operational efficiency.

To further strengthen financial governance, the committee initiated the development of SACME’s first formal Risk Assessment Policy, reinforcing accountability and proactive financial oversight. In addition, the Finance Committee established a new Donation Subcommittee to guide the strategy, promotion, and stewardship of donation campaigns, ensuring contributed funds are used responsibly and transparently.

The committee also collaborated closely with the Scholarship Committee on matters related to the Manning Grant, supporting a successful donation campaign that preserved the grant at its full funding amount. Oversight of SACME’s Annual Meeting continued, with the committee partnering with the Program Committee and CMG Executive Director on the FY27 RFP process and refining the FY28 process to improve transparency, consistency, and efficiency.

Finally, the Finance Committee oversaw completion of the FY25 annual audit and met with external auditors. The audit concluded with no significant findings, reflecting strong fiscal management, sound controls, and effective stewardship of SACME’s resources.



# President's Perspective

During this year of celebration of SACME's 50th anniversary, a milestone that underscores five decades of impact and community, SACME has made strong headway on several key priorities. Work on the strategic plan continues, with the goal of providing a clear framework to guide future growth, including focused efforts to increase membership and expand collaborations across organizations.

Members benefited from a series of monthly engaging webinars that fostered learning and professional connection, alongside nurturing of continuing and new partnerships that strengthen the broader community. The pilot launch of the "Guide by the Side" initiative, a short-term mentoring opportunity, and the completion of the HyFlex workbook, both of which support evolving educational practices, are notable achievements this year. Looking ahead, preparations are under way for the *Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions (JCEHP)* transition to a fully digital format in 2027. Members are encouraged to look for the SACME 50th anniversary editorial in *JCEHP* to be published in the Fall of 2026, further highlighting contributions to the field.

I extend my sincere appreciation to SACME's Board and committee members for their leadership, dedication, and active involvement in advancing SACME's mission, as well as to all our members for their continued engagement and support of continuing professional development.

***Suzan Schneeweiss, MD, MEd, FRCPC, CPC(HC)***

SACME President, 2026-2027



*From left to right: Incoming SACME President Suzan Schneeweiss and outgoing SACME President Linda Caples*