



## ALBERTA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AUDITORS ASSOCIATION

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To all AOSAA members,

2020 started on a very positive note for AOSAA! We had a new Board, a new vision and a new focus. Then, disaster struck in the form of a global pandemic. Suddenly, the whole world turned upside down.

As a volunteer Board, we are also working safety professionals. We understand the hardships and challenges that membership has been facing. Some of us lost our jobs; others are working desperately to stay afloat in the changing workplace environment with limited resources and the challenge of how to protect the workforce from an invisible enemy. We all share the fear and uncertainty of what will happen next; wondering when and how this will all turn out.

The pandemic has had a significant financial impact on many of our members. We recognize that there are many demands on limited resources, and we appreciate that you have chosen to support AOSAA. As a token of our appreciation, membership fees for 2021 will be waived for all existing AOSAA members. Memberships will automatically be renewed for 2021 at no cost. This offer is available to existing members only. New members signing up for an AOSAA membership will be charged the full \$100.00 membership fee in 2021.

Due to unprecedented events, regularly scheduled events for 2020 have been suspended, and as such we cannot offer the full range of services, including hosting the AGM as a 'face to face' meeting. The option of a Zoom type town-hall is under review. Your feedback on this option is important. Please let us know if this would be of any value to you as a member.

Although we cannot offer all of the services that should be available to you, the Board has been working hard behind the scenes. We are launching a new website with new and updated content. The website will provide regular updates to membership on training opportunities, on-line workshops updates on the changes to the audit protocol for 2020. Watch for further communication regarding the website to follow soon.

Stay safe, stay sane, and stay healthy. We will get through this, together.

AOSAA Board of Directors