



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 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 other Canadians. An eloquent writer, a dedicated activist, and the very epitome of Canadian values, his life was tragically cut short on the eve of CAPIC's 2012 National Education Conference (now the National Citizenship and Immigration Conference) in Montréal.

2. Nomination & Selection Process

CAPIC issues the *Ivor Carvalho Award* at the National Citizenship and Immigration Conference. The Nomination process is opened 4 to 6 months prior to the Conference. The CAPIC Past Presidents 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 Presidents Council may elect not to issue the Award when the majority of the Council deem appropriate and may make such a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

3. Selection Criteria

The Award shall be issued to organizations and individuals that have significantly contributed to immigration advocacy and/or assisting new immigrants.

The selection criteria are as follows:

- (i) Impact on legislation or legislators -- Actions that advance immigration issues consistent with CAPIC policies, generate support, and/or raise 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 that generate support and raise awareness among state policymakers, the media, and the general public regarding a specific legislative issue or issues.