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OCA Newsletter

September 2016



President's Message

Dear OCA Members,

Summer passed all too quickly and what a great summer it was!!

With fall approaching there are so many things happening that are new and exciting for the Association.

All summer long the Standards Review Chair, Rob Crew, OCA Members and office staff have been working on the Year-round Standards. The momentum to draft Year-round Standards came from Members over a year ago asking to have this tool to assist them with renters and school groups that attend their camps throughout the year. Early in 2012 suggested changes were received by the OCA Board asking that the existing summer Guidelines be revised to include non-summer programming. After much discussion between the Standards and Standards Revisions Committees, a Year-round Standards Committee was struck in the fall of 2014. Committee Members included Miles Villneff, Camp Onondaga, Leon and Max Muszynski, Camp Arowhon, Rick Jarvis, YMCA/YWCA Ottawa, Brandon McClounie YMCA GTA, David Ehrlick, Toronto District School Board, Sari Grossinger and Ehren Gluckstein, Camp Robin Hood, Eric Shendelman, OCA's Standards Chair, Rob Crew, OCA's Standards Review Chair, Craig Perlmutter, Camp Tamakwa, Bev Unger, Health Care Committee Chair and OCA staff. At the end of August this year, the drafts were ready to be sent to the Board.

The Board will review the drafts on September 28th. Following the Board Meeting, the process to complete the Year-round Standards will be as follows:

1. Draft Year-round Standards will be emailed to Members for their review

2. October 13th - Members are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting at the Don Mills/Lawrence Library from 2:00-4:00 pm. At that time the changes will be discussed in detail and Members will have the opportunity to provide their suggested additions or changes to the Committee
3. Revisions to the draft Year-round Standards will be made following the Town Hall Meeting and provided for review to the Board at the October 25th meeting
4. November - a webinar will be scheduled for Members to review and discuss the revised draft
5. The draft will be reviewed by OCA's legal council and the Board and then posted online with the Annual General Meeting Materials at the end of November
6. Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - the draft Year-round Standards will be presented at the Annual General Meeting

The 2017 Annual Conference Committee has also been working over the summer and is now completing their list of topics and speakers. If you have a great topic and/or speaker, please contact Heather at heather@ontariocamps.ca.

Award Nomination Forms were sent to your attention in July along with your Membership Renewal information. The deadline for submitting a nomination form is Friday October 14, 2016. Please take the time to recognize someone you know for their work and support for the camping industry. [Click here](#) to download the 2016 Awards information.

OCA election information will be sent to your attention at the end of September. This year there are six (6) vacant positions that are open for the election. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member and standing for election, the following positions are open for election: President (1 position), Vice President (1 position), and Director (4 positions). I encourage you to get involved with this vibrant community.

More information regarding the elections and the Year-round Standards will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Adam Kronick

OCA Office

The OCA office is pleased to announce that Conrad Racicot has joined the Ontario Camps Association's staff team as the Communications/Events Coordinator, which is a full-time position.

Conrad volunteered at three OCA Conferences while he was attending Niagara College. He has worked at YMCA camps and as a Camp Director for Carnival Cruise Line. Conrad is also highly proficient in all Microsoft Office software, Final Cut Pro and iMovie, WordPress and Social Media.

It is wonderful to have Conrad in the office. Please join us in welcoming Conrad to the OCA. Conrad's email is conrad@ontariocamps.ca or you may reach him by phone.

Sincerely,
Heather

Important Dates

- i. 2016 Standards Visits - Camps will be contacted by the OCA office regarding the outcome of their Visit by the end of November at the latest.
- ii. 2016-17 Membership Renewal is due by September 30th. To renew your Membership, [click here](#). As of October 1st late charges will apply.
- iii. Exhibit Hall Early Bird registration ends September 30th. To register, [click here](#). Regular rates begin October 1st.

Important Dates - cont'd

- v. Awards Nomination Deadline - October 14, 2016
- vi. Election Nomination Deadline - October 28, 2016
- vii. Webinar - Year-round Standards Review & Discussion - November 9, 2016
- viii. Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - Vaughan Estates - 3:00pm
- ix. Awards Dinner - Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Vaughan Estates - 5:30 pm
- x. 2017 Annual Conference
January 25, 26 and 27, 2017
Hilton Hotel - Markham Suites
- xi. 2017 Exhibit Hall - January 26, 2017
Hilton Hotel - Markham Suites - 1:30-6:30 pm
- xii. Health Care Conference - May 2017
Bayview Glen School - TBA
- xiii. Counsellor Conference - Saturday, May 27, 3:00 pm to Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 4:00 pm
Seneca College King Campus

- iv. Town Hall Meeting - Year-round Standards
Discussion - Don Mills/Lawrence Library
Thursday, October 13th from 2:00-4:00 pm



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