



Recreation Professionals of Ontario

Educate ~ Engage ~ Evolve

A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR LEISURE RECREATION PROVIDERS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

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HISTORY OF ACTIVITY PROFESSIONALS OF ONTARIO

- Formed in 1984 by a group of Activity Professionals in Central Ontario

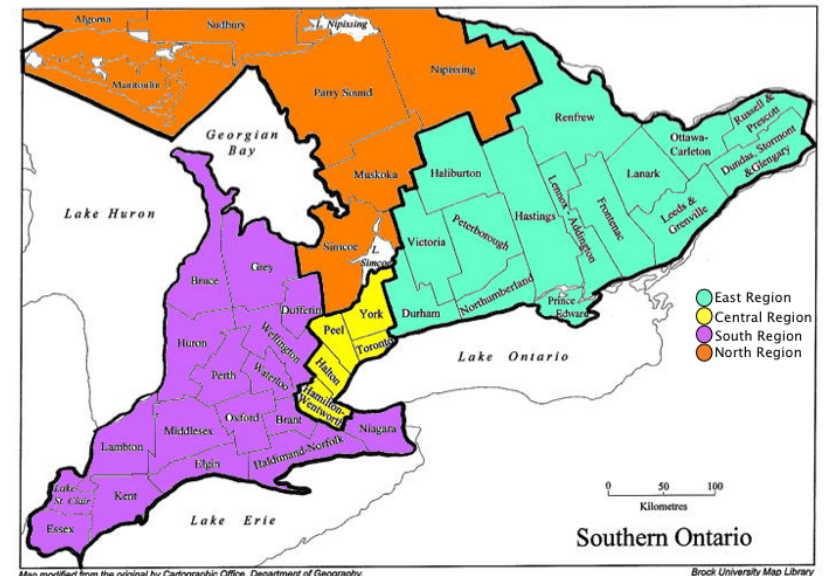
- *Created as a forum for education, networking and standard setting*



- Recognized by the MOHLTC as a professional organization representing recreation and leisure service providers

HISTORY OF APO/RPO CONTINUED...

- Established Board of Directors that represents all 4 areas of Ontario (North, Central, South and East)
- Board of Directors are elected from the current RPO membership
- Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1992
- In 2017, APO members voted to enhance our organization and become the newly formed Recreation Professionals of Ontario (RPO)



RPO'S MISSION

Vision Mission & Values

Our mission includes a commitment to the professional development and support of its members involved in activation and leisure services for seniors. Our mission includes...

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

RPO'S ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK

Recreation Professionals of Ontario members have a strategic framework which includes the following goals:

1. Support and Education
2. Standard Setting (organizational & professional)
3. Image Development
4. Lobbying for the Profession
5. General Operational Development



MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Members of RPO have access to the following services during their membership year:

Bursaries, Awards and Promotions

Annual Convention

Awareness Week Package & Promotional Material

Workshops throughout the regions and sponsored events

Code of Ethics

Standards of Practice

Access to ***Member's Only*** section of the website, including program planners and Convention presentations

Monthly e-newsletters and biannual print Newsletters

Access to Job Postings on website

EXPLANATION OF RPO SERVICES

Bursaries, Awards and Promotions

- \$300 Bursaries for students, was introduced to promote the Recreation 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 RPO member who submits an excellent program as decided upon by previous winners
- **Dedicated Activity Professional** – awarded every 5 years to a Recreation Professional member who demonstrates passion, vision and dedication in the field of recreation



Our 2014 Dedicated Recreation Professional Award Winner!

RPO ANNUAL CONVENTION, OCTOBER 2018

The 1st annual RPO Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport from October 17-19, 2018. This year's theme is ***New Beginnings!***

Questions regarding registration, hotel information, and pricing or how to obtain a delegate handbook can be answered by contacting our Convention Chairperson, Michelle Proulx at convention@rpontario.com or, visit our Website rpontario.com

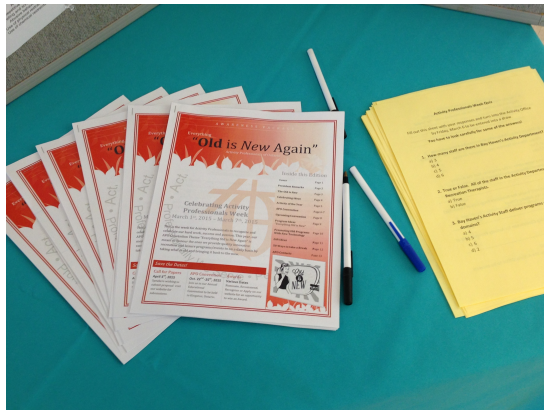


RECREATION PROFESSIONALS AWARENESS WEEK

Recreation Professionals Awareness Week is promoted annually to members and non-members of the Organization to promote and educate on our Profession.

To help promote *Recreation Professional Awareness Week*, the Public Relations Committee produces a promotional package annually that is free to members.

Packages are e-mailed out to members in good standing in February. Current Professional members also have access to the PDF version of the current promotional package on our website.



Awareness Week Package as part of a display for a Home's residents, their families, staff and volunteers to take and read.

WORKSHOPS, NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Workshops are offered to our membership by region (North, South, East and Central) Stay tuned to the e-newsletter blasts and website for information on upcoming webinars and workshops with RPO!

Website www.rpontario.com

Includes Members Only Section with log in and password, Membership information, Job Postings to apply & post for free for managers/companies, Contact information

Newsletters

Newsletters are sent to members in good standing on a monthly basis by e-mail. Region Reps send out current workshop information, promotional news as well as program planning tips to members in their regions



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Professional Membership is open to individuals currently employed in the field as an recreation director, co-director, assistant, or consultant. Currently, our membership includes Recreation Professionals in long term care facilities, adult day programs and retirement homes.

Associate Membership. This category is open to individuals who are interested in furthering the recreation profession. Associate members must be ineligible for professional membership or student membership, and are former or retired recreation professionals. (Note: applications will be reviewed by the RPO board.)

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

Student Membership is available to individuals who are full-time students in a post-secondary institution
(Note: proof of full-time student status required.)

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

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Certificate of membership

Educational opportunities through regional workshops

Monthly contact from Regional Reps

Reduced rates at the annual three day Convention

Awards/recognition for recreation/leisure professionals

Regional representation by an elected member on the Board of Directors

Voting rights and the right to hold office or serve on a committee of RPO

Professional Recognition package for *Recreation Professionals Awareness Week* in March

Access to local groups, networking opportunities

Password to Members Only Section of RPO Website



CONTACT INFORMATION

RPO is here for you! There are a number of ways to get in touch with Recreation Professionals of Ontario:


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