



THE BENEFITS OF JOINING OCA'S MEMBERSHIP

1. The Provincial Voice: Members help shape and support our key mandate to put Ontario's co-operatives on a level playing field with other types of businesses, and to increase the public and provincial government's understanding of the benefits of co-operative ownership - and what social, environmental and economic impacts we are making.

- Joining and lending your voice, skills and experience to our Government Relations or Regulatory Affairs committee(s)
- Participating in our annual Queen's Park strategic Lobby Day and Reception
- Helping us share your co-operative's story by being profiled in our e-Newsletters, our website and through other communications
- Participating in opportunities to influence and support our co-operative research studies through consultations and task forces

2. Specialist Support: Members gain access to *all* of our online information and advice.

- Gaining special access to resources to help you operate your co-operative
- Getting first notice of our training webinars and events, often offered at a discounted Members' rate, through our Members-only newsletters
- Discounts on advice and consulting services

3. A Unique Network: Members become part of a unique network of like-minded co-operative businesses that you can connect with, learn from, and do business with. It is important to keep in mind that OCA is a non-share capital co-operative that exists to serve its members. In doing so, we support the co-operative sector as a whole. We rely on our membership to provide us with direction on how we

can best serve their needs. With their contribution to the board, committees, task groups and sector consultations, we are continually evolving and strive to offer services that are current, relevant and impactful to the co-operative sector in Ontario.

- Joining our board, where you can contribute to the shaping the priorities and strategic direction of OCA
- Joining one of our committees or task forces, where you can contribute to one (or more) of our key areas of programming
- Participating in sector consultations that affect our Government Relations and Regulations asks
- Getting first notice of major events that offer unique learning and networking opportunities, and (often) receiving a discount on event registration fees