



The Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association

November 14, 2018

Dear SAHs,

As the 2018 calendar year draws to a close, it is time to consider renewing your membership or to consider becoming a member of the Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association. The new membership year begins January 1, 2019 and extends to December 31, 2019. The Association represents the majority of SAHs in Canada with a membership of over 100 SAHs. There are many good reasons to join the Association. Association members will:

- have the opportunity to provide input and participate in policy discussion with IRCC and other NGO stakeholders through correspondence with the elected SAH Council
- receive regular communications from the SAH Council
- be informed of Council activities with key partners such as IRCC, UNHCR, IOM, CCR, RSTP and others
- be eligible to nominate and stand for council membership in the SAH Council annual elections
- be able to participate in the Annual General Meeting and vote on Association matters

Please find attached the *Application for Annual Membership to The Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association* as well as the document *Key Membership Considerations for the Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association*. The latter document provides additional information which can be shared with your SAH. Please complete the application form if you are a SAH renewing your membership **and** if you are joining the Association for the first time. This will ensure that SAHs' contact information is up to date and that all SAH members receive Association communications in a timely fashion. **Please note there are new questions on the application form this year.**

As the principal and alternate contacts listed on the application form will be the people who receive the SAH Association communications, it is important that the email addresses given are for the people who are most active in working with sponsorships in your SAH. It is up to each contact person to share the information more widely within their SAH, as we can only list two contacts. Please note that for SAHs with multiple memberships, each membership can indicate two contacts to be included on the SAH Association mailing list. An explanation of multiple memberships is included in the application form. Throughout the year, please ensure you inform the Secretariat ([ewalton@sahsecretariat](mailto:ewalton@sahsecretariat.com)) of any contact or email address changes. This is in addition to notifying IRCC and RSTP.

The annual membership fee is \$100.00 for the period January 1 2019 to December 31, 2019. **Please make your cheques payable to The Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association.** Please note that if any SAH is unable to pay the membership fee due to its cost they may contact a SAH Council representative to discuss their situation.

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The membership fee is due by January 31, 2018; after this date memberships will be subject to a \$10.00 per month late fee. It is important to note that only those SAHs who are members as of January 31, 2018 will be included in the SAH Association membership email distribution list. Only those included in the email distribution list will receive communications from, and be consulted by, the Council. For SAHs who join or renew after January 31, 2018 their contact details will be added to the membership distribution list upon receipt of their membership application and fee.

If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of your SAH Council representatives. Also, if you have decided not to join the Association and would be willing to share your reasons, the SAH Council would appreciate hearing from you and learning from your feedback.

Thanking you and we look forward to receiving your application.

SAH Secretariat