

“Across the Province”
An OBIA Advisory Council (OAC) Update
December 1, 2010
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The OAC met on November 13, 2010 in Toronto at the Miles Nadel Jewish Community Centre. At this OAC meeting, we again saw great representation from many local associations. The theme of today’s meeting was “Fundraising: The Most Bang for Your Buck.”

Ruth Wilcock provided an OBIA Executive Director’s report. Her report was distributed to each association with the OAC Meeting Minutes.

Tammy Falovo shared that the annual Peer Support Coordinator’s Meeting occurred on November 12, 2010 in Toronto. Nine participating associations attended this very productive meeting. One of the recommendations coming out of this meeting was the development of a Peer Mentoring Newsletter.

Following the OBIA updates, Steve Cino from Revenue Canada, Charities Division attended and presented to the group on fundraising. His presentation was thorough and provided great information on fundraising do’s and don’ts and proper charitable tax receipting. Materials were sent out following the meeting.

Following lunch, there was a roundtable discussion on fundraising. Each association was provided the opportunity to share what their association has done, or is doing, with regard to fundraising and fund development. In addition to sharing success stories, this discussion was also great opportunity for members to hear new ideas and bring these back to their organization for consideration. This particular discussion fit well with the intended purpose of 2010 OAC meetings, which is capacity building within brain injury associations.

The roundtable discussion was followed by Donna Thompson and Ruth Wilcock presenting framed OBIA affiliation certificates to 13 local community associations who have completed the affiliation standards process. Congrats to all!

Lastly, “Show and Tell” was incorporated into the meeting to allow each association to share their own news and/or events. This provided a great opportunity for the group to learn about what other associations are doing across the province. Reports included:

- ✓ BIA Ottawa recently received a Trillium Grant for their Step Up program; they also recently ran an awareness campaign on the city transit system
- ✓ BIA Windsor recently received a two year Trillium Grant to hire an Executive Director

The meeting was adjourned and the next OAC meeting was confirmed for Saturday, January 22, 2010. Location to TBD.