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The National Council of Canada recently held a board meeting with the newly installed members. One of the topics discussed was on governance, risk management, and the need for all conferences to have adequate insurance in place.

The President and the Treasurer of the National Council of Canada for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, are jointly reaching out to you to ensure that all conferences, councils and Special Works, that report to your office, have the necessary insurance coverage for their members.

As reflected in the Rule and Statutes, under the section “Insurance Coverage”, we can read:

*The Society has a legal and ethical obligation to protect its members while they are involved in mission activities on behalf of the Society in Canada. Conferences, councils and special works, at all levels, should take steps to purchase general liability insurance for all their members and staff. The risks covered should include all those specified by the National Council. Insurance coverage must be renewed as long as the need for it exists.*

As part of your financial planning, the first question is “Do you have general liability insurance?” If not, please work with your respective superior council and plans to obtain coverage. If you have an existing insurance coverage, when was the last time you have reviewed it? Do you have sufficient coverage? In today’s world, coverage limits in the \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 are now common.

We ask that you confirm with your members once again that Insurance coverage is in place and notify the National Office that this has been done.

Thank you for attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely

Claude Bedard  
President

on behalf of  
David O'Connor  
Treasurer