

Special President's Message

November 7, 2023

OPC Governance Review

I am writing to you on behalf of the OPC Governance Committee to update you on the review that we are undertaking of our governance model. Periodic reviews of governance practices are essential to evaluate how optimal the governance structure is in serving the goals of the organization. While routine governance reviews are important, the timing of this review is also driven by new provincial legislation, *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)*, which mandates our compliance by October 2024.

Following a competitive selection process, we have hired a third-party firm, LBCG Consulting For Impact, to assist us with this project. Their associate, Norah Marsh, will be supporting us in exploring various models to determine what will best serve the OPC in the years to come, since we have developed organically in the 25 years since our inception. The implementation of ONCA at this point in our organization's history is an ideal time to evaluate our current model, alongside other possibilities.

We will be seeking input from Provincial Council and our Executive as we work our way through this process, and will communicate with Members as we reach specific milestones. Currently, we wanted to make sure you were aware of the review, understand why we are conducting it and have the opportunity to submit any questions you may have through this [form](#). The questions will be used to develop a Q&A document that will be available on the Members' section of our website.

After the consultation phase, we will be presented with potential governance models. Councillors will review those models in February, 2024. As information becomes available, we will share it with you and let you know how you might provide feedback on the process, either directly to the OPC or through your local Councillor.