

Dear API Member,

Membership renewals for 2017 will be coming to you by e-mail shortly. Today, more than ever, it is important to belong to the Atlantic Planners Institute (API) and the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP). You are an important part of an organization that represents over 350 members in Atlantic Canada who work in government, private practice, universities, and not-for-profit agencies. Abiding by a Professional Code of Practice, API membership reflects your commitment to quality practice requirements and your accountability to your profession and the public.

As you know, 2016 has been a year of changes at both API and CIP. A new by-law was adopted by CIP earlier this year. As a result of these by-law changes, API is taking over responsibility from CIP for all administration of the API membership lists, requiring additional administrative and communications functions which have not been necessary in the past. In addition, API will now be charging HST on membership fees.

In 2017 API will also be working on amending our By-Law to recognize API as an organization of organizations. API will continue to:

- 1) Provide services to the members of the Institute;
- 2) Advance the study and practice of professional planning;
- 3) Represent the practice of professional planning to the public; and
- 4) Promote a high standard of competence and conduct in the study and practice of professional planning.

API is committed to providing the services that are required for our members to maintain professional standards and national accreditation. We are further committed to working collaboratively with other Provincial, Regional or Territorial Institute or Associations (PTIAs) towards promoting the practice and the study of professional planning in Atlantic Canada and nationally. To accomplish this, we have identified the need to increase membership fees for 2017.

The new membership fees for API for 2017 as approved by API Council are:

Fees	API (+ HST)	CIP (+ HST)
Pre-Candidate	\$ 246.50	\$190.92
Candidate	\$ 246.50	\$190.92
Full	\$ 246.50	\$190.92
Student	\$ 35.00	\$22.03
Non-Practicing	\$ 60.00	\$74.50
Retired	\$ 60.00	\$74.50
Public Associate/Subscriber	\$ 170.00	\$190.92
Insurance		\$51.00

This fee increase will allow API to meet its service commitments to support the four provincial member branches of API. API will be working to provide:

- efficient service in membership inquiries, applications and renewals;
- regular communications with members via email, web and social media to keep members connected and informed;
- increased engagement with student members; and
- executive leadership and support for the efficient management of a modern non-profit.

A full list of membership benefits is attached.

We ask that you also take a moment to make sure the information in your Member Profile is up-to-date so we can continue to provide you with the best services.

Be sure to follow us on Twitter: @atl_planners.

We look forward to serving you during the upcoming membership year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Samantha Murphy, MCIP
President, Atlantic Planners Institute

Benefits of membership in API

- Representation for Atlantic provinces on Professional Standards Committee, Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada, PTIA Presidents Table and Joint Administrators Group
- Portability of membership across Canada
- Processing of membership applications on behalf of the provincial associations
- Maintenance of the membership roster on behalf of the provincial associations
- Job and event postings
- Advocacy on behalf of members and the profession
- Collaboration on regional and national planning initiatives
- Promoting and recognizing the profession through awards of excellence
- Facilitation of continuous professional learning initiatives
- Support and collaboration for the annual conference organizing committee
- Support for planning students through travel subsidies, scholarships and networking events (administered through Dalhousie University)
- Weekly communications on events, opportunities and happenings



Benefits of membership in CIP

- Advocating for the planning profession nationally and Internationally
- Promoting the value of planning through public campaigns
- Promoting excellence in planning with national awards
- Professional development, national conference and job board postings
- Newsletters and communications to keep members current
- Scholarships and travel subsidies to support planning students
- Free Plan Canada subscription
- Free subscription to the Zoning Trilogy (This offer expires August 2017.)
- Professional liability insurance group rate
- VIA Rail 5% discount