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## VOLUNTEER WITH US

We have eight board committees with opportunities for members to volunteer in different capacities and on different projects. Whether you have a skill in a particular area or you want to learn something new, we would love your help.

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## COOPERATIVE MEMORIAL SOCIETY SERVING ALBERTA

We are a not-for-profit funeral planning cooperative formed in 1965 by a group of business leaders responding to a need to provide access to simple and dignified funeral options at economical prices. Today our services have expanded to help our members plan more aspects of their end-of-life well before it is needed – a true gift to oneself and our loved ones.



## COMING TO TERMS WITH DEATH

There is a widespread reluctance to discuss dying. The truth is that death can happen to any one of us at any time. Coming to terms with this reality can help us spend our time more wisely, and to better appreciate what's truly important in our lives. Planning in advance lets us spend our remaining years peacefully, knowing that we are ready.



## HOW MUCH MONEY CAN I SAVE?

Depending on the plan and provider selected, our members save on average \$3000 on their funeral expenses.



## OUR ACTION PLAN

1) Help our members plan by directing them to useful information and resources; 2) Help our members save money on their funeral services by partnering with locally operated funeral homes who provide special plans and services for them; 3) Provide our members with access to our online registry where they can record their funeral plans, preferences, and obituary information for easy access by the funeral home at time of need.

As a cooperative we are owned and controlled by our members represented by a volunteer board with up to 12 directors. We have a paid part-time Membership Services Coordinator and plan to add an Executive Director to manage our growing operations. Each year we host a special meeting for members by Zoom, distribute four email newsletters, and host a variety of presentations on different topics.

## HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

You can sign up on our website at [calgarymemorial.com](http://calgarymemorial.com) for a one-time fee of \$40. An administrative fee of \$35 is collected when your funeral is purchased. These funds cover our operating costs. Membership must be processed before death occurs to be valid. Alternatively, you can mail a cheque for \$40 per adult person, along with your full contact information, including email address to: CMS, Suite 204A, 223-12th Avenue SW., Calgary, AB T2R 0G9.

## WHAT FUNERAL HOMES OFFER CMS PLANS?

We have over 50 funeral homes that offer plans across Alberta. Major cities include Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat. For an entire list of funeral homes and the member pricing they offer, visit our website at [calgarymemorial.com](http://calgarymemorial.com).

