

WHY NOT JOIN US? BECOMING A MEMBER IS EASY!

Every tourism professional, employed in a qualifying full-time managerial capacity, is eligible for membership in Skål International, provided they have worked in the travel and tourism industry for at least three (3) years. Your membership application should be proposed and seconded by two (2) existing members of Skål International and submitted to the Club nearest you. Information on all Clubs worldwide is available on SkålNet at www.skal.org. Information on all North American Clubs is available on www.naasc.com and information on all Canadian Clubs can be obtained through the National Executive Secretary/Treasurer at sican@sicanada.org.

Skål International Canada (SICAN) has eighteen (18) Clubs. These may be reached as follows:

S.I. Calgary	www.skal-canada.org/calgary
S.I. Canadian Rockies	www.skalrockies.org
S.I. Edmonton	www.skaledmonton.org
S.I. Halifax	www.sicanada.org/halifax
S.I. Hamilton	www.sicanada.org/hamilton
S.I. London	www.sicanada.org/london
S.I. Montreal	www.sicanada.org/montreal
S.I. Northeastern Ontario	www.sicanada.org
S.I. Okanagan	www.sicanada.org
S.I. Ottawa	www.sicanada.org/ottawa
S.I. Quebec City	www.sicanada.org.quebec
S.I. St. John's	www.sicanada.org/stjohns
S.I. Saskatoon	www.sicanada.org/saskatoon
S.I. Thunder Bay	www.sicanada.org/thunderbay
S.I. Toronto	www.torontoskal.org
S.I. Vancouver	www.vancouverskal.org
S.I. Victoria	www.sicanada.org/victoria
S.I. Winnipeg	www.sicanada.org/winnipeg



SKÅL INTERNATIONAL CANADA

Worldwide Networking
& Business Opportunities for
Travel and Tourism Executives

www.sicanada.org

THE SKÅL TOAST IN ITS THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

English

To fellow Skålleagues everywhere...

Happiness!

Good Health!

Friendship!

Long Life!

Skål !!!

French

A tous les Skålleagues du monde entier!!

Bonheur !

Santé !

Amitié !

Longue Vie !

Skål !!!

Spanish

A todos los Skålleagues de todo el mundo !!

Salud !

Amor !

Larga Vida !

Felicidad !

Skål !!!

WHAT IS SKÅL INTERNATIONAL?

Skål is the only professional organization that brings together all sectors of the travel and tourism industry. Representing the industry's managers and executives, Skål members meet at local, national and international levels, in an environment of friendship, to discuss subjects of common interest.

Travel trade managers, following an educational tour to Scandinavia, founded the first Club in Paris in 1932. The idea of international goodwill and friendship grew and, in 1934, the "Association Internationale des Skål Clubs" was formed with Florimond Volckaert as its first President. The Association is now known as "Skål International".

Skål has grown to almost 25,000 members in over 500 Clubs spread throughout more than 80 countries. As in other associations of professionals, most activities take place locally, but the movement also features National and Area Committees under the umbrella of Skål International, which has its permanent General Secretariat in Torremolinos, Spain.

Skål International is governed by an Executive Committee of seven (7) members, elected by delegates to the General Assembly, at the World Congress. A different Club hosts the five-day congress each year, providing members the opportunity to observe travel and tourism potential around the world.

In 1938, Skål Club of New York, No. 28, now known as Skål International New York, was founded. As the first Skål Club established in North America, the New York Club assisted and guided in the formation of other Skål Clubs on this continent.

The North America Chapter Council representing all Skål Clubs in North America was formed in 1949 and continues today to help in matters of joint and common interest between the National Committees and Canada, Mexico and the USA as well as offering membership to Skål Clubs affiliated with the Area Committees, under the new name of North American Area Skål Committee (NAASC). Also in 1949, the first Canadian Skål Club #44 was founded and is known as Skål International Montreal.

The Skål movement in the North American Area has grown steadily to the present 5,000+ Skålleagues in 188 Clubs in Bahamas, Bermuda, **Canada**, Curaçao, El Salvador, Jamaica, Mexico, St. Maarten, and the United States.

Skål International functions in three (3) official languages. English, French and Spanish.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN SKÅL? WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

The international friendship of Travel, Tourism and Transport Industry professionals is a business advantage. By attending local meetings, National and International Congresses and other events, members meet and network with industry colleagues and have the opportunity to make contacts, on both a business and personal level, forging new and lasting friendships. Skål is non-political and does not discriminate on the grounds of sex, age, race, religion, politics, or social standing. It does, though, support charitable causes.

Doing business on the basis of Ethics, Friendship and Trust

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING SKÅL?

Locally and internationally, a warm welcome awaits all visiting Skålleagues. Each Club has a varied program of professional activities with a social content.

- Contacts for business - more than 20,000 tourism related companies.
- Speakers & Discussion - annual Tourism Forum and many opportunities to attend seminars, nationally and locally.
- Networking - 25,000 tourism professionals world-wide with whom to make contact.
- Starting a New Business - Skål is an ideal way to meet new professional contacts.
- Moving to a new city - Use Skål to meet other tourism professionals.
- Worldwide opportunities - Annual Congress rotates through more than 80 countries.
- Friendship and Amicale - develop new friends within the travel and tourism industry.
- Travel - many opportunities to attend national, regional and international congresses often offering special travel arrangements.
- Monthly Meetings - opportunities to meet local colleagues in the industry and the occasion to use local functions to entertain business associates.
- Skål News - quarterly magazine from Skål International has news and articles of an international nature.
- Access to the Skål Database - Membership Directory Worldwide with close to 25,000 contacts at your finger tips.
- Membership advantages - as a Skålleague your membership will be recognized in many ways as you travel.
- Florimond Volckaert Fund - help for members and their families who have fallen on hard times through loss of employment, illness, etc.