

## 2025 CSBA President's Report

Good morning, CSBA board and members. I would like to start by thanking our GM, the board of directors and our junior director. Many volunteer hours are spent when sitting on a national board, so thank you for your dedication!

Over the past year, CSBA has had a lot of changes, so I'd like to recognize a few directors who have completed their terms on the CSBA board.

Keith Todd served as director of CSBA for 5 years and served 2 of those years as president.

Thank you, Keith, for your leadership and passion for pursuing excellence in the Canadian purebred sheep industry. Linda Brandes, General Manager for CSBA from 2017- May 2024.

Thank you, Linda, for those years dedicated to the purebred sheep industry as GM.

With Linda finishing as GM last year, we welcomed Sarah Brien as our new General Manager.

Working so closely with Sarah for the past year has been a pleasure, as we communicate in some form almost daily, and I couldn't ask for anyone to be more organized and efficient.

Blair Dow was a director from 2020 to present, finishing his second term as ON director at this AGM. Thank you, Blair, for your input, dedication, and passion for the sheep industry. We have welcomed Blair's perspective and input many times over the years. Welcome to Laura Mosley, the next ON director.

We will also lose two long-time directors, Bruce Sinclair of NS and Kim MacDougall of SK.

We have the pleasure of having Kim for the remainder of this year when his term will finish at the end of 2025. Kim joined CSBA in 2005, and this year marks his 21st year as a director with CSBA. Kim refers to himself as the old guy on the board, and with that comes the wisdom and experience of being on a national board for over 20 years. Kim sits on several committees, but I know that the Spot Parentage Committee is one he is especially fond of.

Bruce Sinclair has been the CSBA rep for Nova Scotia since 2008 and served as CSBA President for 6 years. Having the board support you as president for that many years is impressive. Bruce is one of a kind, and he will truly be missed. Welcome to Erica Sullivan, who will be the NS rep.

The trend of declining memberships, registrations and transfers continued in 2024, thus realizing continued financial pressure on the CSBA budget. Due to this, the board decided to host a virtual AGM once again. This was a tough decision because our Business/Strategic Plan was due to be reviewed and updated. With such a large project to complete and no in-person meetings, we decided a workshop would be helpful to assist us with the update. So, last week, Loft32 joined the board for three two-hour sessions to guide us. We had a successful week and will share the updated CSBA Mission Statement. There is still much to be done to complete the strategic plan, and we will continue the work over the next several months to complete it.

A prevalent theme through our sessions and what I also see that binds members and breeders across Canada is the pride we all have for the Canadian sheep industry, the improvements that have been made and the goals we have set. Also, thank you to the members who took the time to complete the surveys.

I would like to note that the board has also decided to absorb the CLRC price increase for registrations and transfers, so those costs once again remain the same for breeders for 2025.

Thank you to the Quebec team for a very successful 2024 Classic. We look forward to the 2025 Classic in MB.

See you in Friendly Manitoba.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Nikkel