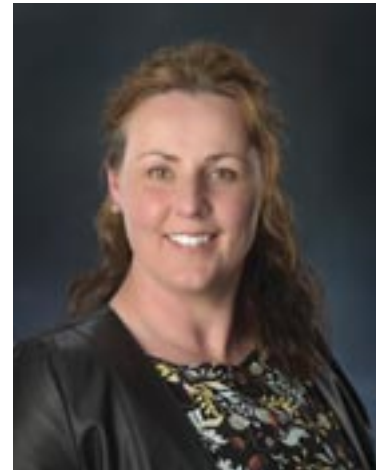


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Let's talk about change that leads to healthy growth for an organization. How does ORNAC make changes for the future while respecting the past? This is something that I have been thinking about over the past few months. I am writing this in mid-June. I am learning new things every day as I work my way through this presidential journey. Not all lessons have been easy, but I feel like I am growing as a professional perioperative nurse and as a leader. I also hope that through open conversation, and an opportunity for all to speak, that the ORNAC Board Directors will contribute to shaping our future as a productive organization that has the interests of diverse Canadian perioperative nurses at heart.

As I write this, I reflect on how much I enjoy this writing process. It helps me to focus and clarify my thoughts and ideas. It offers an opportunity to reflect while quietly sipping my coffee in silence. Have you ever noticed how noisy the operating room is? Even the sound of the suction is drilled into my head at the end of a busy day. Conversations, music, power tools, cautery, smoke evacuators, and lasers all affect the occupational health of perioperative nurses.¹ But I digress. I enjoyed the presentation on writing given after our AGM by Debra Clendinneng, our *ORNAC Journal* Editorial Co-Chair, and her points have given me more confidence to write on a

casual, commentative level. Knowing that the journal's Editor, Deborah McNamara, will also work her magic for me.

ORNAC has completed its Annual General Meeting, this past spring, using an updated parliamentary process to guide our elections. I thoroughly enjoyed the process as it was inspiring to chair this meeting and work through a well-guided election. ORNAC needs to ensure that we are keeping current with new guidelines and laws related to Canadian not-for-profit organizations. Members may see subtle differences in how ORNAC business is conducted with changes that reflect the best business practices of 2022. The Executive Officers have met with ORNAC's legal team to review our status as a non-profit corporation and are pro-actively planning to bring this information to the ORNAC Board for discussion this fall. I have reserved the summer months to consolidate this information and disperse it to the board for review and consideration before discussion. ORNAC members should reach out to the Board Director for their province (or the specialty areas of advanced practice, leadership, and education) with any thoughts on membership or to highlight what you want to receive from ORNAC as a valued member. Their contact information can be found on page 4 of

this ORNAC Journal or on the ORNAC website.

A trip back through time is now available to you as a member. Check out the journal section of our website. You will now find digitized copies of the *ORNAC Journal* (and former *Canadian Operating Room Nursing Journal*) dating back to the very first issue in 1983. The cover graphics are amazing, and the articles within are a fascinating read! To access, scroll to the bottom of the journal page, click on the thumbnail image for either 1983 to 2000 or 2001 to present and once you open the first journal you can choose "archives" at the top right-hand corner of the page to see all issues in that time frame. Happy reading!

Wishing you all a safe and happy fall season and a great Perioperative Nurses Week (November 6-12).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Hollett". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Reference:

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