



Thank you for your interest in the Helicopter Association of Canada.

We are very pleased that you are considering membership in HAC. Roughly 80% of the civil helicopters in Canada today are operated by HAC members. We are the only Canadian Association dedicated to the interests of the Canadian Helicopter community. Our Operators and Associates form the backbone of the industry.

Why join HAC, you ask?

Aviation is one of the most heavily regulated industries, and your voice as an individual operator is frequently lost in Ottawa. Transport Canada and other regulatory bodies look to HAC for industry views on a broad spectrum of issues affecting your interests including Flight Time & Flight Duty Time changes, the operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Canadian Ownership Requirements, Helicopter Performance Requirements, Access to Airspace, Changes to the VFR and SVFR weather minima, to name only a very few.

HAC's President and CEO, Fred Jones, is an active helicopter pilot, a former Transport Canada Inspector, a former TSB Investigator and a lawyer with over 20 years of regulatory experience in Ottawa. He has an established strong working relationship with all of the players in Ottawa, including Transport Canada, the CTA, NAV CANADA, and the Transportation Appeal Tribunal. Faced with enforcement action looming? You feel as if you are being unfairly treated by your Regional Office? Is the TSB on your doorstep following-on an accident or incident? Confused by the maze of CARs? Fred's advice and counsel is as close a phone call. If Fred doesn't have the answer to your questions, he will certainly know someone who does.

HAC's Board is composed of seven operator-representatives, two Associate member representative, and the President & CEO who is a non-voting member. Our voting Board members devote their time on a volunteer basis to provide governance and set policy for the Association. Their industry experience helps propel the Association to action on the issues affecting your interests. The current composition of the HAC Board can be found at <http://www.h-a-c.ca/board.html>

Members are eligible to apply to the HAC Board for access to HAC's *Legal Defence Fund* when they feel has been unfairly treated and there may be larger industry-related issue at stake.

Our convention is the place where members meet, and through our committee structure (http://www.h-a-c.ca/committee_contacts.html) issues are raised for action by the Association. The HAC meeting is the largest aviation convention and tradeshow in Canada. When we meet in the West, we regularly exceed 800 registrants, and we always sell out our tradeshow, so your key suppliers are there too – many of them are our valued Associates.

The convention is filled with information sessions and professional development programs aimed at providing you and your employees with the tools to do business in today's economic and regulatory climate. Registration at our convention is offered at significantly reduced rates to members. If you bring more than three employees, they are offered even lower registration fees! **Our Annual Convention and Trade Show** takes place every November. Please visit our [Convention Page](#) for conference details and Development Courses offered.

Members also have access to the Members-Only area of the website where our committees do business and industry issues are discussed. Members self-select their own areas of interest so that they only receive committee-related information that is relevant to your type of operations. You may add any number of your company employees to the site, so that they can engage in discussions with other members through HAC's Committee structure.

As an HAC Operator-member, your company name and a link to your website is added to the HAC Public site. Prospective customers will know where to find you and they will know that through your association you support the highest standards of safety and professionalism in our industry.

HAC Operator members and their staff will be added to the HAC Newsletter distribution. HAC Newsletter is emailed right to your inbox every other Thursday keeping you informed at all times of current issues applicable to YOU.

You may also be interested in viewing our website at www.h-a-c.ca for information on the latest issues and activities concerning our membership and the industry.

HAC [Operator Membership Application](#) is available for completion and submission. Operator Membership can also be made on-line by simply clicking on the **Big Red Button** from the HAC website www.h-a-c.ca . Fiscal Year runs September 1 to August 31. Pro-Rate is offered for initial applicants.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Fred Jones, President & CEO if you have questions or concerns. Fred can be reached directly by email at fred.jones@h-a-c.ca or by telephone (613) 231-1110 extension 239 or on his cell at (613) 884-1422.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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