



2020 Event Summary

The **FOCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Spring Seminar** was held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Bayview Golf and Country Club in Thornhill. We had 125 people in attendance from 90 member lake associations, plus two dozen webinar participants.

Download copies of attendee materials:

[Event Agenda](#) (PDF, 216 kB)

[2019 FOCA Year in Review](#) (PDF, 2.3 MB)

Download and share the slide presentations from the day's sessions, including:

[Andrea Kirkwood – aquatic invaders slides](#) (PDF, 4.3 MB)

[Other Morning Session slides](#) (PDF 11.4 MB) - FOCA Year in Review & Strategic Priorities; AGM; Achievement Award presentations

[Shelley Arnott – over-salting slides](#) (PDF, 4.6 MB)

[Other Afternoon Session slides](#) (PDF 5.2 MB) - Celebrating the Lake Partner Program with special guests; Citizen Science/Lake Partner Program statistics; Associations in Action risk management tips.

Should we be concerned about salt?

- Ecological impacts in waterways
 - Loss of sensitive species, with small invertebrates most effected
- Loss of ecosystem services
 - Increased algal production
 - Drinking water

This event was recorded, and your registration fee (in-person or webinar) includes access to the videos. *An internet connection is required to view the videos.*

Registrants have already been sent the video links in the email cover letter accompanying this summary.

Didn't receive the links, or missed the event but still want to watch the videos? [Get details here.](#)



For key highlights from the day's events: see the next pages

FOCA 2020 AGM & Spring Seminar – Event Highlights

FOCA's Executive Director presented the **2019 Year in Review and Strategic Priorities** session (see “Other Morning Session slides” above), outlining the work FOCA has been doing on behalf of our member associations, as well as emerging and new issues. **FOCA's strategic priorities for 2020 are:**

-  **Strengthening Lake Associations**
-  **Effective Government Relations**
-  **Science into Action**
-  **Bridging Gaps in our Rural Communities**

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Particularly active files and policy issues include:

- > Electricity pricing: <https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>
- > Flooding / high water: <https://foca.on.ca/high-water-flood-events-in-cottage-country/>
- > Conservation Authorities: <https://foca.on.ca/conservation-authorities-act-under-review/>
- > Property Tax Re-Assessment: <https://foca.on.ca/focas-property-tax-position-overview/>
- > Bill 132: <https://foca.on.ca/bill-132-better-for-people-smarter-for-business-act-2019/>

Important FOCA programs include:

- > Cottage succession: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/>
- > Risk management for associations: <https://foca.on.ca/insurance-risk-management/> *
- > Lake Partner water monitoring: <https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-overview/>
- > Aquatic invasive species program (2020 program details to be determined)
- > Microplastic and Ontario's lakes (2020 program details to be determined)

Please use and share FOCA resources, including:

- > videos posted to YouTube about Asian carp prevention, septic systems, lake associations in action, and more: <https://www.youtube.com/FOCAprograms/videos>
- > FOCA's reports about septic re-inspection programs, citizen science, the economic potential of waterfront property owners, & more: <https://foca.on.ca/news/publications/>
- > rural road resources for association members: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-roads/>

Developments are posted continuously to **FOCA's webpages**: <https://foca.on.ca/>

Ensure you are subscribed to the [FOCA Alert \(e-news\) list](#), to receive regular email updates.

* The following handouts are related to the afternoon presentation about risk management:

“Lake Associations in Action: How to do good things and stay out of trouble”

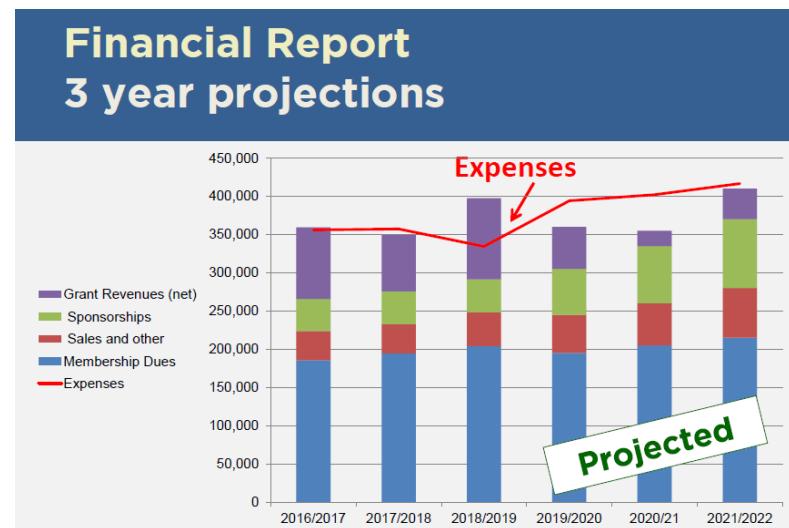
- [Alcohol at Association Events](#)
- [Liability Waivers](#)
- [Water Hazard Markers](#)
- [Volunteer Accident Compensation Coverage](#)

FOCA Membership Fees: An Update

As part of the Annual General Meeting of members, FOCA's Treasurer, Daryle Moffatt, presented **3-year projections for FOCA's budget**. In summary, the budget proposes:

- a modest increase in Association membership dues
- a modest increase in Individual Supporters, event revenues, and other sales revenues
- a modest increase in private sector (corporate sponsor) contributions
- anticipated flat or declining public sector (government grant) revenues.

FOCA's expense projections include additional staff capacity, in the form of a part-time General Manager hired in early 2020 to facilitate organizational operations in support of FOCA's advocacy, communications, and member support services.



The FOCA 2020 Annual General Meeting included **approval by voting members to raise the FOCA Membership Fees**, as recommended by the FOCA Board of Directors in the [Official Notice of Meeting](#) that was circulated to all member associations in early February 2020.

The motion that was carried on March 7, 2020 read: ***Effective renewals starting in March 2021, an increase of \$0.50 in the per member fee (to \$4.00 per member)***. The base fee for Associations remains at \$125; only the per member fee changes. Here is a chart showing how this will impact Associations of various example sizes:

Size of Association (# of Members)	2019 fees paid	Proposed 2021 fees	Annual \$ Increase
25	\$212.50	\$225.00	\$12.50
50	\$300.00	\$325.00	\$25.00
150	\$650.00	\$725.00	\$75.00
300	\$1,175.00	\$1,325.00	\$150.00
500	\$1,875.00	\$2,125.00	\$250.00

The actual increase will depend on the number of members reported at the time of each association's regular renewal, starting with renewals in March 2021 onward.

[Contact FOCA](#) for **benchmark information about lake Association fee ranges** (*is it time to consider increasing your own fees?*), or other materials to help explain this to your members. We recommend you provide your members with the current [FOCA Member Benefits](#) overview, which includes offers and discounts available to them, and the access codes required for each.

The **2019 Achievement Award** was presented to
the **Farlain Lake Community Association**:



And two Honourable Mentions were celebrated:
Scugog Lake Stewards **Friends of Oak Lake**



See more about these fellow lake associations, in "Other Morning Session Slides" (link, page 1).

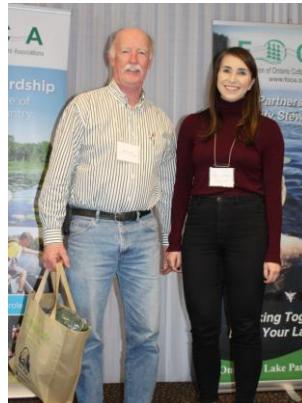
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