

ACO Membership - Frequently Asked Questions

Can I be a member of AIDS Committee of Ottawa?

- Just about anyone who takes an interest in HIV/AIDS-related issues can be a member of AIDS Committee of Ottawa.

As a service-user, I thought I was automatically a member...

- Service Users are encouraged but are not obliged to be members. You can't be a member until you apply.

Why would I want to be a member?

- As an active member, you are entitled to vote at our annual general meeting (AGM) or any special meetings of the membership.
- You need to be a member to be able to be elected to the ACO Board of Directors

How do I become a member?

- You need to submit a membership application (available upon request or by downloading the application form from our website www.aco-cso.ca). Please note that all new applications are subject to approval by our Board of Directors.

Does it cost anything?

- No, but you can choose to make a donation if you wish.

After my application is approved, am I a member forever?

- No. Memberships are renewed every year prior to the annual general meeting.

Why do I have to renew every year?

- Since there are no membership fees, it is our only way of keeping our membership database fresh and current.

Do I have to be approved each time I submit an application?

- No. Existing members are automatically approved. However, if you miss a year, your application will be subject to approval (as though you are applying for the first time).

I just applied for membership six months ago; do I need to reapply so soon?

- Yes. Even memberships approved as recently as March 31 will need to be renewed. However, as a renewing member, your application will be automatically approved.