



## 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. Communities may be short-term or long-term in nature. Communities can address time-sensitive issues, on-going concerns or interests.

### 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-cmtty](http://ipic.ca/cmte-cmtty))
- 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 take on leadership roles
- a space to explore areas of interest
- 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
- electronic communication access (distribution list available through Community Portal, LinkedIn groups or online discussion forums)
- funding on a project-basis upon approval from the IPIC Board of Directors, with priority assigned to projects that advance IPIC's objectives

### What are the responsibilities of the Community's facilitator?

- maintain interactivity within the group
- submit requests for project funding
- prepare brief annual report to IPIC's Board of Directors

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