



IPIC Policy on Communities

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IPIC Communities are groups of members with a common professional interest. They can be based on issues, practice profiles, region – or any topic that meets member needs. Structured differently than Committees, Communities do not require an assigned Board Liaison and may have an unlimited number of members.

I want to create a Community, what should I do?

- Designate a facilitator (for a one-year term - renewable)
- Write a request supported by 10 members (template available at ipic.ca/cmte-cmty)
- Include in the request a description of the topic of the group, an anticipated timeframe (short-term or on-going) and a proposed plan of activity and/or discussions

What benefits do Communities provide to IPIC members?

- the opportunity to network with other IP professionals with a similar interest or expertise
- a space to explore issues and learn from your peers
- the opportunity to exchange thoughts, ideas or develop experience on a particular topic

What type of support does IPIC provide to Communities?

- promotion of their group to IPIC members
- logistical support
- facilitate electronic communication (e-mail distribution, LinkedIn groups or online discussion forums)

What are the responsibilities of the Community's Facilitator?

- maintain communications within the group
- Schedule regular meetings or calls with interested members of the Community
- Disseminate news or information related to the Community's area of interest

For more information on Communities, please contact Chelsea Berry, Manager of Communications and Member Services, at cberry@ipic.ca.