

FOCA Membership Fees: An Update for Members (May 2020)

The FOCA 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) included a **vote by members to approve an increase in the FOCA Membership Fees**, as recommended by the FOCA Board of Directors in the Official [Notice of Meeting](#) that circulated to all member Associations in February 2020.

The motion that was carried at the FOCA AGM 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 remains at **\$125**; only the per member fee changes (an increase of **\$0.50 per member**). The chart shows examples of how this will impact Associations of various 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 fee increase will depend on the number of members reported at the time of each association's regular renewal, starting with renewals in March 2021.

About FOCA Association Membership:

FOCA Association Members are groups that represent lakes or roads, and who have paying members. Association benefits include tools and resources, a vote at the FOCA AGM and access to the FOCA member rate on Commercial General Liability and Directors & Officers Insurance. Your Association members can access all FOCA's membership benefits, including the boat and cottage insurance program CottageFirst, and all other offers listed on our [Benefits](#) webpage. Find additional information about membership, online:

<https://foca.on.ca/member-services/association-members/>

Benchmark FOCA Association Fees Information:

At the FOCA 2020 AGM, members asked for information about what fellow lake associations are charging for annual fees, to support possible discussions this year at their own association meeting. FOCA committed to provide the following information to our members, compiled from a previous (2013) member survey:

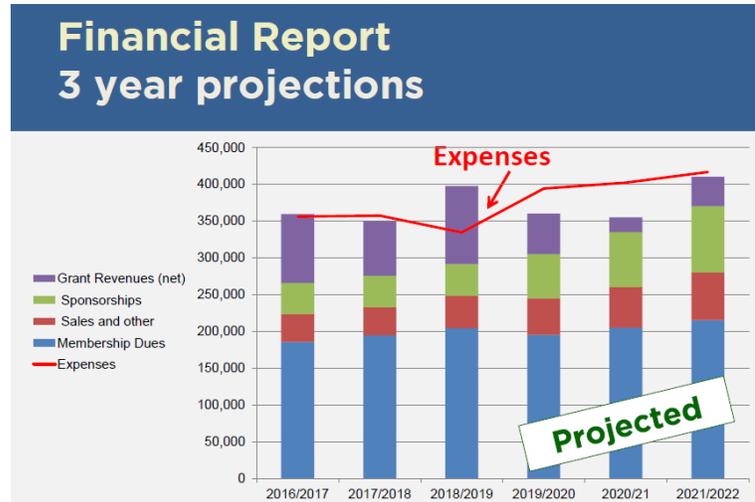


[FOCA Association Fees Benchmarking](#) (download PDF)

Additional information:

As part of the **Annual General Meeting of members held on March 7, 2020**, FOCA's Treasurer presented **3-year FOCA budget projections**. In summary, the budget proposes:

- a modest increase in Association membership dues
- a modest increase in Individual Supporters, event 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.

Also at the 2020 AGM & Spring Seminar, FOCA's Executive Director presented a **Year in Review and Strategic Priorities** session, outlining FOCA's recent work on behalf of our member associations, and highlighting emerging issues. (see slides link, below)

Particularly active files and policy issues in early 2020 have included:

- > Pandemic impacts: <https://foca.on.ca/covid-19-update-from-foca/>
- > Electricity pricing: <https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>
- > Flooding/high water: <https://foca.on.ca/high-water-flood-events-in-cottage-country/>
- > Responsible Cottage Rental: <https://foca.on.ca/responsible-cottage-rental/>
- > 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/>
- > rural road resources for association members: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-roads/>

Important FOCA programs include:

- > Lake Partner water monitoring: <https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-overview/>
- > Cottage succession: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/>
- > Risk management for associations: <https://foca.on.ca/insurance-risk-management/>
- > Aquatic invasive species program (2020 program details in progress)

Review all the AGM and Year in Review slides, here:

[2020 AGM & Morning Session slides](#) (download PDF 11.4 MB)

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