

Alberta Industry Associations' Council

OBJECTIVE

The Alberta Industry Associations' Council (AIAC) was established in 2003 to create a forum where associations in Alberta would meet bi-yearly to discuss timely issues in each of their respective industries. The meetings, which are held in the spring and fall, alternate between Edmonton and Calgary.

ATTENDEES

ACC— Chair Elect, President & CEO, and Manager, Policy & Communications

Various industry associations — Attendees receive a special invitation from the ACC. No limit to the number of people although usually there are between 12-20 representatives present. Past attendees are listed on the ACC website under “Directories.”

Special guests – From time to time, the ACC will also invite a special guest to discuss a timely issue that may have been brought up in past AIAC meetings. Previous guests have included government officials and First Nations' leaders.

FORMAT

- The meeting usually takes approximately four hours including one hour for lunch.
- Introduction from ACC's Chair Elect.
- Roundtable introduction – name, position and industry association.
- Each participant is invited to share their association's key priorities.
- Open discussion and sharing of ideas follows.

OUTCOMES

- Exchange of ideas, challenges, successes and determination of common industry issues.
- Distribute a brief summary of the meeting to both participants and non-participants.
- While additional action is not expected following each AIAC meeting, certainly it is encouraged should there be a common issue or challenge presented. Should an issue be outlined, AIAC members could appoint a special action committee made up of AIAC members to decide how further action could be pursued.
- Throughout the balance of the year, members are encouraged to keep the dialogue going between members via e-mail or through other direct contact.

MORE INFORMATION

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