

2022 Annual Members Meeting FAQ

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

What happens at YWCA's Annual Members Meeting?

The Annual Members Meeting (AMM) is the main forum in which the business of YWCA Canada is accomplished. It provides the opportunity to share and make decisions concerning the YWCA movement. This year AMM will be in a hybrid format. Member Associations can attend the Annual Members Meeting by logging in via Zoom. For detailed information about the meeting, please visit our webpage:

- English: <https://ywcacanada.ca/what-we-do/support-ywcas/amm-2022/>
- Français: <https://ywcacanada.ca/fr/ce-que-nous-offons/desactionslocales/aam-2022/>

What is this year's registration process for AMM?

To register for AMM, please click [here](#). Agenda items are in **Eastern Time. Registration ends on June 2.**

What is the One Movement Meeting?

The first day (June 2) of AMM is set aside for the One Movement Meeting (OMM). The name harkens back to a time when there were more YWCA Member Associations, and they were divided into regions. On the day prior to AMM, there would be separate regional meetings. As the number of associations decreased there was a move to shift to only having one meeting to keep all regions updated and on the same page as it pertained to advocacy, collaboration and updates. This day includes updates from member associations on their work and affinity group meetings where the CEOs/EDs, staff members and board volunteers meet separately. Each meeting is different; it will include networking and some training or orientation. The rest of the meeting focuses on the business of the YWCA movement, including the business meeting, further opportunities for learning and celebrations.

What happens during the business meeting?

The business meeting covers the key matters to be addressed in any given year. It is the forum for decision making for the YWCA movement as a whole. The meeting includes:

- Approval of AMM Minutes from the previous year;
- Review and receipt of the past year's audited financial statements;
- Appointment of the auditor for the next year;
- Election of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Board;

- Approval of motions and changes to YWCA Constitution and Bylaws;
- Reports from committees or task forces (some reports are circulated in advance of the meeting).

Who can vote?

Under the YWCA Canada bylaws, at each members' meeting, each member association in good standing (this means their affiliation fees are paid) has six votes. The bylaws permit the assignment of a proxy by a voting delegate to any other voting delegate from that member association who is attending in person. [Click here](#) for the AMM 2022 Proxy Voting Form. Please submit it by **May 20, 2022**.

For AMM 2022, member associations joining online only, are asked to assign all six votes to one delegate to facilitate the voting process.

How do we vote?

As AMM 2022 will be a hybrid model, we will use an online voting system (Election Buddy). Every voting delegate will be emailed a unique link prior to the meeting. With this link, voting delegates will be able to go to a secure website where they will cast their vote.

Delegates attending in person need to bring their own cell phone, tablet, or laptop to cast their vote. The national board secretary or parliamentarian will be able to see and record the votes. Voting delegates will not be able to see each other's votes.

For more information on the voting system, we are sharing the [FAQ](#) and a [video](#) (available in English only). The voting platform has a French interface. We will share more details with the voting delegates by email.

For the 2022 Annual Members' Meeting, member associations are again asked to appoint one delegate to carry all six votes to facilitate the voting process. The voting delegate can be any of the CEO/ED, Board Chair, or another voting member. Additional delegates are welcome to participate in the meeting but will not vote. National Board members will have one vote per person. [Click here](#) for the AMM 2022 Proxy Voting Form. Please submit it by **May 20, 2022**.

What is quorum?

Under the YWCA Canada Bylaws, quorum for a members' meeting is 40% of the votes entitled to vote at the meeting and represent at least 40% of the Member Associations.

Will there be interpretation?

For our hybrid AMM, YWCA Canada will once again have simultaneous interpretation for most parts of the meeting and shops. When you log on to Zoom you will be able to select your language by clicking on the globe icon. If you have selected French and you have chosen the French channel, you will hear French. If you have chosen the English channel, you will listen to English. The Interpreters will change the language. You do not have to change the setting.

WORKSHOPS

Why are all the workshops at the same time?

As part of our in-person meetings, we offer simultaneous workshops. This year, we have kept all workshops in the same time block as well. For members joining online, please register for the workshop you would like to attend by following the appropriate link [here](#).

Will the workshops be recorded?

Most workshops will be recorded. The links to the recordings for all workshops will be sent to all registrants.

Who do I contact if I am having difficulty logging in to meetings or workshops?

Please email Jenny Cloutier, jcloutier@ywcacanada.ca. She will support you with any troubleshooting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

What are the Special Recognition Awards?

Every year, YWCA Canada recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of volunteers and staff who give their time, talents, and energy for the advancement of the YWCA Movement and to improve the lives of women and girls. This year's event will include years of service and award presentations, surprise guests and musical performances. This is a way to build unity, honour the legacy of the women who built the YWCA, recognize the boldness of our colleagues who are moving the work forward and celebrate the strength and resilience of the women and girls we serve.

ABOUT YWCA CANADA

What is a federated model?

The YWCA has a federated structure. There are 31 YWCAs across Canada that operate autonomously. They each have their own board of directors, and bylaws, and are working to meet the needs of local communities. YWCA Canada supports local YWCAs and facilitates collaboration between YWCAs, advocates for policies and programs to improve the lives of women, girls, their families, and communities. YWCA Canada is the link between the local associations, the World YWCA, and YWCAs around the world.

Why do you call the YWCA a movement?

The YWCA is a movement as it relates to a range of organized activities, programs, supports, services, and initiatives at local YWCAs worldwide toward a common objective of gender equity, of improving the lives of women and girls. It refers to the fact that the association is ever evolving and responding to the needs of the community, never standing still. For more information visit: www.ywcacanada.ca.

What does YWCA Canada do?

YWCA Canada was established by Member Associations to:

- Serve as the national coordinating body for the YWCA movement in Canada
- Help Member Associations achieve optimum quality, effectiveness, efficiency in their activities
- Respond to specific needs identified by its members and anticipates future issues which may have an impact on individual associations and the movement in Canada
- Provide a link between Member Associations and the World YWCA
- Ensure effective communications, collaboration and consultation with Member Associations and the World YWCA