



April 2005 News Bulletin

Membership Renewals 2005/2006

Membership renewal forms for 2005/2006 have been sent out. We would like to remind you to include an updated list of board members, as well as any changes to the staff or contact person listed. Please remember to include your web address.

If your organization has recently expanded its area of operation and you would like those changes reflected on the OLTA Member Map on our website, please include a drawing or map representing the adjustment you wish us to make when you return your membership renewal form. We will change the website map immediately after June 30th, 2005.

OLTA Website Changes

The OLTA website corkboard will be removed shortly. The corkboard was originally incorporated into the site for our member groups to display useful current information for other members and interested parties visiting our site. If there is an alternative format you feel would be more useful, please let us know.

Did you make it to the Regional Workshops in Kingston last week? If you didn't ...there is hope!

The workshops will be held again at the following locations:

Regional Workshop – Barrie, Ontario – April 30th, 2005.

The second of three regionals will be held shortly at the Kempenfelt Centre in Barrie, Ontario. This year the program includes Land Monitoring & Stewardship and Branding Your Non-Profit. All registrants attending the Land Monitoring & Stewardship workshop will receive a copy of the NEW OLTA Manual on Land Stewardship! Registration forms are available on the OLTA website or email the office with your information and we will complete the registration for you.

Regional Workshop – Guelph, Ontario – May 14th, 2005.

The third and final workshop will be held at the Ramada Inn in Guelph. The same workshops will be available.

Focus Groups Completed

Gord Ball and John Lister will be meeting with the OLTA Board on April 29th to review the results of the Focus Group meetings held last month in Guelph, Barrie and Kingston.

They would like to thank the 26 members, who represented 16 land trusts, for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend these meetings. Three additional groups sent written reports to Gord.

Standards and Practices Review

Last month we told you that representatives from across Canada were meeting in Kelowna, B.C. to discuss the concept of developing a set of National Standards and Practices. The delegates showed a strong interest on further development and discussions towards implementing Canadian Standards and Practices, which would meet the needs of land trusts from coast to coast.

The coalition has made some alterations and modifications to the draft and is currently working on the next edition.

If you have questions or require additional information on any of our newsletter topics, we are always pleased to hear from your. Don't forget this is YOUR NEWSLETTER – If you have a contribution to the next one, please contact the office.

In a continuing effort to improve the programs and member services, OLTA publishes and distributes, by e-mail, a monthly bulletin to all its members. Please contribute your newsworthy items to the monthly newsletter. The articles should be limited to a paragraph or two and include a contact number where OLTA members can get more information. All submission should be in our hands no later than the 20th of each month.

Please submit all articles to:
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