Scleroderma Association of B.C. 2025 AGM & Conference
42nd Annual General Meeting – October 24, 2026

AGENDA:

1. October 2025 AGM Minutes
2. May 2025 to October 2026, Board of Directors Report - Highlights
3. May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026, Financial Report
4. Election of 2026 – 2026/7 SABC Board of Directors
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

1. MINUTES OF THE 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – October 25th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 am.

Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda: Kelly Grant / Chelsea Fitzpatrick-Lindsay. Motion carried, unopposed.

Approval of Minutes of October 2024 AGM
Motion to approve last year's minutes: Corrine King / Neil Mackie. Motion carried, unopposed.

SABC 2025 Directors Report
David Queen asked if there were any questions to Directors report included in conference package. None forthcoming.

Motion to accept Directors Report: Cecille Soriano/ Amyn Rajan. Motion carried, unopposed.

Presentation of Financial Report
Treasurer Patrick Livolsi presented the Financial Report for the period May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025.

Motion to accept Financial Report: Amyn Rajan / Terry McPhee. Motion carried, unopposed.

Election of 2026 / 2027 SABC Board of Directors
David Queen introduced new nominees as well as the current Board members who wish to continue for the coming year. The new nominees are Karli Soriano, Jorge Antunas, Clara Edvi, and Rita Jin (not present). The Board members who wish to continue serving in their positions on the SABC Board are Kelly Grant, Amyn Rajan, Cecille Soriano, Chelsea Fitzpatrick-Lindsay, Emilio Chiarizia, Amir Pourghardi, and Kenny Reid, Emily Wong (not present).

·Cecille Soriano thanked Rosanne Queen, David Queen, Patrick Livolsi, and Michele Gervais for their service on the Board.

·David Queen asked for additional nominees and zero volunteered to stand for the Board. There were no additional nominees presented.

·Motion to accept the slate as presented Rosanne/Suzanne Goss. Motion carried, unopposed.

New Business
None.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn: Dianne McPhee/Jorge Antunas. Motion carried, unopposed.

The meeting ended at 10:46am.

2. MAY 2025 TO OCTOBER 2026, BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS

Forward

Our 41st Annual General Meeting & Conference welcomed 65 attendees for a day of learning, research updates, and community connections.

The AGM also marked a significant transition in SABC's leadership, as our President Rosanne Queen, Vice President Michele Gervais, Secretary David Queen, and Treasurer Patrick Livolsi retired from the Board of Directors. We extend our sincere appreciation to these outgoing members for their years of dedication, leadership, and contributions to the organization.

A new Executive Committee was appointed, with Cecille Soriano as President, Kelly Grant and Chelsea Fitzpatrick as Co-Vice Presidents, Amyn Rajan as Treasurer, and Karli Soriano as Secretary. Together they bring fresh perspectives and a continued commitment to SABC's mission of supporting people affected by scleroderma through research, education, awareness, and community connections.

SABC Research Program

The SABC Research Project at St. Paul's Hospital continues to make important progress in understanding the biological processes involved in systemic sclerosis, particularly the scarring of the lungs and skin. In March 2026, Dr. James Dunne and Dr. Kevin Keen presented research at the Systemic Sclerosis World Congress, highlighting unique chemical signatures found in the blood of patients with scleroderma that are associated with diet and metabolism.

In April 2026, complementary research by PhD students Raveen Badyal and Mr. Kohlen was published, examining specific versions of two different proteins involved in driving fibrosis (scarring) in patients with scleroderma.

These developments reflect the continued progress of the SABC Research Project and its commitment to advancing our understanding of scleroderma.

For ongoing research updates, visit sclerodermabc.ca under the Research section.

Financial Report

For the fiscal year May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026, SABC reported total operating revenue of $129,282.69 and expenditures of $126,845.34, resulting in a net operating surplus of $2,437.35.

The largest expenditure was $92,209.63 in qualified donations, reflecting SABC's continued commitment to supporting research and its charitable objectives.

As of April 30, 2026, SABC held $746,960.49 in total cash and investments, including $19,303.22 in operating accounts and $727,657.27 in the Joan Kelly Endowment Fund.

The Joan Kelly Endowment Fund continues to provide a foundation for SABC's long-term financial sustainability and its commitment to advancing scleroderma research.

The Joan Kelly Community Fund was established last year and continues to provide financial assistance to individuals facing challenges associated with living with scleroderma.

The Lihong Yang Memorial Scholarship continues to support students pursuing education and research in medical fields relevant to scleroderma, including rheumatology, cardiology, pulmonology, and nephrology. Scholarship expenditures totalled $2,000 during the fiscal year.

2026 Moving to Cure Scleroderma

June 2026 marked an extraordinary achievement for SABC, with a record-breaking $211,643.83 raised through our June Awareness Month fundraising initiatives and community support.
Our fundraising and awareness activities included:

- Scleroderma Ride for Research: Bringing participants together to cycle, walk, and raise awareness in support of scleroderma research.
- Groove for a Cure: A community fundraising event featuring live music from 17 West.
- Moving to Cure Scleroderma: A virtual initiative encouraging participants to get moving and raise funds and awareness throughout June.

Of the total funds raised, $150,000 has been allocated to the SABC Research Project at St. Paul's Hospital, $50,000 has been allocated to Arthritis Research Canada – Nailfold Videocapillaroscopy, and $2500 has been allocated to the Canadian Scleroderma Research Group (CSRG).

These results reflect the remarkable generosity and dedication of our participants, donors, volunteers, sponsors, and community supporters.

The June 2026 fundraising results occurred after the April 30 fiscal year-end and are included as an update on SABC's subsequent activities.

Support & Education

SABC continued providing educational opportunities, peer support, and community connections through its virtual programs.

This year, we hosted 7 Come Zoom With Us sessions, offering a welcoming space for people affected by scleroderma to connect, share experiences, and support one another.

We also offered three educational webinars, covering topics relevant to living with scleroderma:
- Sexuality & Scleroderma with Elaine Furst
- Scleroderma – Exercise, Arthritis, and Your Hands with Wendy Watson
- Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) in Systemic Sclerosis with Dr. Alyson Wong

Our Virtual Yoga for Scleroderma program, led by Teressa Colosimo, continued offering accessible Chair Yoga, Gentle Flow, and Stretch classes designed for people living with scleroderma, arthritis, and chronic pain.

These programs reflect SABC's ongoing commitment to providing accessible education, meaningful connections, and support for the scleroderma community.

Communications

SABC continued strengthening its digital presence through website improvements, search engine optimization (SEO), and social media engagement, helping more people access reliable information about scleroderma, research, education, and community support.

Our website experienced significant growth in 2025–2026, welcoming 26,099 users, compared to 6,904 the previous year. Engaged sessions increased from 5,682 to 14,275, while our average Google search ranking for “scleroderma” improved from position 16 to 8.

Our social media presence also saw impressive growth across Facebook and Instagram:
- Our Posts reached 122,833 people and made 235,525 impressions.
- Average post engagement was 7.6%
- 800 new followers and fans were gained

Through our website, social media, and digital communications, SABC continues to expand awareness, share important research developments, promote educational opportunities, and strengthen connections within the scleroderma community.

Strategic Planning & Organizational Development

With grant funding from Merck, SABC initiated a strategic planning process to help guide the organization's direction and priorities over the next three to five years.

The Board of Directors issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for strategic consulting services and, following interviews with prospective consultants, selected Mary Ellen Schaafsma, Founder & CEO of Purpose Pathways Consulting, to facilitate the process.

The Executive Committee has completed extensive preparatory work and will participate in a dedicated strategic planning session on October 25, 2026, immediately following this year's AGM & Conference. The goal is to establish a clear, actionable strategic roadmap to guide SABC's future priorities, strengthen organizational planning, and support its continued commitment to research, education, awareness, and community connections.

Looking Ahead

As SABC celebrates 42 years of supporting the scleroderma community, we remain focused on advancing research, strengthening connections, and expanding access to education and support. We look forward to continuing our partnerships with researchers, healthcare professionals, volunteers, and supporters as we work toward better outcomes for everyone affected by scleroderma. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Scleroderma Association of BC.

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Financial Report - Balance Sheet
2025 May 1 - 2026 April 30
END OF YEAR FINAL

ACCOUNTS	(APR 30)
Operating Accounts	**$19,303.22**
CIBC – Chequing Account	*$19,303.22*
Joan Kelly Endowment Fund Total	**$727,657.27**
GIC 1 YR (4.78%) – Mar 2027	*$20,000.00*
GIC 3 YR (4.47%) – Feb 2029	*$72,000.00*
GIC 4 YR (3.43%) – Oct 2030	*$19,145.00*
Equity Investments	*$466,680.64*
Money Market Fund	*$127,944.88*
Dividends and Interest	*$21,886.75*
TOTAL	**$746,960.49**

PROFIT & LOSS (OPERATING)

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Conference	$979.25	Bank Charges	$0.00
June Awareness	$33,750.80	Events	$11,674.69
General	$35,425.02	Fundraising	$335.00
Research	$3,119.40	Grants	$4,000.00
Groove to Cure	$13,535.31	Office	$4,636.02
Ride for Research	$19,120.00	Other	$7,892.50
Other Revenue	$14,049.20	Promotion	$2,213.00
Kelly Endowment	$0.00	Qualified Donations	$92,209.63
Interest	$7,302.71	Scholarship	$2,000.00
Sales	$0.00	Professional	$1,338.75
LiHong Scholarship	$2,000.00	Travel	$36.50
Total	**$129,282.69**		**$126,845.34**

Net $2,437.35 (PROFIT)

3. ELECTION OF 2026 - 2027 SABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominees to serve as Directors of the SABC Board are found in the 2025 AGM & Conference Program Page 9

There will be a call for further nominees at the AGM. SABC by-laws require the election of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and one or more other persons as Directors.

NEW NOMINEES (DURING AGM)

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Returning Director Nominees

Cecille Soriano *President*	Amyn Rajan *Treasurer*	Kelly Grant *Co-Vice President*	Chelsea Fitzpatrick *Co-Vice President*	Karli Soriano Secretary
Emilio Chiarizia *Board Member*	Amir Pourghadiri *Board Member*	Rita Jin *Board Member*	Kenny Reid *Board Member*	Emilie Wang *Board Member*

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. ADJOURNMENT

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