

Bylaws: as adopted by the OIAA Chapter – Georgian Bay,
pursuant to OIAA Constitution Article 7

1. These by-laws are the laws governing the Georgian Bay Chapter of the Insurance Adjusters Association.
2. The geographical location of the Georgian Bay Chapter spans central Ontario from the shores of Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay, from The Blue Mountains to the Muskoka's and south to Dufferin and York Counties.
3. The Georgian Bay Chapter adopts the OIAA Constitution as written and will adhere to its guiding principles, ethics and not for profit status, with the exceptions listed in the by-laws below:
4. Membership
 - a. OIAA members: as defined in the OIAA Constitution, located in the geographical area, are members of the GBC automatically, unless an alternate location is listed by the individual member.
 - b. The GBC is permitted to have "social members". Social members shall be defined as non-OIAA members who are employed in an industry with a connection to claims adjusting, but not members as defined by the OIAA constitution. Decision to accept or reject a "social member" rests with the executive of the chapter. 'Social' members will pay a membership fee of \$40.00 to the GBC "Social' members" have no voting rights within the chapter, nor are they party to financial information of the Chapter or the OIAA. The social member can be removed from the membership with a majority vote of the chapter executive. Social members will adhere to the governing principles and code of ethics as written in the OIAA Constitution.
 - c. Honorary lifetime members – The Chapter executive may appoint any OIAA member as an Honorary Lifetime member of our chapter.

5. Executive

The Chapter executive shall consist of an elected President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and no more than six OIAA members as Executive Directors as well as a Newsletter Editor and Chapter Delegate. These must be active members as defined by Article 3(a) in the OIAA Constitution. In addition the Georgian Bay Chapter will have no more than six Social Directors, with non-voting standing as voted in and approved by the executive members. The immediate Past President will have a vote.

- a. Elections shall be held every two years in the month of May. Candidates must be an active member in good standing with The Georgian Bay Chapter. Nominations will be accepted by the sitting secretary. Nominations may be accepted from the floor on the day of the election, with the exception of the Treasurer, who must have over 1 years' experience on the chapter executive. The member who captures the majority of eligible votes obtains the position. Eligible voters are current, active OIAA adjuster members in good standing. Voting shall be by secret ballot, and the presiding officer shall be the immediate Past President for the Chapter, or in the alternative a Past President of the Chapter. The Past President shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

6. Dissolution:

The Chapter executive and 50% of the chapter designated OIAA members can vote to dissolve the chapter. All funds of the chapter will revert to the Provincial OIAA to be distributed to its remaining chapters for use by its members. Membership in the local chapter will revert to the Toronto area or an alternate chapter of the individual member's choice. No funds will be distributed to 'social members'.

7. Discipline

All discipline matters pertaining to OIAA members must be referred to the Provincial Executive for consultation. All social members discipline must be investigated and resolved by the local Chapter executive. If a 'social' member must be expelled or refused membership, it will take place after a 3/4 majority vote of the current sitting executive.

8. Fiduciary Responsibility

The Chapter agrees that it must govern itself financially in the best interest of the OIAA and the Chapter. Each year it will file the appropriate taxes with the Canada Revenue Agency. It will not contractually obligate the OIAA in any manner, for any reason without the express written permission of the OIAA.