

## CWA Members' Comments on the *Affiliation Agreement* and *National Chapter Handbook*



On April 11, 2008, CWA's executive committee invited CWA members to submit their comments on the proposed *Affiliation Agreement* and *National Chapter Handbook*. These are the comments CWA has received to date from individual members. Only their chapter affiliation is shown.

<i>Date (2008)</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Comments</i>
April 25	Hamilton & Region	<p>I have reviewed both documents as requested and have the following observations:</p> <p><b>Affiliation Agreement</b></p> <p>1 I take issue with paragraph 1.6(d). If one of the benefits of being a CWA member is networking, I want to belong to the chapter where this can be maximized and not forced to join a chapter because my mailing address is on one side of a line on a map.</p> <p>2 Para. 1.5 is confusing. If the CWA would become an internal division of CWB and money flows (eventually) to, or is ultimately controlled by CWB through the National organization, where is the "independence"? Isn't this merely a case where CWA can't act as agent for CWB? I would understand the need for indemnification of the parties, but the legal principles of Vicarious Liability and Quantum Meruit would seem to be in conflict with this clause.</p> <p>3. Being a relatively recent member I may be off base but I see no reason for CWA to join with CWB as the agreement would seem to negate any reason for so doing. The "new" CWA would be "independent" and as a member of CWA, I am not a member of CWB. So what benefit is there to do this?</p> <p><b>Chapter Handbook</b></p> <p>The mission statement is clear and realizable. However, I have issues with the list of "Eligible Activities". Although fundraiser and golf should not be disallowed (but rather encouraged), neither advances the mission of the organization as stated. Consequently, I would like to see this removed from the list of Eligible Activities. After all, this is not supposed to be merely a social club is it?</p> <p>Finally, I would strongly suggest that a Quorum consist of an odd number of voting members. That way it could not become deadlocked on any particular issue.</p>
April 24	Golden Triangle	<p>Seems like we can all terminate at any time after 5 yrs. Maybe we should be slightly more committed in our common goal. Chapters are successful in AWS and require support from the sanctioning body they represent.</p>
April 24	Nova Scotia	<p>Go for it.</p>