

## Membership Committee Report 2020



There are currently 35 members of SOAR. Sixteen of them are listed as Peer Supporters.

There are four members outside of the Annapolis / Kings / West Hants area.

The contact list is updated regularly. The most recent version is made available in password-protected form in the Members' area of the SOAR web site. A copy is attached.

My report is largely a set of questions for SOAR to consider over the next year.

One concern for our membership is how to support those who are not active peer supporters. There are a range of activities that peer supporters can engage in that are not open to other members. Now that we are engaged with online access to meetings, can we invite all members to educational events and those who are survivors to support meetings? Can we include members from outside the Annapolis / Kings / West Hants region in our online activities? Can we offer peer support to isolated members who are survivors? Can we create unique community-building opportunities that would be open to all members?

Do we need to specify different expectations of level of involvement in SOAR activities for those who are members, versus those who are also peer supporters, particularly since several members are outside of our current operating area?

As we reflect on our provincial mandate to serve survivors of childhood sexual abuse, how might we reach out to a wider audience with services and offerings that we can realistically offer? For example, we could add dozens of people via Zoom to an online educational workshop at no extra cost to us. If these services were available, how might we promote our membership more widely and expand our reach?

I suggest that those of us who are working on Membership, Peer Services and Education meet together to strategize a way forward.

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