

Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations Policy

Standards for Provincial/Territorial Child and Youth Care Associations and Council Members

There will be one Child and Youth Care Association in each province/territory of Canada which will represent the child and youth care profession in that province/territory.

Each Child and Youth Care Association will have one voting member on the Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations. Members will be selected by provincial/territorial Association members. The following criteria will apply:

- § Delegates must be full members of the Association
- § Delegates must have the authority to act on behalf of the Association they are representing with regard to the conducting of Council business
- § Delegates must be recognized, within their Association, as best to represent their province at the national level.

The responsibilities and expectations of CCCYCA members are as follows:

- § Members are expected to attend yearly Council meetings or make themselves available through teleconferencing or videoconferencing
- § Members are expected to engage in ongoing dialogue and discussion throughout the year with other Council members, as required
- § Members are expected to participate actively in council business, which may include but is not limited to, contributing to the newsletter and committee work.
- § Members must balance representing the interests of their own province/territory with the national Council agenda
- § Members will act as a liaison between the CCCYCA and the provincial/territorial association, and ensure adequate information exchange

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Ex-Officio Membership

In addition to voting members, the Council will allow ex-officio (non-voting) members to be involved. This will occur in the following situations:

- § A province/territory chooses to send more than one member to the Council
- § A Council member whose term as member for a province/territory has ended chooses to remain as an independent member
- § A past-president chooses to remain on the Council after the term of office has ended
- § A Council member is asked by the Council to remain in an ex-officio capacity to perform a specific task for the Council, e.g. newsletter editor, webmaster.

The number of ex-officio members can not exceed more than thirteen at any one time, and there can be no more than three members in total from any one province/territory. In the event that the number of ex-officio members must be limited, and the respective province has not dealt with the situation, the executive of the Council will decide which members must be removed. Factors that will be taken into consideration in this decision will include length of time on the Council, contribution to the Council, issues being dealt with, and number of members from a particular province/territory on the Council.