

**Harvey Cooper**  
**Public Affairs Association of Canada (PAAC) Blurb**

Hello PAAC Members,

Over the last 6 years I have enjoyed the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors of the Public Affairs Association of Canada. In this time I have gained a better appreciation for the pivotal role that the Association plays in providing networking and professional development opportunities for practitioners in the many diverse fields encompassing public affairs. I've also come to know first-hand the enormous contribution that PAAC makes to the candid discussion of public policy in our city, province and country.

The last few years I have served as Membership Chair and focused my efforts on growing and strengthening the membership of the organization. One of the vehicles I have used in this regard is to try and give PAAC more of an on-line presence on various social media platforms. If I am fortunate enough to be re-elected the focus of my efforts in the coming year would be new member outreach. I believe that there are many potential members in the various fields of public affairs who may not be fully aware of the unique benefits and opportunities that PAAC has to offer.

My employment and volunteer work for the last quarter-century has focused on the non-profit and voluntary sectors. Currently I am the Managing Director of the Ontario Region Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada). The Federation, represents some 100,000 non-profit housing co-operative residences, home to over a quarter of a million Canadians.

Previously for the last decade I was CHF Canada's Manager of Government Relations. In that role I oversaw a full range of public affairs and communications responsibilities including government and media relations and spearheaded many grassroots advocacy campaigns. Through my employment and volunteer activities I have developed strong roots in a number of community organizations.

I look forward to the opportunity to contribute further to the Association's work. I appreciate your consideration for the privilege of continuing to serve on the PAAC Board of Directors.

Yours truly,



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