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Hello members and friends,

March is here! and so is the time to announce our [Annual General meeting \(AGM\)](#) for 2021. The Environmental Health Association of Québec (ASEQ-EHAQ) was started 17 years ago, and every year, we have held an AGM for our members.

This year, due to the pandemic, our AGM will be held via zoom.

What is an AGM, you may ask, and why should I attend? Well, an AGM is a very important event that is held for the well-being of a non-profit group. It is a time when the people who run the group and the members of the group, get together. Important information is presented to everyone who attends the meeting, such as: the presentation of the board members, volunteers, employees, the activities of the entire year and the projected activities for the following year, the financial report and other important information including elections to the Board.

So again, why is this important? As a charitable non profit, we are obliged to make reports to both the federal and the provincial governments, and especially, we have to report on the number of members who attended the AGM. This shows the value of the group – and how useful it is to the community.

You may think that ASEQ-EHAQ is in good hands and you are happy with the way that it is run. You may feel that you participate in the group when you call the office for support and help; and so, you don't need to attend the AGM. This is not true. Your participation at the AGM is necessary not only for the growth of the group, but also for the continuity of ASEQ-EHAQ. Try to imagine if we did not exist and there was no one advocating for your needs. What would that feel like?



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Therefore, it is important to cherish what we have, and attend the AGM, not only to find out what is currently happening and to show your appreciation, but also to make the statement that you care and that you want this group to continue.

More than anything, it will be wonderful to see you again!

The AGM will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. The AGM itself will from 2:00 to 2:45 pm. The rest of the time will be a presentation on the early results of our research project on sensitivities. We will try to have items of importance to be shared in French and English and the early results of the research will be bilingual.

[Here is a link to register for the AGM.](#)

Once you register, you will receive a response with a URL (web address). Remember to save it in order to log onto zoom on March 20th at least by 1:45 pm. We will be sending out reminders about the AGM, up to one day before the event.

Please take note that we will not be able to register you thirty minutes before the meeting starts. **[Please get your registration done as early as possible](#)**, to ensure your participation. If you have questions or need help regarding zoom, you are welcome to contact us at any time and we will try to resolve connection issues.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes,

Rohini Peris, President

Michel Gaudet, Executive Director