

Health and Safety Association for Government Services

The Health and Safety Association for Government Services (HSAGS) is a not for profit corporation created as a result of a restructuring of Ontario's health and safety associations. Its creation marks the beginning of a new approach to delivering prevention services in Ontario.

HSAGS is the amalgamation of the Education Safety Association of Ontario (ESAO), the Municipal Health and Safety Association (MHSA), and the Ontario Safety Association for Community and Healthcare (OSACH). As of January 1, 2010, it is one of four new health and safety associations designated and funded by the WSIB pursuant to section 6(1) of the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997*. As such, HSAGS will play a key role in the Ontario health and safety system's *Road to Zero* commitment to eliminate workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses.

What are the Advisory Councils?

Advisory councils are sector-specific forums providing expertise to assist HSAGS in the achievement of its mission.

There are three advisory councils:

- Education
- Community and Healthcare
- Municipal

What is the role of the Advisory Councils?

The Advisory Councils perform the following functions:

- Serve as a formal mechanism to exchange ideas and concerns related to the programs, services, and products provided by HSAGS.
- Provide sector advice to HSAGS on its programs, services, and products.
- Provide feedback to HSAGS on the quality and effectiveness of programs and products in the education of the workforce and the reduction of accidents, injuries, and loss in the workplace.
- Identify existing and emerging occupational health and safety issues and trends to support the strategic development of new initiatives.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of health and safety information between HSAGS, members of the Advisory Committee, and selected guests.

- Act as advocates of HSAGS by supporting and promoting the activities and initiatives of HSAGS, and participating in Association events and programs, as appropriate.

What is the time commitment required?

The Advisory Councils will meet up to four times a year.

What is the term of office?

Advisory Council members serve three year, rotating terms.

Call for Applications

HSAGS is seeking for candidates who are employers and workers with leadership experience from Ontario's education sector, community and healthcare sector, and the municipal sector who have vision, leadership, and commitment. This is an opportunity to provide leadership in the health and safety field within these communities and help HSAGS meet client needs. This is also an opportunity for your organization to be recognized as a leader in healthy workplaces.

How do I apply?

Complete the candidacy form below and send it with your resume to Talya Ziv-Av, as advised on the form.

[Advisory Council Application Form](#) (Word)

[Advisory Council Application Form](#) (PDF)

(suitable for email, fax or mail)

Questions?

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Please note: applications will be accepted until March 8th, 2010.