



## CSGA Membership Information

Once you have successfully completed a CSGI Level 1 course, you are eligible to apply for a CSGA membership. The CSGA is a member driven; volunteer run association made up of guides in the CSGI stream of certification. The CSGA membership includes an *Accidental Death and Dismemberment* Policy of \$25,000 as well as other options for additional insurance. It offers exclusive pro deals, free annual recurrent training sessions, access and voting rights at the AGM, access to continued professional development sessions run in conjunction with other peer associations, a community for employment and mentorship opportunities and representation to government, insurance providers and industry partners.

CSGA guides represent more than 45% of active guides in the mechanized industry with all but one or two operations currently employing CSGA guides. The CSGA/CSGI has created ski touring modules that are now offered to certify guides to work in the non-mechanized sector as well.

In order to be recognized as a *current and active* CSGA guide one must meet the following requirements:

- Current member of the CSGA (dues paid annually)
- Participate in free Recurrent training every 2 years **or**
- Successful completion of a CSGI course within the 2 year period **or**
- Attend Instructor training (as a Level 3) within the 2 year period

It is also a HeliCat Canada standard:

HeliCat standard #46: *"Operators must require all guiding staff to be current members in good standing of their relevant professional associations: (e.g. ACMG, CAA, CSGA, IFMGA). Membership in the CAA and/or a guiding association will help ensure that continued professional development (CPD) is taking place."*

A current CSGA membership is also required to participate in all CSGI courses with the exception of Level 1.