The Canadian Association of Journalists
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REGIONS POLICY

Policy intent
To define

- regions of Canada for the purposes of regional commitment, activities and membership representation
- commitment to, and expectations of, regional representation in programming of the organization

This policy governs the activities of regions and its relation to the national work of the organization.

Policy responsibility
CAJ Board

Policy

1. **Regions defined**
   1.1. The set regions shall be as:
      1.1.1. British Columbia
      1.1.2. Alberta
      1.1.3. Saskatchewan
      1.1.4. Manitoba
      1.1.5. Northern Ontario (the portion of Ontario north of the 46th parallel, but including Manitoulin Island)
      1.1.6. Southern Ontario (the portion of Ontario south of the 46th parallel, but excluding Manitoulin Island)
      1.1.7. Quebec
      1.1.8. Atlantic Canada (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador)
      1.1.9. Northern Canada (Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut)
      1.1.10. Vancouver
      1.1.11. Calgary
      1.1.12. Ottawa
      1.1.13. Toronto
      1.1.14. Montreal
      1.1.15. Winnipeg
2. **Regional Representation**
   2.1. In the regions defined in section 1.1, members of each region shall be entitled to elect one director to sit on the board of directors, who will represent the needs and interests of members in that region.
      2.1.1. In the case where membership levels in any of the regions defined in section 1.1 exceeds 100 members for a period of at least 6 months, the members of the region shall be entitled to elect one additional director for each 100 additional members of that region, to sit on the board of directors,

and who will work together with other directors of that region to represent the needs and interests of members in that region.

2.2. In any city or municipal area outside of those listed in section 1.1, where membership exceeds 100 members for a period of at least 6 months, the members of the region shall be entitled to elect one director to sit on the board of directors, who will represent the needs and interests of members in that region.

2.2.1. In the case where membership of an unset region outlined in section 1.1 exceeds 100 members for a period of at least 6 months, the members of the region shall be entitled to elect one additional director for each 100 additional members of that region, to sit on the board of directors, and who will work together with other directors of that region to represent the needs and interests of members in that region.

2.3. Eligibility for election for directors is set forth in section 1 of the *Elections, By-elections and Appointments Policy*.

2.4. Directors' specific roles and responsibilities shall be defined within the *Responsibilities of CAJ Directors Policy.*

3. Regionality focus of programming and activities

3.1. To the extent that is financially feasible, the organization shall endeavour to aid any directors and/or members in their efforts to provide local or regional programming and professional development activities. This will be done by:

3.1.1. Ensuring that program policies and plans take into consideration the need for activities that are local or region-based;

3.1.2. Allow for directors and/or members to appeal to committees and/or the board of directors in decision making processes that might include an event in the region;

3.1.3. Provide funding for local or regional events upon application to the board of directors.

3.2. No regional or local programming or activities shall come into conflict with the national programing or activities of the organization

3.3. Where a chapter exists within a region, chapter leadership and the director(s) of that region shall work together on programming and activities to ensure the success of the activity/activities

Related References, Policies, Procedures and Forms:

This Policy References:

Election, By-election and Appointment Policy
Responsibilities of CAJ Directors Policy

This Policy is Referenced by:

None

Forms and documents:

None

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