

## **Land Acknowledgement Statements**

APALA's Board of Directors will be reading a Land Acknowledgement Statement at the beginning of every Board and General meeting going forward. The Statement acknowledges that, as residents of Atlantic Canada, we are standing and living on land that was taken from first nations. One of the statements below will be read at each meeting, in rotation.

*It is important that we acknowledge Acadia University is located in Mi'kma'ki, homeland of the Mi'kmaq. We acknowledge the Treaties of Peace and Friendship and we thank the Mi'kmaw people for their generosity in sharing their homeland with us.*

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*We would like to start with a land acknowledgement. Please place your feet on the ground and breathe the air at your location. We recognize that we are gathering today on lands of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people and their governments. We acknowledge that our work takes place on the traditional Indigenous territory of the Mi'kmaq and Membertou. We acknowledge that Nova Scotia is home to First Nation, Metis and Inuit people from many territories and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work with them.*

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*I/we would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. We are all Treaty people.*

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*We respectfully acknowledge the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador, of which the City of St. John's is the capital city, as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk. Today, these lands are home to a diverse population of indigenous and other peoples. We would also like to acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Mi'kmaq, Innu, Inuit, and Southern Inuit of this Province*

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*APALA and its representatives in PEI acknowledge that the land on which it operates is the traditional unceded territory of the L'nu/Mi'kmaq. We as a professional body respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the L'nu/Mi'kmaq people who have lived on Epekwitk for over 15,000 years and that of other Indigenous people who have migrated here from all across Turtle Island.*