**MEMO TO: CAHRI MEMBERS**

**FROM: SHANNONBROOKE MURPHY, DIRECTOR, ATLANTIC HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE**

**DATE: August 25, 2025**

**RE: OPTIONS FOR CAHRI MEMBERSHIP IN THE FHSS (Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences)**

Further to the most recent CAHRI Membership meeting on August 25, 2025 at which those present agreed to consider and compare options for CAHRI joining the FHSS and/or the Law and Society Association, as requested I have set out below our options for FHSS Membership.

Note that the premise of the original proposition on CAHRI joining the FHSS was primarily to take advantage of the annual FHSS CONGRESS setting within which we could hold our annual CAHRI meetings, removing the need for/burden on a rotating member host. Given that the FHSS has since cancelled CONGRESS 2026, and the future of CONGRESS is now under discussion, this now may be a less attractive option than it was when originally considered.

FHSS makes quarterly decisions on membership applications. Two types of membership options would be available to CAHRI: as a ‘small association’ or as an ‘affiliate’.

FHSS SMALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

* Excludes institutions; open to organizations of 1-224 members.
* Organizational membership must be open to individuals with no restrictions save for academic qualifications.
* A majority of the organization’s members must be engaged in teaching or research.
* The organization must have a program of activities.
* The organization must have a member-approved constitution or non-profit status letters patent.
* The organization must be able to supply information on its Officers/Board Members, constitution, membership information based on categories of members, its last meeting agenda, and its not-for-profit status/business number/s (if applicable).
* The membership fee is based on $13.72 per member/$4.04 per student member. A minimum annual membership fee of $350.00 applies.

FHSS AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

* Includes only those organizations not otherwise eligible for FHSS Membership as an institution or scholarly association.
* The organization must have a program of activities.
* The organization must be able to supply information on its objectives/purpose, its formal structure, a list of its current Officers/Board Members and their contact details, its constitution or charter or letters patent/evidence of non-profit status (if applicable), a copy of its last Annual Report.
* The annual membership fee is $420.00.