



ASSOCIATION OF  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES BC**

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## **Associate Membership Terms of Reference (Approved\*) 2013**

### **BACKGROUND**

There are many types of community organizations that are supportive of the NH movement: existing NHs, new NHs, emerging NHs, and other non-profit organizations. Different organizations have different needs and interests for joining the ANHBC. Associate Membership is an alternative to full membership and enables an organization to join and gain the benefits of being connected without having to give up independent legal status. Membership will allow selected community organizations to be an active member in the ANHBC. Membership can be renewed annually.

Core benefits of Associate Membership include: expanding the NH network, accessing information and resources (clearinghouse for information), accessing support for work, and being part of an advocacy group to create social change.

### **PREMISE**

Associate Membership will increase the ANHBC's ability to engage with a diverse number of community organizations who wish to be part of the Neighbourhood House Movement. The ANHBC's bylaws (part 2, section 2.5 to 2.7), provides details on Associate Membership status.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Associate Membership is available to non-profit/community organizations that support and uphold the mandate of the ANHBC as defined in the Association's mission, mandate and vision.
- They must also offer programs and services that are consistent with the values of the NH movement and operate in BC only.
- Eligibility criteria will be evaluated and determined by the Senior Management and Board of the ANHBC.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

To join the ANHBC as an Associate Member, the community organization is required to complete the Associate Membership application. Once approved by the ANHBC Board of Directors, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) agreement will be signed both parties.

### **BENEFITS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:**

Associate Membership is an invaluable tool for organizations that have an active interest in the Neighbourhood House Movement.

Some benefits of Associate Membership include:

- Participation in the ANHBC's events and social/community functions
- Access to the ANHBC's reports and information
- Including a link to your website on the ANHBC website
- Opportunities for collaboration on various projects
- Opportunities to receive advice and support
- Membership in the Canadian Association of Neighbourhood Services (CANS)

For additional fees Associate Members may gain access to:

- The ANHBC Central Services (on a fee basis)
  - professional staff to assist you with research and strategies
  - information and reports, etc.
  - selected Administrative Services including: Accounting, Payroll, Human Resources, Marketing, Funding Information, Leadership Training, NH Toolkit implementation, etc.
  - Strategic Planning Session
  - Coaching
- Participation in the ANHBC's professional development and staff training
- Membership to the International Federation of Settlements (IFS)

#### **MEMBERSHIP PERIOD**

One year; renewable annually.

*\* ANHBC BOD approved the Associate Membership TOR at the December 2013 Board of Director's meeting, in principle contingent that the Emerging Neighbourhood House Committee returns to the ANHBC Board with specific operating details.*