

ACWC Policy Updates for 2021-2022  
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The following policies are derived from various Board and/or member discussions.

A. Payment Schedules

1. The ACWC Fiscal Year goes from July 1 to June 30 of each year. ACWC members are expected to pay their dues on or before July 1 of each year.
2. Should a person join ACWC as a new member between July 1 and December 31 of a given fiscal year, their payment will be for that current fiscal year. However, if their payment is made between January 1 and June 30 of the fiscal year, this payment will extend to include the next fiscal year. For example: if they join ACWC and pay their dues *after* January 2021, these dues will include the next fiscal year, 2021-2022.
3. If a member fails to pay their dues on time, they will be given a grace period of six months, after which their membership will have lapsed. If the member is able to pay their dues in full before the end of the six-month grace period, their membership will once again be in good standing. However, their next payment will still be expected on or before July 1, even if they paid very late in the fiscal year. The Treasurer will fully inform all members of these regulations, giving full opportunity for all members to renew their membership.
4. When a member allows their membership to lapse, their member page will be removed from the ACWC website, and they will no longer be able to have their events posted on SoundBox or information circulated within the Journal, unless the Journal Editor asks the person to submit a written piece as a guest.
5. Dues relief during COVID-19: For a second year in a row, the COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on individuals' lives, music-making, and means of procuring an income. So, for a second year in a row, ACWC provides opportunity for members who are unable to maintain their membership dues to adhere to one of two methods: a) pay what you can, or b) pay no dues due to Covid financial constraints. However, in order to be eligible for either reduced or waived fees for 2021-2022, members must request these accommodations no later than July 1, and provide written confirmation to the Treasurer that they intend to resume paying their dues as soon as they are able. Otherwise, their payment will be considered late, and their membership will lapse after the grace period.

B. ACWC name in French

1. It was suggested that Francophone members should decide how ACWC is worded in French. On April 22, 2021, the Chair sent around a letter to all Francophone ACWC members, asking whether they prefer the current "L'Association des femmes compositeurs canadiennes" or "L'Association des compositrices canadiennes." They *all* responded immediately, and with a totally unanimous preference for "L'Association des compositrices canadiennes" with the acronym, ACC. Thus, our official name will be listed as Association of Canadian Women Composers/ L'Association des compositrices canadiennes (ACWC/ACC). We will thus make the necessary changes on our website, on our logos, within our SoundBox and Journal, and on all other publicities, effective now. Individual Board members will change email signatures, accordingly.