



ONTARIO NATIVE
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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ONTARIO NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ONTARIO – During the 39th Annual General Assembly hosted recently in Sudbury, Ontario, the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) held elections for its new Board of Directors. The Board consists of 16 members; with each region in Ontario having 4 directors including 1 youth representative. The Board is lead by an Executive Committee and is also supported by a Grandmother's Council. ONWA is pleased to introduce its newly elected Board:

Executive Committee

President – Dawn Harvard (Baltimore)
Vice President – Connie Manitowabi (Sault Ste. Marie)
Treasurer – Wendy Sturgeon (Niagara Falls)
Secretary – Chantal Martin (Timmins)

Regional Directors

Eastern Region	Southern Region	Western Region	Northern Region
Roxy Bird (Y)	Gloria Alvernaz-Mulcahy	Claudia LeGarde	Sheena Harrison (Y)
Laura Day-Corbiere	Dawn Harvard	Roberta Wesley	Bertha Jacques
Connie Manitowabi	Regina Mandamin (Y)	Corinne Nabigon	Agnes Bachmann
Chantal Martin	Wendy Sturgeon	Syndyn Baxter (Y)	Georgette Murray

Additionally, ONWA has recognized Dorothy Wynne as Honourary Board member for over 30 years of supporting, educating and empowering Aboriginal women.

Following her acclamation, President Dawn Harvard said, "I am honoured and humbled to receive such support from our women. I have been taught by our grandmothers that when Anishnawbekwe regain our rightful place of honour and respect in our families, communities, and nations, only then will we able to gain the strength necessary to achieve a brighter future for our children and grandchildren. Our work to eliminate violence against Aboriginal women remains one of our absolute priorities."

The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) is a not for profit organization that empowers and supports Aboriginal women and their families in the province of Ontario.

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