



## OCA Newsletter January 2017



### President's Message

Dear OCA Members,

Happy New Year to you all. January brings a new year that is fresh with new ideas, hopes and challenges. January is also a time of change for the OCA in 2017. It is with mixed emotions that I write my final newsletter message.

The last four years have been educational, challenging, and so rewarding. I will truly miss the collegiality and support of our entire membership. While I won't be going far, I am beyond thrilled to have Eric Shendelman succeeding me in the President's role. He brings a lifetime of experience and a passion for our industry that is hard to beat. I also leave with Heather Heagle continuing to lead our Association in new and innovative ways that will help us continue to remain relevant and progressive.

I want to thank Jen Gilbert, Elana Davis and Rob Crew, our incredible Board of Directors, all of our Committee Chairs, Committee Members, and all of our Members and supporters. Working together we will continue to thrive as a vibrant Association. Camping is so important to our youth and the world. Keep up the great work!

Thanks for absolutely everything. Please come to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, January 17th at 3:30 pm, for a longer thank you and to hear about where we are and where we want to be in the future.

Sincerely,  
Adam Kronick

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## **2017 - 2018**

### **OCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**On Tuesday, January 17, 2017 The Ontario Camps Association (OCA) held their 83rd Annual General Meeting (AGM). Elections were held online and at the AGM for six Board Positions. Your new 2017-18 Board Members include the following people:**

**Eric Shendelman, President  
Jonathan Nyquist, Vice President  
Rob Carmichael, Vice President  
Leon Muszynski, Secretary/Treasurer  
Christina Bonner, Director  
Jeff Brown, Director  
Mark Diamond, Director  
Julie Gallie, Director  
Karen Hartnett, Director  
Brandon McClounie, Director  
Kelly Mathews, Director  
Mike Stewart, Director**

### **Three Motions Approved Included:**

- 1. To appoint Sam Marinucci, Hogg, Shain & Scheck LLP as OCA's Auditors for 2017.**
- 2. To receive the approved 2015-16 OCA Audited Financial Statements as presented.**
- 3. To confirm the amendments to the OCA Standards and to accept the Year-round Standards format as presented.**

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## Special Needs Resource Committee - Grant News

### Did you know that 1 in 7 people in Ontario have a disability?

Every camp - regardless of size or specialty - has obligations to comply with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (also known as AODA). It's the law!

The OCA office, Special Needs Resource Committee, and Accessibility Ontario are excited to share that we are jointly applying for an *Enabling Change Program* grant from the Government of Ontario in order to provide more comprehensive AODA education and professional development for ALL camps.

To read more [click here](#).

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## Melanoma Network

### Why Having a Sun Safety Standard at Camp is so Important!

Skin cancers, including the more deadly melanoma, are the most common cancers in the world, yet one of the most preventable.

The primary cause of skin cancer is over exposure to ultra violet (UV) radiation from the sun or artificial tanning sources such as tanning beds. For youth, while tanning beds are difficult to access because of age restrictions, the reality is there is still significant outdoor UV exposure. Melanoma is still one of the most common cancers for young people ages 15-29.

Canadian Cancer Society's Advisory Committee on Cancer Statistics. *Canadian Cancer Statistics 2016*. Toronto, ON: Canadian Cancer Society; 2016. Available at: <https://goo.gl/q7m9tB> Accessed on Nov. 18, 2016.

To read more [click here](#).

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## Important Dates

- i. Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - Vaughan Estates - 3:30pm
- ii. Awards Dinner - Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - **Sold out**
- iii. 2017 Annual Conference - January 25, 26 and 27, 2017 - Hilton Hotel - Markham Suites
- iv. 2017 Exhibit Hall - January 26, 2017 - Hilton Hotel - Markham Suites - 1:30-6:30 pm
- v. Health Care Conference - May 2017 - Bayview Glen Upper School
- vi. Counsellor Conference - Saturday, May 27, 3:00 pm to Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 4:00 pm  
- Seneca College King Campus



## Join us in Welcoming the following New Preferred Vendors

1. 829 Studios - Peter Ross  
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2. ALPHA MARKETING – Ray Jung  
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W: [alphamarketing.ca](http://alphamarketing.ca)
3. Alpine Economy – Dave Hierons  
E: [ecchem@xplornet.ca](mailto:ecchem@xplornet.ca)
4. Boreal River – Dorothy  
E: [info@borealriver.com](mailto:info@borealriver.com)  
W: [borealriver.com](http://borealriver.com)
5. Camp Counselors Canada by CCUSA - Robert Hudson  
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W: [ccusa.com](http://ccusa.com)
6. canaPHEM – Robbie Ichelson  
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8. Fundles Packages - Suzanne
12. How Cool is That – Reuven Tzalmona  
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13. Jumping Clay Canada – Jin Ha  
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14. Mike Last Photo - Mike Last  
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15. Mosquito.Buzz – Dave Webb  
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16. mylabelfactory.com – Kenneth Kim  
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17. Ottawa Scout Shop - Georges Seguin  
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18. Redpath Apparel - Melissa Grosser-Granite  
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19. Regpack – Edgar  
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20.The Gear Lab - Devon MacPherson

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21. Your Bottom Line QuickBooks Inc. - Emelie Geddes

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22. Zomaron Merchant Services - Scott Schlusser

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Make sure to visit FlagHouse at the OCA 2017 Conference Exhibit Hall on January 26th at the Hilton Toronto-Markham Suites for great activity ideas!

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