

MEMBERSHIP FAQ

1) *Why does PPT have members?*

PPT is a not-for-profit, charitable organization incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act, and designated as a charitable organization by the Canada Revenue Agency.

As a charitable corporation, PPT is a representative of a public trust. This means that PPT is responsible to its donors, volunteers, clients and general public to use the funds provided by our funders and donors responsibly in a way that furthers PPT's mission,

It is through our members that we are able to monitor the public response to the work we do.

2) *What does it mean to be a member of PPT?*

Members of Canadian charitable corporations, such as PPT serve as representatives of the public, and the community that the organisation serves. Members are responsible for ensuring that the charity properly carries out its mission. The membership elects the board of directors. The Board of Directors in turn are accountable to the membership.

As part of the accountability process, PPT updates its members (at least annually) on the activities of the corporation. Members participate in annual general meetings. They are responsible for electing the Board of Directors and voting on other matters such as the appointment of auditors and approval of by-law amendments.

3) *Who can be a member of PPT?*

Membership is open to individuals who reside permanently or work in the Toronto area and who are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

4) *How does PPT carry out its work?*

The day to day operations at PPT are carried out by the staff and volunteers. They are guided by the policies and strategic directions set by the Board of Directors (quasi-trustees of charitable property), which is elected annually by the PPT membership.

5) *What are the rights of members?*

Members have the following rights:

- a. The right to attend all duly constituted meetings of the membership
- b. The right to participate in the discussion on matters properly before the membership
- c. The right to vote on matters before the membership
- d. The right to stand for election to the Board of Directors
- e. The right to vote in elections to the Board of Directors

6) *What time commitment is involved in being a member?*

General meetings are normally held once per year, and members may participate in person, or by proxy. A meeting agenda, annual report, financial statements, and other relevant material, as well as instructions on the options for participating are sent to members in advance of the meeting.

7) How does one become a member of the PPT?

Individuals who are interested in becoming members of PPT must complete an application for membership and send it along with payment of the membership fee to PPT. Applications must be approved by the PPT Board of Directors before becoming effective. The membership committee may decide to interview new members prior to forwarding their application to the Board of Directors in order to ensure that potential members share the values of the organization.

8) What are the costs of membership?

There are three categories of membership fees

- a. Organizations - \$20
- b. General - \$10
- c. Student/Client - \$5

9) How can membership fees be paid?

Membership fees can be paid by check, VISA, MasterCard or AMEX either by sending the completed application form to PPT at 36B Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1A9 or faxing it to 416-961-2512 or emailing to development@ppt.on.ca

10) Is a charitable tax receipt issued for membership fees?

Yes, since no benefit of material financial value is provided by PPT to members in exchange for membership fees, the Canada Revenue Agency permits charitable tax receipts to be issued for such fee payments.

Please note that due to administrative costs, we generally do not issue tax receipts for amounts under \$10.

11) What is the membership period?

The membership period is one (1) year

12) How do I know when my membership renewal is coming due?

PPT will contact members to advise them of membership expiry.

13) Where can I obtain further information?

General information about PPT is available at www.ppt.on.ca. Further information about membership can be obtained by talking to Dianna Karapalevski, Executive Assistant at dkarapalevski@ppt.on.ca or 416-961-0113 x 124.