

Special Announcements

Membership Fees to be Increased

Two years ago, BECOR was about to announce increases to membership fees, in order to ensure the financial viability of BECOR. However, with a few sessions cancelled due to COVID and sessions moving online, the Board decided to postpone fee increases. However, BECOR cannot afford to hold off on fee increases any longer – especially since we have not increased membership fees for more than ten years. Therefore, membership fees will increase as of April 1, 2022.

Revised membership fees (including HST) will be as follows:

- \$2,200 for Premium Plus Corporate (up from \$2,000)
- \$1,650 for Premium Corporate (up from \$1,500)
- \$600 for Corporate (up from \$450)
- \$150 for Individual (up from \$125)

Clarification:

If your membership is due for renewal before April 1 – and you renew before your renewal date - your 2022/23 membership fees will be the same as last year, such that the above increased fees will not apply until next year's renewal.

Monthly Sessions – No Fee Increase at This Time

BECOR will continue with online sessions until such time that the pandemic has subsided and we can return to in-person sessions. During this time, we will continue to keep session fees as low as possible, which, for typical 60 to 90-minute sessions, is only \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members.

In preparation to return to in-person sessions, we have formed a subcommittee to review other delivery options for in-person sessions. The subcommittee will review whether or not we will return to our previous form and venue for Lunch and Learn sessions, if we change our delivery and/or venue, or if we introduce a new approach which will supplement our typical Lunch and Learn sessions.

In addition, fees for in-person sessions are being re-evaluated, based on the actual costs to be incurred. In particular, costs for in-person sessions had already increased without a corresponding increase in fees charged.

Volunteers Needed for BECOR Board

As stated in our previous special announcement, we need more volunteers for the BECOR board. While that announcement brought in two new volunteers, we have four members leaving the Board, so we need additional volunteers.

Please volunteer - we could use your help. You do not have to be somebody with lots of experience in our field, as we also need early-career people with fresh ideas.

To join BECOR's Board: email Steve Laviolette, BECOR President (slaviolette@patersongroup.ca)