Revisions to the OFNC Constitution and By-Laws

This notice is to officially inform the members of The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club that the Constitution and By-laws of the club are going to be revised over the next year.

This review is necessitated by changes to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). Although the act was passed in 2010 it has not yet been proclaimed to make it come into force. There have been several delays but now it is looking like January 2014 is the target date. After that we have three years to modify our constitution and by-laws to conform to this new legislation or they will be deemed to have been modified.

Those of you who attended the Annual Business Meeting in January, 2013 have heard of this pending project. We are just in the early stages of determining the impact on our Club. However, it is certain that changes will be needed to conform to the ONCA. While we are reviewing our constitution and by-laws for the new legislation we will also consider any other changes needed to reflect the reality of today. The last time the constitution and by-laws of the Club were up-dated was February 2000.

Upcoming Meetings – The Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology Annual Meeting 2014

The Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) annual meeting to be held 3–7 January 2014 in Austin, Texas. Presenter registration deadline is 8 November 2013 and early fee deadline is 6 December 2013. More information is available at http://www.sicb .org/meetings/2014/.