



Annual General Meeting of the
Canadian Society of Military Medals & Insignia
Friday, June 20, 2025
Burlington Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Centre

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mike McLean, Interim President chaired the meeting.

The 2025 Annual Meeting of Members of the Canadian Society of Military Medals & Insignia was called to order at 17:08 hrs.

Mike introduced the other members of the CSMMI Board.

Dave Hiorth, 2nd Vice President & Treasurer

Bill Alexander, Secretary of the CSMMI

Ken Keegan, Membership Secretary

Lawrence Stasiuk, Journal Editor

2. Announcements

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. This year marks a milestone for the CSMMI as we celebrate our 60th anniversary. After the formal meeting has concluded, we hope you will stay around for complimentary drinks and snacks and a chance to meet with fellow members.
2. The meeting will be conducted under the rules of the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (or ONCA). Annual reports were posted on the website in May of 2025 and copies are available at the back of the room. Reports will not be read out at the AGM.
3. A reminder that the CSMMI fiscal year is January 1 to December 31 for our financial statements. Other remarks will reflect the 2024-25 period from the last Annual Meeting.
4. In accordance with the CSMMI Constitution, the meeting will follow the Robert's Rules of Order.
5. A moment of silence was observed to remember the CSMMI members who have passed since the last meeting:

Ken Davy #365 Steve Morelli #1775 Don Scruton #592 Ted Slater #1770 Charles Delaney #892 Fred Hayman #L273

Alejandro de Quesada #1644 Bernie Nehring #1935 Tim Shand #1935 Fred Tripp #L464 Peter McRorie #874

3. Appointment of Recording Secretary

The Secretary, Bill Alexander, agreed to act as Recording Secretary of the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Society of Military Medals and Insignia.

4. **Notice of Meeting and Meeting Regularly Constituted**

The Chair confirmed that the notice of the Annual Meeting of Members (AGM) was announced on the CSMMI website on May 21, 2025, and was included in an electronic mailing and postal mailing to the full membership along with a proxy form. The by-law requirement of prior notice has been met. This notice invited members to submit items of other business for the agenda. None were submitted.

Membership Secretary: The membership of the CSMMI is 240. The by-law requires a minimum of 10% be present in person or by proxy to constitute a quorum. Ken Keegan confirmed there are 33 members present in person or by proxy. The quorum for the transaction of business has been met. Mike declared that the meeting is called and properly constituted for the transaction of business.

5. **Consent Agenda Items**

The Chair drew attention to the agenda. The following five items have been voted upon separately in previous annual meetings. These items were considered under one motion:

- 5.1 Motion to Adjourn by 6:00pm
- 5.2 Approval of the Agenda
- 5.3 Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting (June 21, 2024)
- 5.4 Tabling of the 2024-25 Annual Reports.
- 5.5 Motion for the destruction of all ballots relating to the 2025 Annual meeting

The Chair read the motion:

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented, with all items included therein considered as read and adopted in one motion. This includes the motion to adjourn by 6:00 p.m., approval of the meeting agenda, approval of the minutes from the 2024 meeting, the tabling of the 2024-25 Annual Reports, and destruction of all ballots relating to the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Chair: Moved: Terry Wallace

Seconded: Chris Warnick

Motion Carried unanimously.

6. **President's Report**

Mike McLean read his report. Attached as Appendix 1.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Dave Hiorth, presented the Treasurer's Report and accompanying financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Attached as Appendix 2.

7.1 2024 Financial Statements (v)

The Treasurer moved acceptance off the financial statements for the fiscal year 2024. Seconded: Jaime Cline
In favour unanimous from the floor.
Two abstentions. (Proxy votes.)
Carried.

7.2 Financial Review - Extraordinary Member's Resolution as per ONCA (v)
(requires 80% to pass)

Chair: ONCA allows for 3 options for reporting the finances by not-for-profit corporations. Option 1 is a full audit by an independent certified public accountant. This is the most in-depth review to check financial records and financial position and is the most expensive. Option 2 is for a financial review engagement which is also by an independent certified public accountant, but it takes less time and is less expensive. ONCA allows us an Option 3 is to continue to have financial reports prepared by the Treasurer and reviewed by an internal audit committee and/or the Board. This is typically what has been done by the CSMMI and is the least expensive. To exercise Option 3, the members must approve an Extraordinary Resolution specifically directing this and the motion must be passed by 80% of the votes cast.

Option 3 requires approval of an Extraordinary Resolution each year. The Extraordinary Resolution was circulated with the annual reports and other documents for this AGM.

Motion:

The Extraordinary Resolution of the Canadian Society of Military Medals and Insignia exempts the Corporation from the requirement of Section 68 of the Not-for-Profit Act regarding the appointment of an auditor, and that the Corporation not have an audit or a review engagement report for the Corporation's current fiscal year.

Moved: Lou Grimshaw Seconded: Kevin Keegan
(Count totals - requires 80% to pass. Count proxies as In Favour)
The motion carried unanimously.

8. **Election of Candidates to the Board and Election Results (v)** (10 min.)

The Nominating Committee, Ken Keegan and Lawrence Stasiuk, convened nomination and election process.

Ken Keegan noted the six (6) positions on the Board that need to be filled. They vary in starting year terms to align with the staggered schedule as per the By-laws. Ken's position of Membership Secretary continues for 1 more year.

Positions up for election for a 1-year term are:
Chairman / President
1st Vice President

Positions up for election for a 2-year term are:
2nd Vice President,
Treasurer,
Secretary of the CSMMI
Journal Editor

Candidates who have agreed to stand for election are:

Dave Hiorth for 2nd Vice President
Ken Keegan for Treasurer
Bill Alexander for Secretary of the CSMMI
Lawrence Stasiuk for Journal Editor

Nominations for positions from the floor were opened. It was emphasized that the CSMMI needed a President to continue operating. Two members volunteered their names for positions.

Chris Warnick for President
David Irvine for 1st VP

Motion: Nominations for executive board be closed.

Moved: Dave Hiorth Seconded: Terry Wallace

Motion carried unanimously.

The CSMMI Executive for the next year is:

Chris Warnick President / Chair
David Irvine 1st Vice-President
Dave Hiorth 2nd Vice President
Ken Keegan Treasurer
Bill Alexander Secretary of the CSMMI
Lawrence Stasiuk Journal Editor

9. **Presentation of Awards**

Ken Keegan announced the Society Awards. The CSMMI Recognition Awards are an opportunity to recognise individual members who have contributed to the Society. It gives me great pleasure to announce the service and display awards.

Life Member: Bill Alexander
Gold Badge of Honour: Mike McLean
CSMMI Long Service Medal: Lawrence Stasiuk

Display Awards

Gold Medal and the G. E. Switzer Prize - Best in Show Award: Mike and Tony Reintjes, the First Canadian Army in Northwest Europe, 1944-1945.

Silver Medal: Bob Rutledge, Royal Canadian Navy Trade Badges.
Bronze Medal: James Godefroy,

10. **Member Proposals (formerly New Business)**

None were received.

11. **The 2026 CSMMI Annual Meeting**

The 2026 Annual Meeting of Members (AGM) will be held in conjunction with the 2026 Two-Day Annual Show next June 2026. The dates and location will be announced when details are finalized.

12. **Adjournment**

Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Move that the 2025 Annual Meeting of the CSMMI be adjourned.

Moved: Lou Grimshaw

This motion is not debateable or amendable.

Motion: Carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 17:38 hrs.

The CSMMI held the 60th Anniversary special reception.

Cheers for 60 Years of the CSMMI