

## December 2018

The Board and Staff of DCO would like to thank you for your support of our association and our members throughout the year, and send you best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.



### Thank You and Goodbye From Liz Fisk

The last few weeks have been both exciting and introspective. It is with great confidence that I say goodbye to so many great friends and work colleagues, knowing you will be well-served by your incoming Executive Director, Neta Gear. She has a wide breath of experience and expertise as well as an enthusiastic energy; Neta will focus on moving DCO forward through partnerships and innovation.

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## DCO Welcomes Incoming ED, Neta Gear

At the turn of the New Year, DCO says goodbye to long-time Executive Director, Elizabeth Fisk, and introduces our new ED, Neta Gear. Neta wishes to address her new colleagues and has passed on her welcome address...

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## Save the Date! DCO Winter Conference

The 2019 Winter Conference is in the works! Our conference theme is Loneliness or Solitude: The Twin Role of Technology, held in Kitchener, February 12 - 13. [Click here](#) for the conference flyer.



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## Appropriate Ways to Say "No" This Holiday Season

It's that time of year again! The invitations to seemingly endless holiday parties and the consequent stress of overcommitment. People tend to feel obligated to attend every event they're invited to out of fear of offending the host and colleagues in attendance, but the truth is, we simply cannot attend every holiday party that we're invited to. Below are some tips on keeping your wits about you, while remaining respectful, during this busy season.



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## DCO Education and Learning Forums Update

DCO has regularly added information to our Learning Forums website to provide new videos, educational materials, and links to community resources. Currently, through a working group of the Education Committee, DCO is reviewing the Learning Forums website to ensure current, relevant, and up-to-date information for our users, including updated statistical information and links to additional resources checked for accuracy and functionality.

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## DCO Offices Closed for Holidays

DCO closes for the holidays Friday, December 21, and reopens Thursday, January 3, 2019.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the coming year!



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## DCO 2019 Upcoming Events and Schedule of Meetings

### **DCO Networking Days**

January 24-25  
Location TBA

### **DCO Winter Conference**

February 12-13  
Holiday Inn, Kitchener

### **DCO Annual General Meeting**

Friday, June 21  
Location TBD

### **Board of Directors Meetings**

Wednesday, January 23  
Thursday, April 26  
Thursday, June 13

### **Education Committee**

Thursday, January 24  
Thursday, February 28  
Thursday, March 28

### **Podcast Sub-Committee**

Monday, January 7 & 21  
Monday, February 4 & 18

### **Review & Realign Sub-Committee**

Thursday, January 10 & 24  
Thursday, February 14 & 28

### **ONTX Steering Committee**

Monday, January 14  
Monday, February 11  
Monday, March 11  
Monday, April 8



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