

**PERIODICAL WRITERS ASSOCIATION  
OF CANADA**

*Application for Membership*

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Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying as (check one):

a Professional Member  an Associate

I would like to join the following chapter:

On a separate sheet of paper, list qualifying materials published within the last 12 months to apply as an Associate, or 24 months to apply as a Professional Member. Indicate title (or subject), length, date published, and name of publication. Include samples of all the listed materials. For larger projects such as books or major reports, a copy of the title page, table of contents, and publication information may be sufficient. Submit this application form, your list of materials, your writing samples, a passport-sized photo for your membership card (optional), and your first year's dues (non-refundable) to:

**PWAC NATIONAL OFFICE**  
**Membership Application**  
**54 Wolseley Street, Suite 203**  
**Toronto, ON M5T 1A5**

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*Annual Dues*

PWAC dues are calculated on an annual basis. Applicants who have been ratified by the National Executive will be accepted as new members upon receipt of their first year's dues (which should be included with the application and will be refunded if for any reason the application is not ratified). All members will be invoiced in subsequent years on the anniversary of their joining date. Payment in full may be made by cheque (payable to PWAC) or VISA. Payment may also be made by submitting a set of four (quarterly) post-dated cheques totaling the full amount payable.

| CHAPTER/AREA   | NATIONAL DUES | CHAPTER DUES | TOTAL DUES |
|--|---------------|--------------|------------|
| TORONTO<br>VANCOUVER<br>VICTORIA   | \$240         | \$25         | \$265      |
| QUEBEC   | \$240         | \$18         | \$258      |
| BC INTERIOR  | \$240         | \$15         | \$255      |
| OTTAWA<br>NIAGARA ESCARPMENT   | \$240         | \$10         | \$250      |
| ATLANTIC-AT-LARGE<br>SE NEW BRUNSWICK  | \$240         | \$5          | \$245      |
| CALGARY<br>EDMONTON<br>MANITOBA (WINNIPEG)<br>SASKATCHEWAN<br>ONTARIO-AT-LARGE<br>LONDON<br>GUELPH<br>SW NEW BRUNSWICK<br>HALIFAX<br>YARMOUTH<br>NORTH OF 60-AT-LARGE<br>INTERNATIONAL | \$240         | N/A          | \$240      |

**PWAC dues are a tax-deductible expense for self-employed writers**



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Writers  
Association  
of Canada**

***Promoting the Rights  
and Careers of Freelance  
Writers Coast to Coast***

***JOIN US!***

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## What is PWAC?

The Periodical Writers Association of Canada is a non-profit organization of more than 500 professional writers living and working across the country.

We write magazine and newspaper articles, books, speeches, newsletters, annual reports, film scripts, radio and television documentaries, and more. PWAC is a national network of colleagues and friends who share valuable information about the periodical industry and the freelance writing business.

We speak out on such issues as copyright, electronic rights, and freedom of expression. We lobby to protect our common interests and play a vital role in negotiating fair standards of practice and payment for freelance writers in Canada.

*"I have belonged to three other writer/editor organizations and PWAC is the best."*  
Marvin Ross

*"PWAC does a great job of representing its members and keeping them informed of industry developments via its electronic PWAC Bulletins."*  
Gil Parker

*"I participated in PWAC's mentoring program five years ago. I was eager to make the transition from writing for magazines and newspapers to writing books. Since that time, I have landed seventeen book contracts. ..I owe my career to PWAC."*  
Ann Douglas

*"In nearly 20 years of belonging to PWAC, there's never been a year when my dues weren't covered by referrals or editors picking me out of the directory."*  
Pauline Clift

## Benefits of Membership

- ▶ Professional development, networking, and marketing opportunities with editors, publishers, and other writers through PWAC's annual general meeting, regular local chapter meetings, workshops, and seminars;
- ▶ A listing in PWAC's Online Directory of Professional Writers, which features a search engine through which editors, publishers, and businesses can find the writers they need by location and areas of expertise/interest;
- ▶ PWAC-Bulletin, a weekly electronic communiqué that provides up-to-date information and news of interest to writers, including advance notice of grant and award deadlines;
- ▶ Copies of PWAC's quarterly newsletter, PWACcontact;
- ▶ PWAC-L, an exclusive on-line discussion group that connects members on a daily basis;
- ▶ Practical business information, including PWAC's Copyright Kit, Standard Contract, Guide to Professional Practice, and Fee Guidelines;
- ▶ Free copies of Guide to Canadian Markets and Business and Contracts in PDF format;
- ▶ Mediation Committee support to help avoid and resolve contract disputes with publishers.

## How can I join PWAC?

To qualify as a Professional Member of PWAC, you need a total of 60 points from the categories listed below. Of the 60 points, at least 30 must be from category A, with the remainder from either A or B. All work must have been done as a freelancer for pay, except staff writing (category A3). All materials must have been published within the last 24 months, except staff writing (category A3) and books (B3) which may predate this period. Both nonfiction and fiction works are eligible.

### PUBLICATION CATEGORIES

- **A1:** Magazine, newspaper or online articles over 500 words 10 points each
- **A2:** Magazine, newspaper, or online articles under 500 words 5 points each (*A1&2 articles must collectively represent at least two different publications*)
- **A3:** Magazine or newspaper staff writing (two or more years full-time or equivalent part-time experience) 15 points total
- **B1:** Major writing projects (e.g. annual reports, government reports, newsletters, speeches, radio or TV documentaries, film scripts) 10 points each
- **B2:** Other writing projects (e.g. radio broadcasts, telecasts, press kits, brochures, information packages, speeches) 5 points each
- **B3:** Published books 10 points each

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To qualify as an Associate Member of PWAC, you must show proof of having had at least one nonfiction freelance article of at least 300 words published for pay in a magazine or newspaper within the 12-month period immediately prior to application. Associates are encouraged to take advantage of professional development opportunities within PWAC to upgrade to Professional Member status. For more information and online registration form, visit [www.pwac.ca](http://www.pwac.ca).