

**Sameh Hanna's Personal Statement in Support of Nomination for
Treasurer of the CDA Board**

My commitment to Canadian dermatology is personal and professional. I grew up in Canada and, after completing my training and practicing in the United States for nearly a decade, decided to return to Toronto and to the country that never stopped feeling like home. That decision reflects the same conviction underlying this candidacy: a sincere sense of gratitude to a community I am proud to be part of.

My involvement with the CDA spans many years, including service as Board Secretary and participation in numerous committees. Those experiences gave me a deep appreciation for the dedication our membership brings volunteering to serve, and equally, an honest understanding of where the organization can better fulfill its mandate. In speaking with colleagues across the country, the work of the CDA has too often been perceived as opaque, inadequate or not relevant.

My primary interest is in strengthening the CDA as a genuinely membership-focused organization, developing programming and advocacy that reflects what Canadian dermatologists want and need and ensuring the association engages substantively across the country within the realities of provincial healthcare jurisdictions.

Of particular importance to me is fostering a more inclusive national identity for the CDA. This includes continuing the advances the organization has made in weaving Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion into its fabric. The CDA must also do more to ensure our colleagues in Quebec see themselves represented in this organization's priorities, activities, and leadership. In these tumultuous times, it has never been more important that Canadians and Canadian organizations stand together.

I bring to this role a record of service, a clear understanding of the CDA's current challenges, and a strong commitment to helping build an association that all Canadian dermatologists can engage with and be proud of. It would be a privilege to serve.