



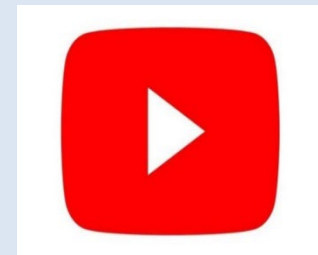
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# FOLA SPRING PLENARY

ZOOM

THURSDAY MAY 12, 2022

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# FOLA SUBMISSIONS

- ❖ [Competence Task Force's Report: Renewing the Law Society's Continuing Competence Framework](#) NOV 2021
- ❖ [Access to Justice Committee: Family Legal Service Provider Consultation Submission](#) NOV 2021
- ❖ [Amendments to O. Reg. 145/22 \(Fees for Court Transcripts\)](#) DEC 2022
- ❖ [Minimum Requirements to be Authorized to Provide Legal Services by Area of Law – LAO](#) JAN 2022
- ❖ [Joint Communiqué on the LSO's FLSP licencing Report to Convocation](#) in response to the LSO's Report on Family Legal Services Provider Licence (with The Advocates' Society, the Toronto Lawyers Association, and Family Lawyers Association) FEB 2022
- ❖ [Mandatory Minimum Compensation for Experiential Training – LSO Submission](#) MAR 2022
- ❖ [FOLA Submission re: Proposed regulations under the Condominium Act, 1998 \(Condo Act\), the New Home Construction Licensing Act \(Licensing Act\) and the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act \(Warranties Act\)](#) APR 2022

# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

- ❖ MONTHLY SECTOR UPDATES
- ❖ MEMBER ISSUES' RESPONSE UNIT
- ❖ WEEKLY NOTICE DISTRIBUTION
- ❖ COURTS & MAG FOLA WEBPAGES



# LOBBY DAY 2022



**40 lawyers**

**1 Cabinet Minister**

**1 Parliamentary Assistant**

**4 MPPs**

**Multiple Staff**

**Roundtable Sessions on Legal Aid, Real Estate Law, Family Law, Criminal Law, & Courthouse Issues**

**9 individual meetings between participants and their local MPPs**

# MENTAL HEALTH SPEAKER

## DID YOU KNOW?

**68% of all attendees from the LSO's Mental Health Summit were from outside the GTA and many were sole practitioners or came from small firms**

Beth Beattie (who spoke at FOLA's May 2021 Plenary and organized this Plenary's Mental Health Workshops) is available to speak to members of any Law Association to share her story and offer insight, resources, and coping strategies for dealing with mental health.

If you would like to invite Beth to speak to your organization, please email Katie ([katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca)) with proposed times/dates and indicate the name of your Law Association. We will pass that information on to Beth.

# MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

**Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is the support provided to a person who may be experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or a mental health crisis.**

Course participants will learn how to recognize signs that a person may be experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or a mental health crisis and encourage that person to:

- Talk about declines in their mental well-being
- Discuss professional and other supports that could help with recovery to improved mental well-being
- Reach out to these supports
- Assist in a mental health or substance use crisis
- Use MHFA actions to maintain one's own mental well-being

## **VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON**

*\*min. of 8 and max. of 25 participants for online/virtual courses*

*\*min. of 8 and max. of 15 participants for in-person*

*(as mandated by the Mental Health Commission of Canada)*

**\$200 per participant (Law Assn. Members = \$175pp - just mention FOLA)**



# #BELL LET'S TALK DAY 2022!

Thank you!

On Bell Let's Talk Day, Canadians and people around the world joined in to help create positive change for people living with mental health issues. Thanks to your actions, Bell will donate more to Canadian mental health initiatives.

164,298,820 INTERACTIONS

\$8,214,941.00

MORE FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN CANADA



- ❖ Pre-scripted suggested Tweets
- ❖ Image gallery
- ❖ Resources for lawyers & employers
- ❖ Helpful links

**Thanks to your help, FOLA's Twitter Account on Bell Let's Talk Day had 10x the amount of likes of an average day and ALL of our top performing Twitter posts during January were about our #BellLetsTalk Awareness Campaign - resulting in a doubling of the amount of visits to our Mental Health Resource page on our website!**

# ONTARIO NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACT

Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) took effect on October 19, 2021. Existing nonprofits have 3 years from that date to bring their governing documents into compliance with the new law. Until then, most of the rules in your governing documents continue to apply whether or not they comply with ONCA as long as they were valid under the previous law.

**If your articles and bylaws are silent on an issue, you must now look to ONCA for the rule that applies.**

Along with the new legislation, the Ontario government has launched a new Business Registry that allows nonprofits to complete over 90 services online. For example, a nonprofit can now register, incorporate, order search products, and file their annual Information Return online.



# ONTARIO NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACT

Now that the Registry is up and running, nonprofits whose 2021 annual filings are due after October 19, 2021 are required to file their annual return. Note that the annual return is not the same as a nonprofit's tax return.

## CLEO's BYLAW BUILDER

CLEO's bylaw builder helps nonprofits develop a set of bylaws that comply with Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). The tool asks you questions, explains what your choices are, and includes information to help you decide. Then, based on your answers, it generates a set of bylaws for your nonprofit.

The Bylaw Builder is free to use and all text has been legally reviewed

LEARN MORE

[foia.ca/onca](https://foia.ca/onca)

# ONTARIO ELECTION – JUNE 2, 2022

## GET INVOLVED!

### AS AN ASSOCIATION:

What better way to get all your local (major party) candidates together to hear about where they stand on justice issues than to host an all-candidates debate. See if you can host this at your Law Library and discuss opening it up to the public! And don't forget to inform the local press.

### AS AN INDIVIDUAL:

Every candidate needs legal help. Serving as a general legal advisor on a local campaign to deal with advertising, social media, lawn sign placement, and other campaign-related issues is one way to serve. Campaigns also look to have lawyers on hand for election day (vote counting and ballot shenanigans) and they could all benefit by having a local policy advisor on justice issues.

Call up the campaign office of the candidate you'd most like to help and offer your assistance. You're sure to be an asset!

**[VISIT OUR ONTARIO ELECTION 2022 WEBPAGE FOR MORE INFO ON THE MAIN PARTIES AND VOTING INFO](#)**

# BENCHER ELECTIONS 2023

In advance of the Bencher election set for April 28, 2023, we are working to provide Association members with an easy way to identify “FOLA Friendly” candidates who champion:

1. a properly funded courthouse library system to assist lawyers in servicing their clients; and
2. a properly funded Legal Aid system to ensure access to justice for low-income Ontarians.

FOLA has prepared a [questionnaire](#) for bencher candidates and feedback can be directed to Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca) by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

When finalized, the questionnaire will be distributed to nominated candidates electronically. FOLA will review the responses and use them to identify “FOLA Friendly” candidates whose views on libraries and Legal Aid funding align with our priorities. FOLA Friendly candidates will be identified on our website during the election.

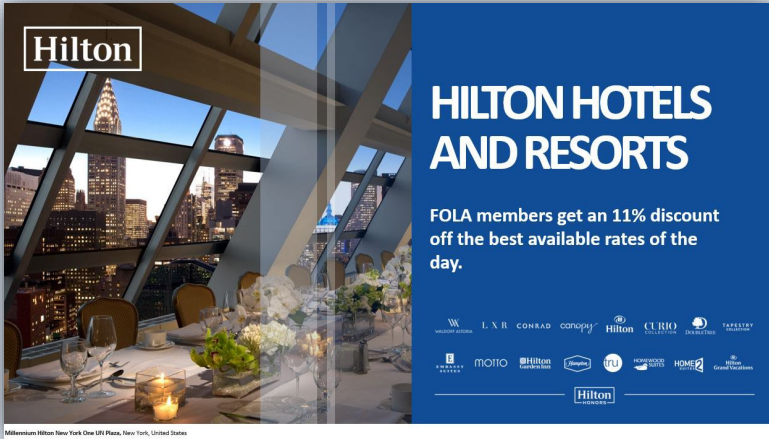
*The questionnaire is subject to change and responses from candidates are not being accepted at this time*

[VIEW QUESTIONNAIRE](#)



# MEMBER REWARDS

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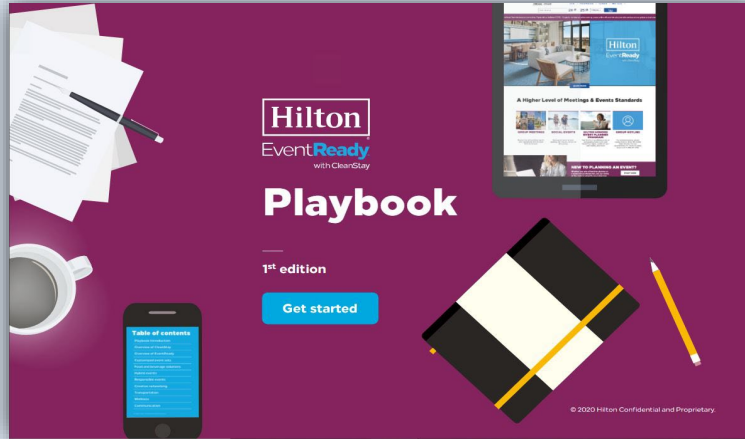
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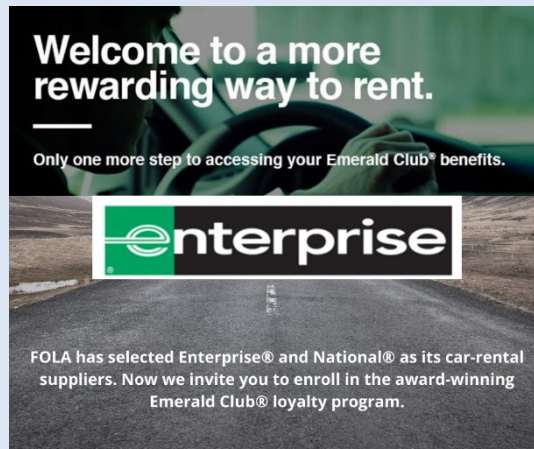
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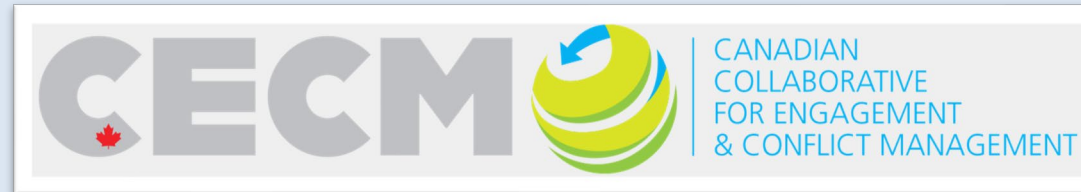
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# FOLA AWARDS 2022

**Why wait?  
Get your  
nominations  
in today!**

## FOLA AWARDS 2022

### Award Categories:

- President's Award
- Luminary Award
- Distinguished Service Award

**Nomination Deadline:  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**



# FOLA's ANNUAL AWARDS - 2022

## 1. PRESIDENT'S AWARD

*(for current or immediately past Presidents)*

**NOMINATION DEADLINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 30**

## 2. LUMINARY AWARD

*(for a librarian or staff)*

**NOMINATION DEADLINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 30**

## 3. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

*(for an outstanding member of an Association)*

A committee appointed by FOLA's Chair will be reviewing the nominations and recommend a recipient for each category to the Board for approval.

### Citation

- Award recipients will receive a plaque recognizing their achievement
- FOLA will recognize winners on our website, through social media, and at the Fall 2022 Plenary
- A FOLA Board Member will formally present the award at the recipient's Law Association's AGM
- Law Associations will display the plaque in the local association library for 1 year, after which it belongs to the recipient.

*FOLA is proud to recognize outstanding individuals who make significant contributions to their Law Association and/or law library.*

# FOLA ONLINE



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## ONTARIO ELECTION 2022

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

**ELECTION DATE:** On or before Thursday, June 2, 2022

#### HOW CAN I VOTE?

Ontario Residents should receive a voter card before June 2, which will provide the polling station location. You can [register to vote](#) or check if you are registered on the Elections Ontario website. There are [options](#) to vote in advance polls, by mail or in-person.

#### HOW DO I FIND MY ELECTORAL DISTRICT?

Ontario residents can search for their district by entering a postal code or searching from a list of districts on the [Elections Ontario website](#).

### VOLUNTEER

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### THE MAIN PARTIES

**VISIT THE PARTIES WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT THEIR CANDIDATES AND PLATFORMS**

[Progressive Conservative Party](#) (Doug Ford),  
[New Democratic Party](#) (Andrea Horwath),  
[Ontario Liberal Party](#) (Steven Del Duca),  
[Green Party](#) (Mike Schreiner)

#### [PARTY PLATFORMS](#)

*NOTE: Currently, only the NDP have released their Platform. When the others do, their commitments to justice-related issues will also be added to this section.*

*iPolitics & Mainstreet Research are publishing*



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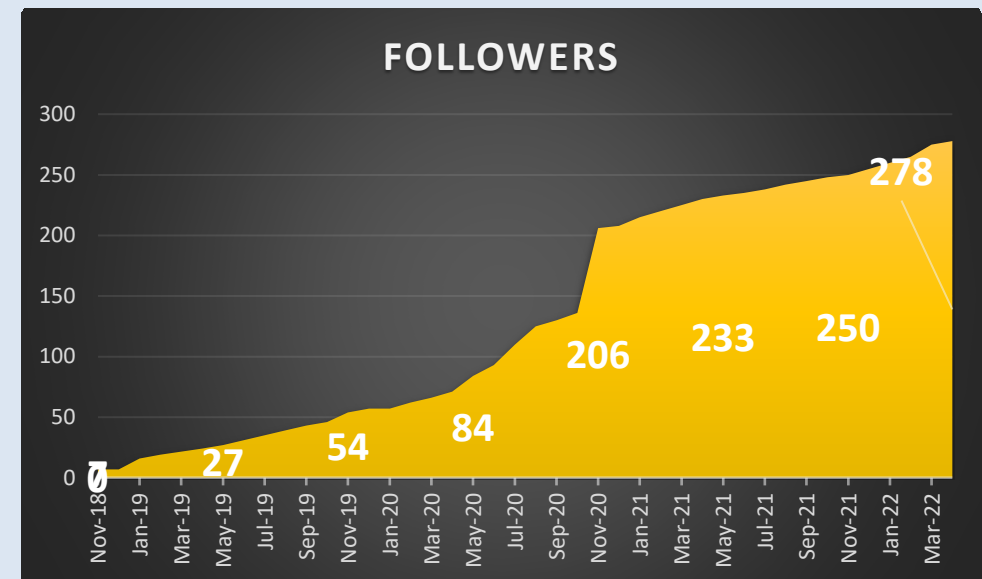
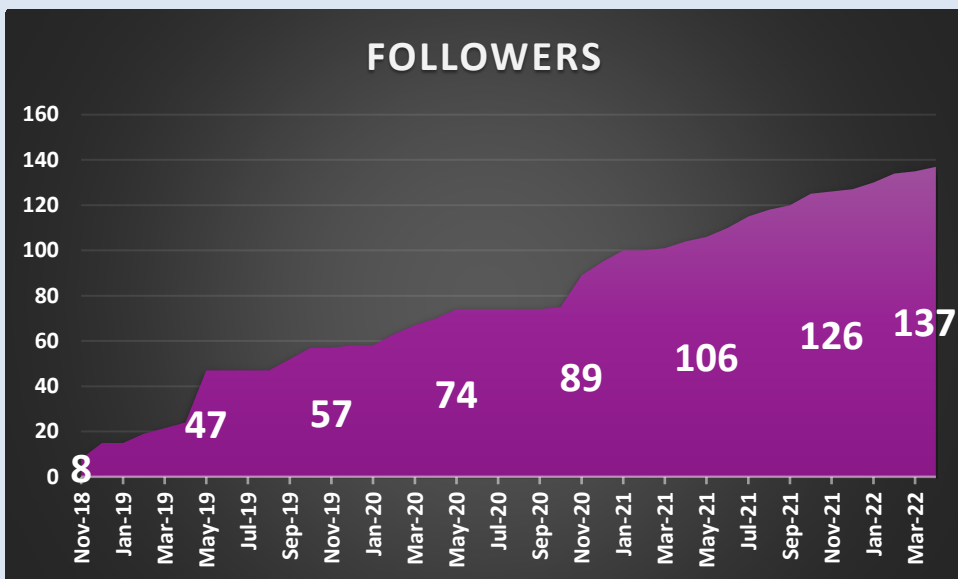
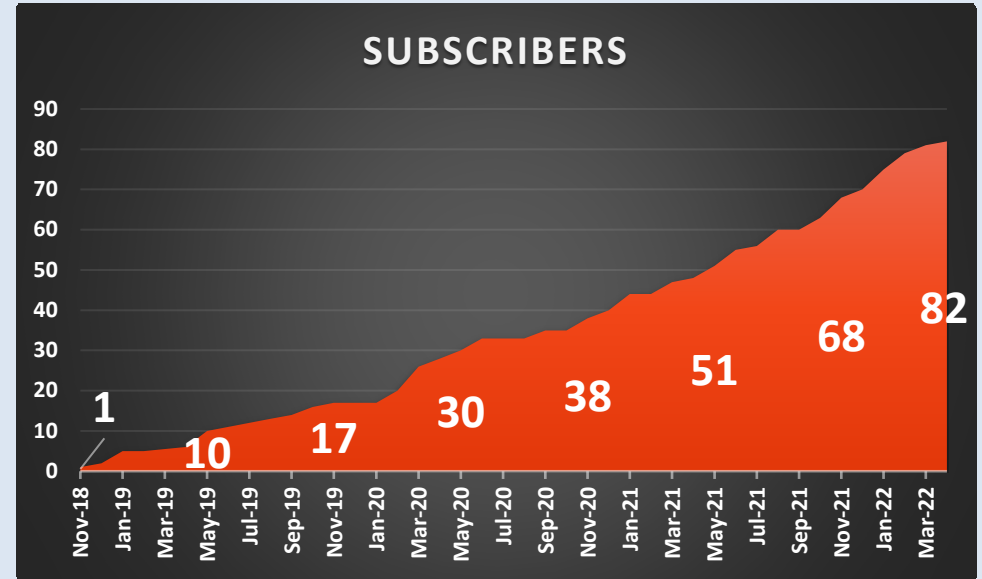
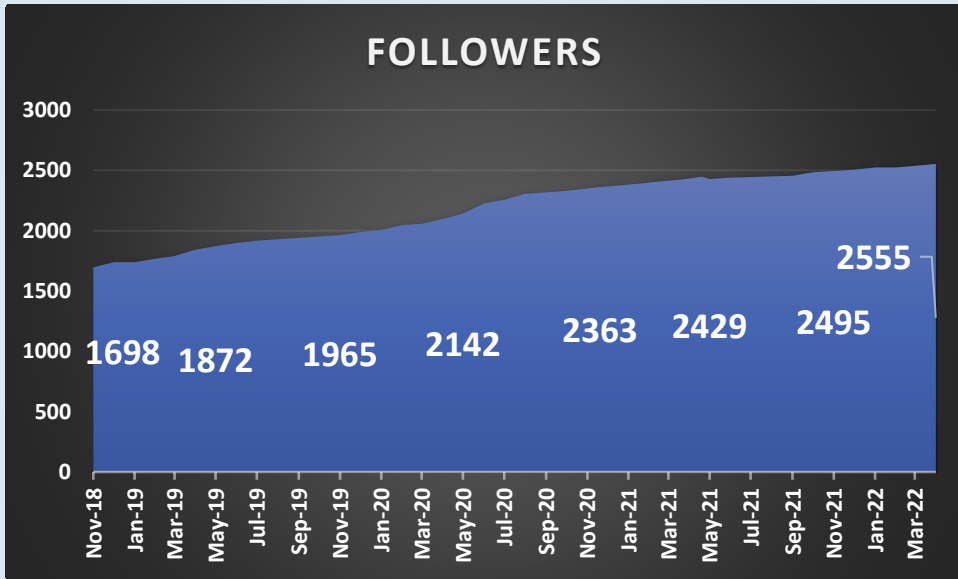
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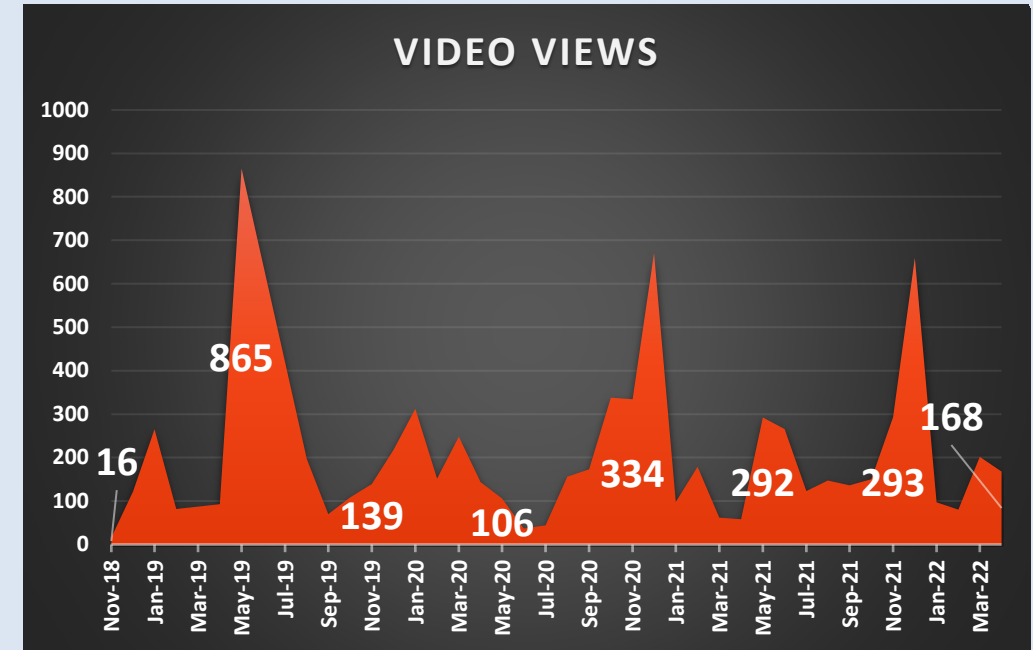
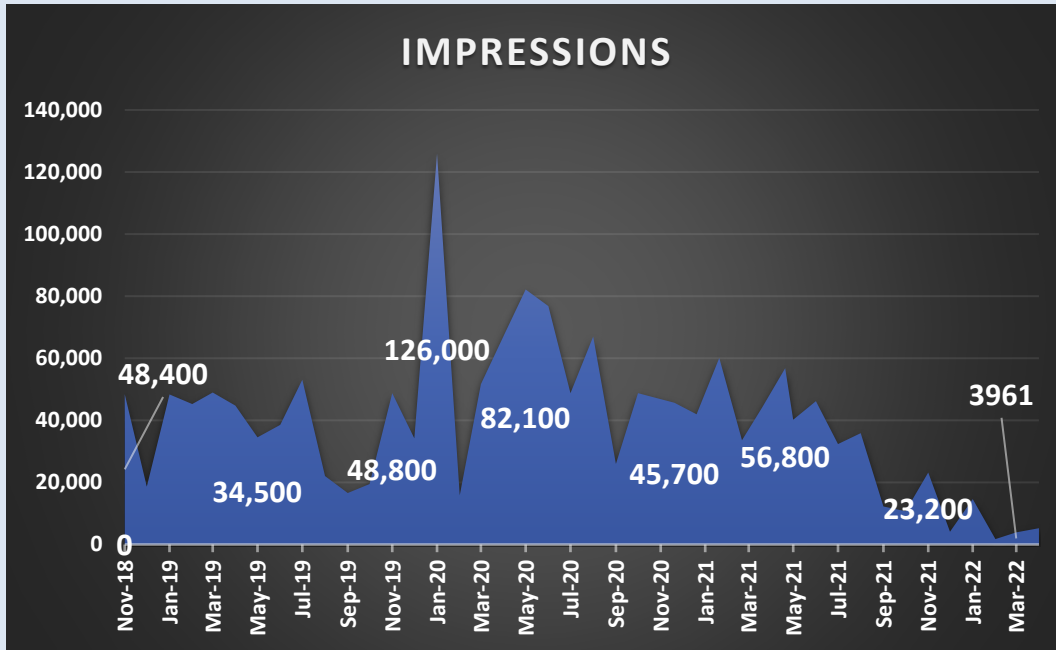
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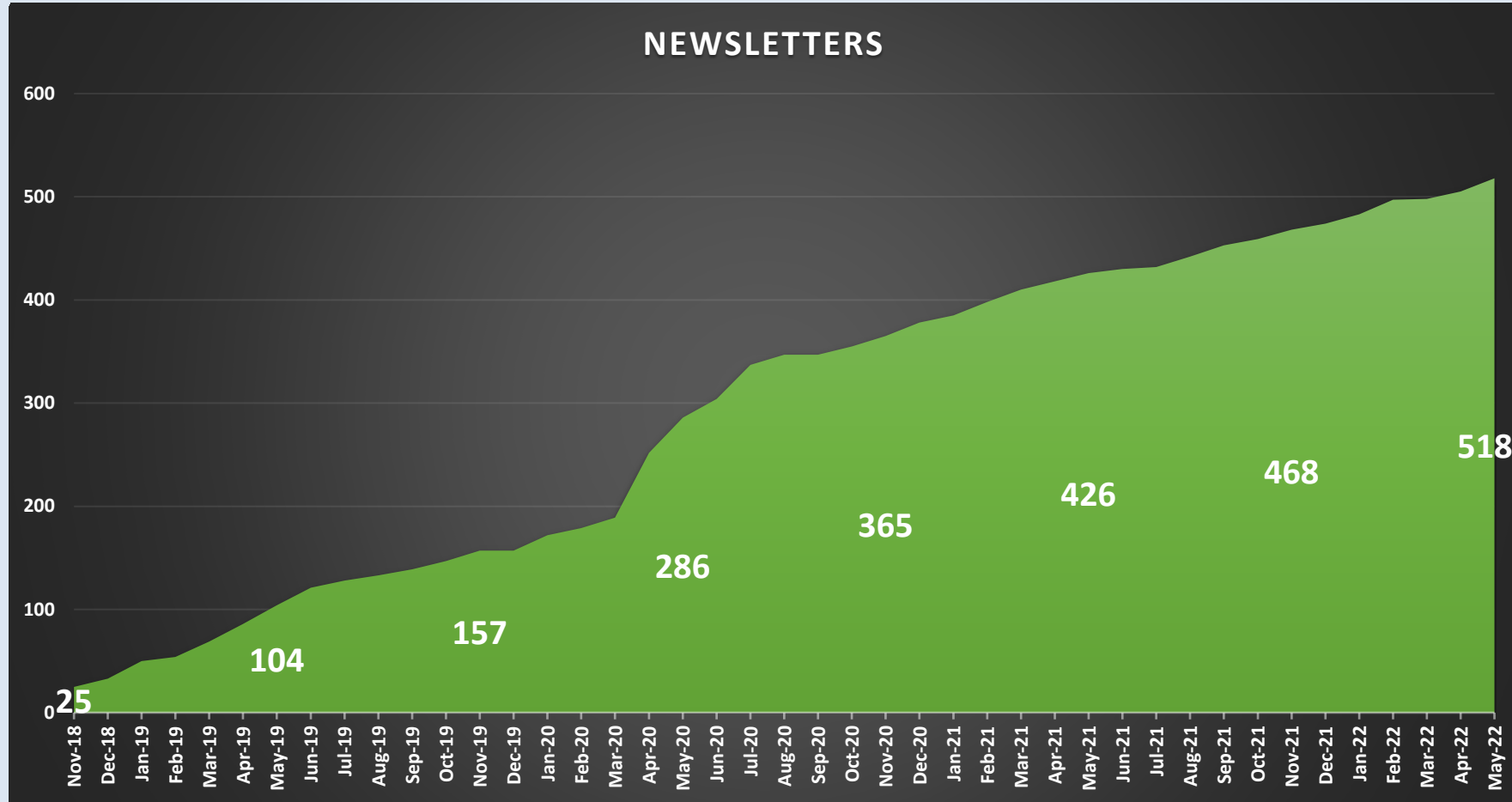
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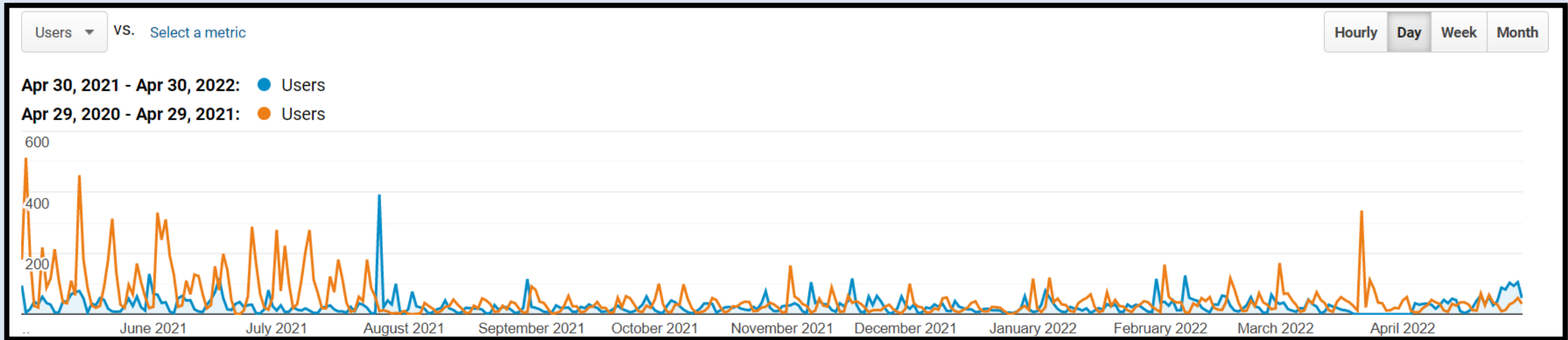


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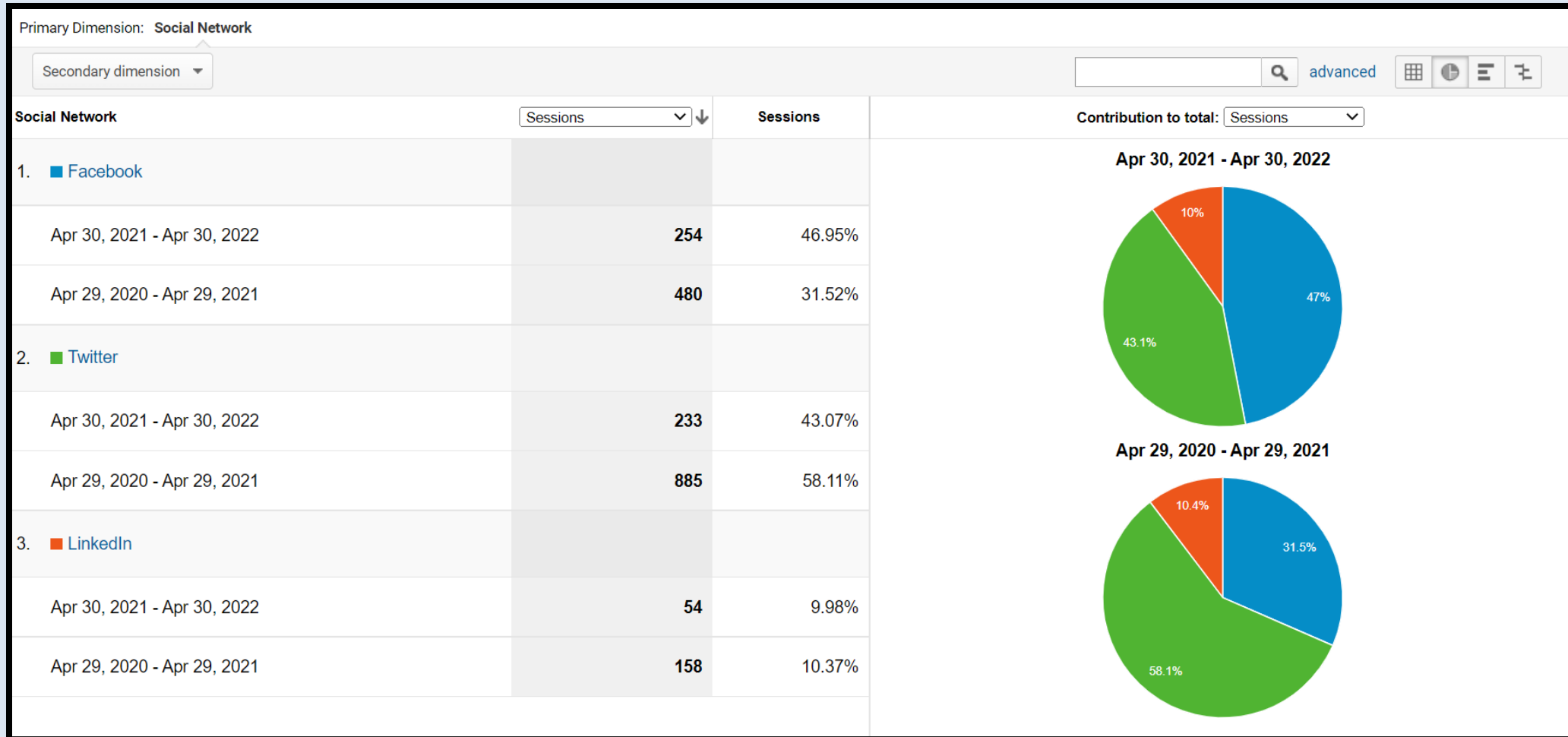
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# POST PLENARY SURVEY

In a few days, FOLA will be sending out a feedback survey to all participants.

It's short (under 10 questions!) and should take about 2 minutes.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**



# QUESTIONS?

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