



## Ivor Carvalho Award Policy

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### 1. Award Background

Initiated in 2013, the purpose of the award is to recognize an individual or an organization that strives to change the system in the best interests of immigrants.

Ivor Carvalho, an active CAPIC member since its founding, was fully involved in lobbying activities. He was also a CAPIC Ontario Chapter Executive, supporting and contributing to National activities. Ivor was fully involved in eradicating socio-economic barriers for new immigrants, and ensuring that they enjoyed the same rights as all other Canadians. An eloquent writer, a dedicated activist, and the very epitome of Canadian values, his life however was tragically cut short on the eve of CAPIC NEC 2012, in Montréal, when he passed away.

### 2. The Nomination & Selection Process

CAPIC issues the *Ivor Carvalho Award* on at the NEC. The Nomination process is opened 4 to 6 months prior to the National Education Conference date. The CAPIC Past President Council is the body responsible for reviewing nominations, ensuring that qualifications are met, and making a recommendation of the most appropriate candidate to the Board.

The Past President's Council may elect not to issue the Award when the majority of the Council deem appropriate and make such recommendation to the Board of Directors.

### 3. The Selection Criteria

The Award shall be issued to organizations and individuals that have made a significant contribution to immigration advocacy and/or assistance to new immigrants.



The selection criteria is as follows:

- (i) Impact on legislation or legislators - Actions that have an effect on advancing immigration issues consistent with CAPIC policies, generating support and/or raising new awareness among legislators.
- (ii) Mobilizing advocacy - Actions that mobilize legislative advocacy by advocacy groups or members of the community.
- (iii) Raising public awareness - Actions generating support for and raising awareness among the state policymakers, media and the general public regarding a specific legislative issue or issues.
- (iv) Providing services that help new immigrants in settling and integrating to the Canadian society.