What a busy and exciting fall our Membership Education and Events Team has in store for all of our members!

Workshops and provincial sessions are planned across the province on various topics, so be sure and check out the education calendar on the ONA website at www.ona.org/education and enroll in a workshop in your area. Or why not update your skills by logging onto the eLearning platform and completing one of the 21 courses that are available online and on your time!

Highlights for the fall workshops include a Treasurers’ webinar on bank reconciliations, Making it Count series sessions, and teleconnects on many areas of importance to you as professionals and union members. Check them all out!

I am just returning from a hugely successful Leadership Summit and Activist Camp, where ONA members connected and got loud with each other, our Board of Directors and staff. It was inspiring to see how energized they were as they worked throughout the week to expand their skill set (see pg. 3 for details).

Not only did the participants fuel their minds, but also their spirits by taking part in a “build a bear” community engagement activity. We built 125 bears, giving them love and strength, which were divided into the five regions for delivery to hospitals with children’s programs or units. As I’m sure the participants will agree, it felt so good to give back.

What a great week we had building connections (and bears!) and getting loud. Let’s keep it up!
available to members this fall. The remaining Negotiations eLearning programs are slated to be revised over the next few months.

Just a friendly reminder that if you have workshops scheduled this fall, please ensure we receive your registration forms at least three weeks in advance of the workshop. Using the weekly workshop reports will assist, as they show the workshops coming up for the Locals.

The region will be holding a Legal Expense Assistance Plan (LEAP) Workshop and an Internal Responsibility System Workshop in October; log onto the education calendar at www.ona.org/education for times and locations.

Region 4

A couple of workshops were held in the region over the summer, but with the start of September, the workshop schedule is very robust! Don’t forget to register for the workshops in your area.

There has been a lot of interest in having a few one-hour Professional Responsibility lecturettes over the lunch hour in your Bargaining Units. This is a great way to introduce front-line members to the professional practice process and to start a dialogue on their issues. Just remember that we need the employer to consent to ONA using a meeting room for these lecturettes, and at least three ONA members must commit to attending.

We have had an influx of nursing students wanting to come to our workshops. This is fantastic news and an amazing opportunity to mentor upcoming front-line members on the union advantage. Please remember that any nursing student affiliated with a nursing school that is a Canadian Nursing Students’ Association (CNSA) member is welcome to attend.

Region 5

The fall will be a busy one in Region 5 with the following workshops available:
- How to be the Best Bargaining Unit President.
- Preparing Your Team for Negotiations.
- It’s More than Social Media (lecturette).
- RN/RPN Scope of Practice.

Check out the education calendar at www.ona.org/education for locations and dates.

ONA 2017 Biennial Convention Coming Soon

The ONA 2017 Biennial Convention is just around the corner!

The convention will be held at the Westin Harbour Castle in downtown Toronto from December 5 - 7. The week kicks off on December 4 with an exciting and engaging Human Rights and Equity Caucus on the topic, We Need to Talk: the Reality of Stereotyping, followed by “Biennial 101” – an informative hour detailing what to expect from the convention and how Bourinot’s Rules of Order will ensure efficiency in the meeting. This is a not-to-be-missed session!

Also at this Biennial we will be celebrating the kickoff of ONA’s 45th year at a sapphire anniversary inspired celebration dinner on December 6. We have very special guests helping us get the party started – the Jim Cuddy Band will be getting loud with us! Jim Cuddy is a member of Blue Rodeo, so it promises to be a fun-filled evening!

A half-day informative education session on two areas of great interest to our members will wrap up the week on December 8: Beyond ONA: Critical Cases and Topical Trends, followed by Truth or Consequences: Workplace Investigations are NO Game.

Registration opens the week of October 16th; please visit our website at www.ona.org for details.
That’s a Wrap: Leadership Summit and Activist Camp Huge Success!

EIGHTY-THREE ONA MEMBERS participated in the 2017 Leadership Summit and Activist Camp in Grand Bend from September 18 - 22 under the umbrella theme of “Get Loud!”

The leaders were divided into three streams based on experience level – Novice, Advanced and Activist – and spent three days working and learning together.

During the Friday closing plenary, each stream gave a report back on what they learned over the course of the week, what they will take back to their Bargaining Units, and how that work will positively impact their Bargaining Units. WOW! Three incredibly impactful presentations that emphasized our members “getting loud” to effect change! What an awesome week!

Watch for information about the 2018 Leadership Summit and Activist Camp application process, which will be announced at the Joint Sector Meeting next March. We hope to see you there!
COMING TO AN ACC NEAR YOU...

Your education prime will be attending your Area Coordinators Conferences (ACC) this fall to fill you in on how best to plan education for 2018 in your Bargaining Unit and Local.

Be sure and ask any questions you have so you can jump into planning once the Local Education Plan documents are issued at the beginning of the new year.