



Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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COVOAD Membership Guidelines

REGULAR MEMBERS

Organizations that meet the following criteria are eligible for a Regular membership in COVOAD.

Criteria

- Must be a voluntary organization
- Organization must have a disaster response program and policy for delivery of services to address the needs of people and communities affected by disasters, without discrimination
- Organization should be statewide in scope
- Organization must meet one of the following conditions:
 - Be a not-for-profit organization (under IRS Code 501 (c)(3), or
 - Have a formal agreement with another organization that has IRS 501 (c)(3) standing that will serve as a fiscal agent
- Regional VOADs/COADs may also participate as Regular members (with one vote per regional VOAD/COAD)

Conditions of Membership

- Voting rights
- Eligible to run for COVOAD offices
- Eligible to run for NVOAD positions
- Website privileges
 - Agency profile on COVOAD website
 - Agency logo on website
- Pay annual dues (\$50), non-profit
- Attend at least 50% of COVOAD meetings (in person or via conference call)
- Serve on subcommittee
- Can post logo on COVOAD website and can also utilize COVOAD social media tools

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Government agencies, businesses or other organizations that are involved with disaster planning and response, but do not meet all the criteria for Partner membership, may participate as Associate members. Associate members would include voluntary organizations that meet the criteria of Regular members but choose not to pay annual dues.

Criteria

- Members of government agencies, private industry, voluntary organizations with a local mission, or other organizations
- Organizations that have a disaster response program and policy for delivery of services to address the needs of people and communities affected by disasters, without discrimination.
- Organizations without a statewide presence

Conditions of Membership

- No-dues paying
- Non-voting member

EXPECTATIONS OF ALL MEMBERS

- All members agree with the mission of COVOAD
- All members must submit an application for membership
- All members are active members of COVOAD response/recovery network
- All members participate in COVOAD meetings, general discussions, and sub-committees
- All members provide basic agency information for inclusion on database/resource directory

COVOAD reserves the right to impart other privileges/restrictions on members as determined by membership.