



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia?

The Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia (RANS), is a non-profit association that seeks to promote the food and beverage industry and impact the operating environment of the industry in a positive way. Through government advocacy, marketing, promotion, partnerships, education and outreach, RANS has successfully represented the food and beverage sector since 1947.

2. How do you become a member of RANS?

Becoming a member is simple! Any interested restaurant, supplier or organization associated with the food and beverage industry can log onto our website, www.rans.ca, and click on the “Membership” tab. From there you will be given information on all of the benefits in becoming a member, as well as an application form to fill out.

3. Is it mandatory to be a member of RANS?

No, becoming a member is not mandatory but highly recommended. RANS works for the betterment of the industry as a whole, not just its members. Any benefits RANS offers, such as insurance rates, are strictly for members.

4. How is RANS structured?

The Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia has a typical non-profit structure. RANS is headed by an Executive Committee comprised of five members, with overall governance run by office staff comprised of an Executive Director, Communications Coordinator and an Administrative Assistant. Both the Executive and Board are comprised of restaurant owners, managers, suppliers or others with an interest in the food and beverage industry.

5. What are the benefits of being a member of RANS?

There are many benefits to being a member of RANS including government lobbying, partnerships and advertising. RANS provides its members with a number of outstanding benefits including: two monthly newsletters one called *Bite*, containing industry information, government lobbying, advocacy and education presentations to keep all members up-to-date on the advancement in the industry as well as *The Spread* which goes out to consumers to keep them informed on restaurant openings, specials, recipes and events. RANS also provides preferential credit and debit card

processing rates through Chase Paymentech, preferential rates for business, home, auto and health insurance as well as many more benefits. For a complete list of membership benefits please contact our office.

6. Does RANS organize any events? If so, what are they?

Yes! RANS runs a number of events including an Annual Golf Tournament, an Annual General Meeting with an Awards Dinner and various social events for their members throughout the year. We also proudly present the Savour food & wine Festival each year which incorporates three smaller events and one large show: Decadence: Chocolate, Wine and Cheese, Rare and Fine Wine, the Dine Around program and the star of the show, the Savour Food and Wine Festival. For more information, visit www.savourfoodandwine.com.

7. Where can I find out more information about RANS?

For any questions or more information, please visit www.rans.ca, or call Ashley Coffin, Communications Coordinator at (902) 429-5343.