



APO Members singing our Anthem, Convention 2015

## **Mission Statement of Activity Professionals of Ontario**

*Activity Professionals of Ontario is committed to the professional development and support of its members involved in activation and leisure services for seniors including:*

### **Professional Development**

*to provide excellent professional development opportunities in education, certification, and other professional issues*

### **Public Relations**

*to ensure a clear network of communication between members, other professionals, and government agencies*

### **Professional Resources**

*to establish standards, guidelines, and other resources that will enhance members' professional roles and career development*

## **Who We Are**

The Activity Professionals of Ontario organization was formed in 1984 by a group of Activity Professionals in Central Ontario. They were interested in providing a forum for education, networking, and standard setting.

Since 1984, APO has been recognized by the Ministry of Health as a professional group for leisure/recreation providers.

APO was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1992. An established board of directors represents all regions in Ontario. Members of the board of directors and executive are elected officials from the APO current membership

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***Professionally We Serve  
Personally We Care***



## Membership Categories

**Professional Membership** is open to individuals currently employed in the field. Currently our membership includes professionals in long term care facilities as well as adult day programs and retirement homes.

**Associate Membership** is open to individuals who are interested in furthering the activity/recreation profession. Associate members must be ineligible for professional/student membership, and are former or retired activity professionals.

**Student Membership** is available to individuals who are full-time students in a post-secondary institution.

**Business Membership** shall be for businesses and/or vendors that provide products and services to the field of recreation/leisure in the healthcare sector.

## Membership prices

Professional Member	\$165
Associate Member	\$100
Student Member	\$50
Business Member	\$190

*New memberships and renewals can be completed all online through our website!*

## Benefits of an APO Membership

Certificate of membership and print publication of APO's Notes & News.

Educational opportunities through regional workshops including webinars

Monthly contact from your Regional Representative

Reduced rates at the annual three day convention

Awards/recognition for recreation/leisure professionals

Able to vote in matters of the Organization

Recognition package for Activity Professionals Awareness Week in March

Password to Members Only Section of APO Website

*And much more!*



*APO Merchandise is available for purchase through the website and at Convention!*

## Bursaries & Awards

*Submission information available through our website*

Anne Schell & Joe Rivard \$300 Bursaries for students, was introduced to promote the Activation field. The bursary is awarded as a memorial of colleagues in our field

**Mentor of the Year Award** – awarded to the mentor who supports the philosophy of recreation and leisure in the realm of holistic care.

**Activity of the Year** – awarded to an APO member who submits an excellent program as decided upon by previous winners

**Dedicated Activity Professional** – awarded every 5 years to an Activity Professional member who demonstrates passion, vision and dedication in the field of recreation

