

Dear POC Members,

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As we continue go through the COVID-19 pandemic together, the POC Board of Directors hope you and your family stay healthy and safe during this time of uncertainty.

Some of the provincial governments, as well as many other provinces, have started to allow business to reopen in stages. We ask that you please visit your provincial government website for information and their toll-free number regarding the latest information for your area for guidelines and the requirements needed to be met, for you to resume your services.

At this time, POC National is continuing to ask members to hold off gathering in person for chapter meetings.

We appreciate how incredibly difficult and stressful this situation continues to be – your Board of Directors are volunteers and small business owners that are dealing with the same challenges.

We will continue to help and support each other through this unprecedented time within the scope of our organization and what we can legally provide. Please read the following restrictions carefully.

- **POC does not and cannot set or recommend individual business practices.**
- **POC does not and cannot provide legal or accounting advice nor can we endorse or recommend service providers.**
- **POC does not have access outside of what is being shared with the general public on** any government benefits or funding provincially or federally. We encourage you to visit the CRA for updates on benefits, funding and supports and how to apply as these changes daily.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenueagency.html>

Our members are the strength and foundation of POC. And we are committed to supporting you as we can.

- POC **will** continue to answer your questions regarding your membership needs.
- POC **will** continue to support our Chapters and have provided complimentary access to the POC ZOOM account for online meetings and gatherings. This can include the Chapter AGMs and elections.
- POC **will** be offering and working with individual members renewing over the few months around possible fee deferrals.
- POC **will** be revising its social media messaging to include links to online resources or interesting ways for you and your loved ones to stay productive.

We remind all our members to be kind and respectful to each other and the POC volunteers during this trying time. POC prides itself on maintaining its Code of Conduct and this includes treating each other at all times with respect and professional courtesy.

Please keep this in mind when communicating with others or posting on social media so that the comments or the information being shared is not causing anyone further undo stress or anxiety.

As this is a rapidly evolving situation that changes everyday, we will be continuing to look for ways to support our members and will keep you updated as we monitor the situation and roll out any plans in response.

We understand that this is hard for everyone and that it will have a long-lasting impact on our lives, profession, membership, clients and our affiliate partners around the world.

We are strong, we are resilient, and we will get through this together.

Thank you,
Your POC Board of Directors