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Keep on growing

During the course of last year, we have worked as a team under my presidency to carry out many projects in line with our growth strategy. We can be proud of what we have accomplished and it is just the beginning of our journey to make CSCE stronger.

The individual membership increased from 3,463 to 5,174 total members in the course of 2015. This represents a **growth rate of close to 50%**, the highest increase of the last few years. This momentum has to be kept at a minimum annual increase of 25% in coming years in order to reach our 10,000 members by the year 2020.

The corporate membership went from 26 to 32 business partners in one year, which represents a **growth of over 20%**. We acknowledge all the firms that support us and associate their name with CSCE.

More results are expected in the recruitment of new corporate members. We have hired a new staff to achieve this objective, Mrs. Latifa El Ayachi, CSCE Marketing Director (latifa.elayachi@csce.ca). We are working on a new set of benefits for the corporate members. This initiative will help us increase our financial strength in order to provide our technical divisions, programs and committees the resources required to enhance the CSCE learning experience for all members.

The reputation of CSCE has been taken to a **new recognition level during the last few months**. The publication of the 2nd edition of the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (www.canadainfrastructure.ca) in January, the article on CSCE published in the Canadian Business Journal (www.cbj.ca) in February, the invitation to speak at the 98th annual conference of the Canadian Construction Association (www.cca-acc.com) in March, the National Tour on the Infrastructure Report Card (www.csce.ca) in April and May and the keynote address I delivered at the Canadian Network of Asset Managers (www.cnam.ca) in Halifax on May 10th have all been great opportunities to affirm the CSCE leadership in building sustainable infrastructure.

Your new President, Jim Gilliland and new President-Elect, Susan L. Tighe, are ready to pursue our growth. In collaboration with the National Office staff, they will guide us towards more success. Your valuable input and feedback as a CSCE member is more than welcome at any time. As the best way is in person, we invite you to come meet with us in London, ON from June 1st to 4th (www.csce2016.ca). Au revoir to all of you my friends and CSCE family members. It has been an honour to serve you and I thank you very much for your trust.

I welcome the following new members to the Society. I hope you will find it beneficial to you and that you take advantage of all CSCE has to offer!

Daniel MacDonald-Lockhart
Ghanim Kashwani
Gino Lefrancois
Henry Jeens
Jessica Abrahams
Jon Southen
José Martin -Leblanc
Michael Ifabumuyi
Michael Olabode Ifabumuyi
Mohamed Nazir
Mohammadreza Zeididouzandeh

Muhammad Yousuf Khan
Oday Wade'e
Paul Imm
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