

Website FAQ

How does our group operate?

We share information via email, in person at our meetings, and through our website. In person meetings are scheduled one time per month for 1.5 hours, September to November and January to June.

Most of our meetings are general meetings but a few meetings a year we have guest speakers. We invite representatives from government organizations, support services or our local MPPs to come share what is new or how their programs work. After each meeting we try to leave time for members to socialize and get to know each other. If you have any suggestions for guest speakers, please let a member of the executive know.

How do we stay in touch between meetings? Group emails are sent by the executive when valuable resources or other pertinent information become available. We also email the group meeting agendas and minutes. We collect and share email addresses so members can contact each other.

Sharing information as a group is encouraging and helpful as we navigate complicated government chains of command and services.

One time per year a new executive is chosen at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

How do you become a FDASS member?

Simple! Contact us at info@fdalondon.ca. We will email or mail you a group member form including instructions on how to send in your member fee of \$20. Fill out the form and return it to us by email or mail. You can become a member at any time of the year. Once a member, if you wish to continue being a FDASS member, we renew membership fees annually.

The executive will keep digital copies of each member form strictly confidential. We do share a list of members' email and phone numbers so we can contact one another.

How do I become a committee member?

We've added a space on the member form for members to tell us which committees they are interested in. FDASS relies on its members to form a committee or join a present committee, because together we have a stronger voice. See the website to read about the different committees.

How do FDASS committees operate?

Committees collaborate to produce the goals of their committee. A Trustee or President should help set the goals for the committees and appoint a chairperson. FDASS President or Vice President will ask for updates from each committee, most often at monthly meetings. Committees give FDASS a stronger voice, but they are also able to focus on one subject and see faster results. Plus, any material produced from the committee can be shared with the public and/or with the group.

What are the responsibilities of a FDASS Board Director (Trustee)?

A FDASS Board of Director (BOD) is responsible to membership for the management and conduct of all affairs of FDASS. BODs are elected at the AGM and then in turn appoint or elect Officers or the Executive of FDASS into 4 positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. The BOD assists the Executive by appointing committees, chair of committees and authorize necessary expenditures. Time commitment is low. A FDASS BOD may be an Executive member in the future.

How do I become a FDASS Board of Director or Executive member?

You need to be 18 years or older and a member in good standing for not less than 60 days prior to the election. You also need to be willing to volunteer and bring your name forward to the present BOD before the February meeting.