

## 2021 OOHNA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

2020 has been a challenging year, with OOHNA members on the front lines, and with the support of your association, rising to meet the challenges of COVID- 19. On behalf of the Ontario Occupational Health Nurses Association’s Board of Directors and staff, we want to thank you for your continued membership in the association.

OOHNA has been the professional non-profit organization for registered nurses, who provide occupational health care for Ontario's workers, since 1971.

### Our Mission

*To foster a climate of excellence, innovation, and partnership, enabling the membership to achieve positive workplace health, safety, and wellness objectives.*

COVID -19 has made this year a particularly challenging year for all of us; but it has also helped organizations recognize the value of having an occupational health nurse on their team. Your board of directors and the OOHNA office team has worked diligently to support you through these challenging times and we are proud to say that together we have accomplished a lot:

- Free resources, tools, and education to support members during COVID-19.
- Lobbying efforts to ensure the value of occupational health nursing is understood, including meeting with local MPPS, interviews with CTV and articles in local newspapers.
- Active representation on the WSIB Dermatitis Training committee
- Helping members and employers connect through our “Give Help”, “Get Help” feature included on our website and in our In the Know email blast
- *Keeping Workers Well 2020* – OOHNA’s first virtual conference attracted nurses from across Canada.
- The updated *Essentials of Occupational Health & Safety & Disability Management* course delivered on-line for the first time!
- Public Health and employers supported with free job postings.

Today’s OHN role is diverse; the OHN may work as a clinician, an educator, a consultant, or a case manager. Help us continue to strengthen and increase the public and political awareness of Occupational Health Nursing. With your continued commitment, we can accomplish many things in the coming year.

### Membership

We are pleased to announce that OOHNA’s membership rates for 2020 remain the same:

Regular Membership	\$ 226.00
Associate Membership	\$226.00
Retired Membership	\$56.50
Student Membership	FREE- with proof of full-time enrollment

To Join for 2021, please go OOHNA’s [Membership Page!](#)

For returning members please renew your OOHNA membership using your OOHNA [Member Portal](#). For individuals joining OOHNA for the first time in 2021, please go to OOHNA's [Membership Page](#)!

### **OOHNA Professional Liability Insurance (insurance)**

OOHNA continues to offer our members the option of purchasing professional liability insurance as a benefit of membership. However, as a result of COVID-19 our standard insurance premium, while still one of the most competitive in the marketplace, has increased slightly from last year. Please see attached information which outlines 2021 insurance rates.

#### **Important new changes to the insurance policy:**

As a result of the pandemic, insurance companies are adding a communicable disease exclusion to almost all of their plans, which means most policies will not insure against loss or damage, caused directly or indirectly by any "communicable disease". After having completed a market analysis we have confirmed that Aviva is one of a few insurance companies who will provide the option to buy-back the communicable disease. Please see the attached information sheet which outlines the cost for this additional coverage.

**We strongly encourage you to consider purchasing this additional coverage to ensure you are properly covered for any potential issues arising out of dealing with a communicable disease.**

#### **New insurance administration process:**

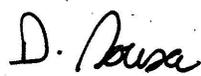
We are pleased to advise that the administration of the insurance this year has been simplified. Insurance can now be obtained through Willis Towers Watson's (WTW) online portal which will go live on December 1, 2020. Changes to the process include:

- A streamlined on-line administration process with no more paper application
- Payment is now made online using a credit card or a debit visa card (cheques will no longer be accepted)
- Insurance documents can immediately be easily accessed through the WTW portal as soon as payment has been made

We sincerely hope that you not only renew your membership but also actively encourage others to join our Association. This pandemic is creating new occupational health nursing opportunities. Let us work *together* to ensure new nurses to our specialty have the support and mentorship they need to become great occupational health nurses.

Thank you for your membership in the association. Your involvement is important and very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
RN, COHN(C)  
Executive Director, OOHNA