



Volunteering

There are volunteer positions available in both our regional executives and our provincial executive. If you have questions regarding eligibility for volunteering, please call the ATA Professional Development program area at Barnett House, 1-800-232-7208 (toll free in Alberta).

Annual Conference

A major undertaking each year is the Guidance Council Conference, held in November. Prominent keynote speakers and a variety of workshop leaders provide information and motivation to conference delegates. A key function of the conference is to provide the opportunity for interaction with colleagues, presenters and friends.

Publications

The *Alberta Counsellor*, the official journal of the Guidance Council, publishes articles about current research in counselling and related professions. *Counsellor* is a newsletter containing information about council activities, reports of regional meetings, and announcements of and reports on professional development opportunities. Guidance Council members are encouraged to submit articles to these publications. Editorial advice and assistance will be provided.

Awards

Honorary lifetime membership awards are made to persons who have contributed significantly to guidance and counselling in the province of Alberta.

In honour of the late Murray Jampolsky, an annual award is made to an outstanding practising school counsellor in the province. Information on submission of nominations for this award is available from the Guidance Council staff advisor at Barnett House. Both of the above awards are presented at the annual conference.

Benefits of Membership

The Guidance Council is pleased to announce a reciprocal agreement with the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA). Any professional development opportunities of the CCPA can now be accessed at membership costs for Guidance Council members.



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The Alberta Teachers' Association
11010 142 Street NW Edmonton, AB
T5N 2R1

Vision Statement

Certificated teachers with post graduate training in guidance and counselling supporting students in Alberta.

Mission Statement

The Guidance Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association provides leadership and support to counsellors in effecting comprehensive counselling programming that meets the educational, personal/ social and career counselling needs of students in Alberta.

Objectives of the Guidance Council

- Lead relevant professional development
- Provide appropriate advocacy
- Facilitate communication

Specialist Council Membership

As a benefit of active membership in the Association, every active member is eligible to join one specialist council of his or her choice at no charge. Application for a no-cost membership can only be made online on the ATA website, www.teachers.ab.ca.

Those who wish to join more than one council must pay a membership fee for each additional council they wish to join. Membership fees are listed on the application for membership. Make cheque payable to the Alberta Teachers' Association and mail it with the completed application form to the ATA at 11010 142 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T5N 2R1.

Membership

Membership is not restricted to school counsellors in the province. Any professional who has a special interest in helping students to realize maximum benefit from school experiences will appreciate the professional learning community the Guidance Council offers. There are four categories of membership:

- **Regular Membership**—Active members of the Alberta Teachers' Association and associate members who are ineligible for active membership as specified in ATA bylaws are eligible for regular membership in this council. All such members shall

be entitled to full privileges of council membership, including the rights to vote and to hold office.

- **Life Membership**—Retired members of the ATA as specified in ATA bylaws are eligible for life membership in the council and are entitled to all the benefits and services of council membership except the right to hold office.
- **Student Membership**—Undergraduate ATA members as specified in ATA bylaws may become student members of this council. Student members receive all the benefits and services of council membership except the right to hold office.
- **Subscription Service**—Persons or organizations who are ineligible for active or associate membership in the ATA, such as school support staff, parents and libraries, as well as retired teachers and nonactive teachers, may connect with the council by paying a subscription fee. Payment of the subscription fee includes entitlement to the council's publications as well as other services determined by the council, but does not provide membership in the council.

Regional Councils

Much council work is done at the regional level. Conferences, dinner meetings, liaison with outside agencies and other activities that meet the needs of the immediate area are carried out. As a member of the Guidance Council, you automatically become a member of a regional council.

By becoming involved in your regional council, you can provide input into local professional activities and advocate for guidance and counselling programs in schools.

Regionals presently organized are

- Calgary and area,
- East Central,
- Edmonton,
- South East (Medicine Hat and area)
- South West (Lethbridge and area)
- *Red Deer (currently not organized)

Check the Guidance Council website, www.guidancecouncil.ca, for regional contact information.

Application for Membership in the Guidance Council—ATA

Make a cheque payable to The Alberta Teachers' Association and mail, with application, to The Alberta Teachers' Association, 11010 142 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T5N 2R1.

Name _____
Address _____ Postal Code _____
Phone (home) _____ Fax _____
Alberta Teacher Certificate No. _____
School / Employer _____
ATA Local Name _____ Local No. _____

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ATA Members Non-ATA Members

In making application for membership in a specialist council, you are voluntarily providing your personal information and consenting to its collection, use and disclosure for all purposes connected with your participation as a member of the council.