YOUR VOICE, COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY: WHY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Each year, membership dues directly support CAS' advocacy activities to advance the practice of anesthesia—in Canada and globally. As a Society, we exist to champion you and the specialty, which means that we rely on your input to make a meaningful impact in your workplaces and for your patients. **Here's a breakdown of how member voices enable us to be effective advocates on your behalf:**

Anesthesia Taskforce:

This **new team** is made up of 13 anesthesia leaders who represent diverse geographical, cultural, and specialty backgrounds, and practice across a broad spectrum of clinical and non-clinical environments. They work with the CAS Board and national office to identify practical, evidence-informed solutions to key workforce challenges and enhance our ability to influence change at the national level.

Five-Year Strategic Plan:

Feedback pulled directly from member surveys and discussions was used to determine the priorities for the 2025–2030 **CAS Strategic Plan**. This approach is designed to ensure we remain accountable to members and are prepared to respond quickly as your needs evolve.

Government Relations:

CAS has steadily invested more time in discussions with federal and provincial governments—and 11 took place in 2025. As requested by members, we will continue expanding our relationship with Health Canada to provide input for essential resources like Canada's Critical Vulnerable Drug List, while engaging policy makers with key issues, such as transitioning to greener anesthesia best practices.

Position Statements:

All statements are written by or in collaboration with CAS members directly involved with the issue being addressed. Last year's **statement in response to Quebec's Bill 2** was developed by anesthesiologists and allied healthcare professionals currently practicing in the province.

Public Awareness Campaign:

Since the start of 2026, CAS has promoted our new **public-facing website section** on social media weekly. In the second half of the year, we will measure and report on campaign impact, and members will be invited to provide feedback on further increasing public awareness of your roles and the challenges you face.

Join Us for 2026 and Beyond

Throughout the year, forums such as member surveys, the CAS Annual Meeting, volunteer leadership opportunities, and newsletter updates will be leveraged to collect data on how we can better uplift our community through advocacy. **Renew your membership** or **join CAS** now to be part of this journey, as we transform our specialty together. **Click here** to read this issue's Advocacy Update.