

Development of the OBC advocacy position (2020)



- On January 13, following its January Board of Directors meeting, members agreed to host one or two workshops to define a coherent advocacy position for the OBC. Through our various OBC social media channels, we asked for names and email addresses of people (any OBC member) interested in this topic so we could send a doodle poll to choose the best workshop date.
- On January 23 (ten days after), a doodle poll was sent for meeting date and time options to those who responded and sent their email addresses.
- Before holding the in-person workshop on February 18, on February 12, the invitation was extended to any OBC member who may not have sent their email addresses for the doodle poll, but was interested to participate.
- On February 18, the in-person workshop was held; drop-in participation was welcomed.
- On March 16, consultation was extended to all members via an electronic survey, using the initial workshop result as a framework.
- On April 6, the results of the electronic survey were presented to the Board of Directors, who approved its publication for sharing with members via the April Spokesperson.
- Via the May Spokesperson, we attempted to secure the names of volunteers whose names and emails were not captured by the electronic survey.
- Via the June Spokeperson, the advocacy position for the OBC, and the Board-approved action plan (approved May 4, 2020) is published. The advocacy position is also posted in other OBC social media channels (OBC Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram).
- A dedicated section in the OBC website has been set up to house key documents for advocacy activities, and share progress reports on the implementation of the advocacy action plan.