

Membership Committee Report, 2023



New Online Membership Application Form

People can now apply for membership in SOAR using the online form at

<https://survivorsofabuserecovering.ca/join/membership-application>

This web page gives also information about how to obtain and submit the CRC/VSC form, and provides a link to the Confidentiality Agreement. Applicants must check the box and initial to indicate agreement to abide by this policy. Applications are sent to the Chair. CRC files are not stored on the web server.

Membership List

There are currently thirty-nine (39) active members of S.O.A.R., and seven (7) inactive members. Seven (7) were dropped this year due to non-payment of dues. Twenty-four members are listed as active Peer Supporters. We anticipate more members in the new year after the next Peer Support training is completed.

A reminder that 2023-2024 dues are due as of September 1st. Payment of \$10/yr can be made by cash, cheque, or by e-transfer to treasurer@survivorsofabuserecovering.ca (Be sure to include your name in the e-transfer note so the treasurer knows who is sending the dues!)

The official membership list is located in a secure area in the Google Workspace. This is kept updated as new information arises. Access to this document is restricted to the chair of the S.O.A.R. Board, chair of the Membership Committee, chair of the Peer Services Committee and the S.O.A.R. Coordinator. Only the Membership Committee chair can make changes to the document. The others can post requests for changes as they receive relevant information.

SOAR membership cards will be available to pick up at the 30th Anniversary event or the AGM, for those who have paid dues.

Members' Area on the S.O.A.R Website

The S.O.A.R members contact list is available in the Members' Area of the S.O.A.R. website. For further security, the contact list is also password protected. The passwords for the Members' Area and for the Contact List are changed each year at the time of the AGM. Contact the coordinator for the current passwords. We ask members to delete old versions of the members' contact list. This list is not to be shared with anyone outside of S.O.A.R. and is not to be used for mass emails or mailings. Note that some members may have requested not to be included in the circulated contact list.

The Members' Area of the website has links to fillable online forms for peer session reports (either to report one session at a time or to report once on a set of six sessions) and to report Support Group sessions. There is also a link to the Anonymous online Peer Sessions Evaluation Form (that you can give to your peers to provide feedback), and to downloadable versions of the CRC Application form, Travel Log, the S.O.A.R Confidentiality Agreement, the Peer Supporter training materials and the slides from the May 2023 Education Workshop

The online forms auto-populate a secure spreadsheet in the S.O.A.R Workspace that is accessible only by the Coordinator, the Chair and the S.O.A.R IT Manager. This avoids sending data via insecure email.

Submitted by

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