



OCA MEMBER BENEFITS

WE WILL BE YOUR CONNECTORS

We facilitate opportunities for interaction and collaboration with other co-operatives and credit unions to expand business opportunities and address societal and economic challenges. We also facilitate connections at Queen's Park through legislative consultations with Ontario's Co-operative Caucus of 25 MPPs.

WE WILL BE YOUR EDUCATORS

We provide education on co-operatives and credit unions to the general public, youth and even within our own sector, to draw new members and "customers" to the co-operative movement. Our programs include training and webinars, Co-operative Young Leaders, Co-operative Minds and On Board for new employees, Directors and members and volunteers.

WE WILL BE YOUR PROMOTERS

We actively promote the products and services of our members to the sector. We champion the co-operatives principles and help our members fulfill their own goals through a co-operative lens.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Member-Owners provide input into the strategic direction of the organization, make and pass resolutions at members' meetings, and vote on and discuss the business of the Association. They elect representatives to the Board and may submit candidates to run for OCA's Board. We encourage you to be engaged in areas that are relevant and impactful to you, as well as where you can lend expertise to help strengthen the movement.

Other Benefits

- Engage in surveys and consultations that shape our strategic plan
- Involvement in one of our committees
- Advanced notice/news of OCA programs, products, services and events
- Organizational profile on our website
- Detailed e-Directory listing/map
- Special social media promotion for service providers
- Percentage discount on OCA programs, products, services and events

OCA Programs, Products, Service & Events

Co-operative Young Leaders

CYL is a unique summer camp experience for youth ages 14-18. This series of week-long programming brings young people together from all across Ontario to learn about and practice the co-operative principles, communication, and leadership through games, team building and community projects.

Digital Resources

Our digital resources include paid and free downloads that will provide easy to digest information on all your co-op needs. Topics include the Guide to the Ontario Co-operative Corporations Act, board governance, effective meetings, member rights, starting a co-op and more.

ON Board

A two-hour facilitated workshop experience (including access to an interactive map and networking with other co-ops) led by award-winning educators to introduce you, your staff, class or team to our incredible co-operative sector - and inspire a new generation of engaged employees, citizens & co-op champions!

Co-operative Minds

Co-operative Minds was created to provide educators with a tool to inspire and engage students through experiential learning across Ontario, by giving them the opportunity to solve a real problem for a co-operative business in their community.

Co-op Questions (411 & 911 inquiries)

Our staff can provide solutions, referrals and connections to resources that can assist you. You can also make an appointment to speak with our co-op development staff to work through your idea or issue and get answers to detailed questions that can help you plan out your next steps.

Training and Workshops

OCA presents informative and engaging workshops and sessions for groups of all sizes on topics ranging from co-ops 101, board training, strategic planning, facilitation, and beyond. We will tailor the workshop or experience to the needs of your co-op.

Event Planning and Consultation

Whether you need full conference support and logistics, Virtual AGM planning or simply advice on how to run a meeting, our experienced team can help.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is a great place to learn more about what we are working on as well as network with other AGM co-ops from many different sectors. We also strive to provide a professional development component at our AGM each year.

Workshops and Webinars

Periodically through the year, we host in-person workshops and webinars on a variety of topics that are important to our membership. Topics may include Advocacy Tools, Governance, Co-ops 101, etc.