

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Due to the timelines involved in preparing a journal of this type this President's Message was written for you in September. September 11th to be exact. The internet has been filled with images of the devastation of 9/11 from twenty years ago. Many of us can remember exactly where we were that day. I was working in room eight, our plastics room. Our anaesthesiologist received a telephone call telling him about the first plane. There was disbelief and shock as we continued to hear the reports throughout the day from the staff room where the only television set was located. Our thoughts were with all New Yorkers that day. Our perioperative nursing colleagues were no doubt preparing for the influx of the injured.

The Taliban is back in power in Afghanistan. There are protestors targeting hospitals. And the unvaccinated are filling our intensive care units. Elective cases are being cancelled and perioperative nurses in Canada are being redeployed again to the critical care units. It is difficult for me writing this now and not knowing how things will look when you are reading this in late November. Everything seems to be changing so quickly in the world.

Behind the scenes at ORNAC, the volunteer Executive and Board are working hard to fulfill our mandate to ensure that ORNAC continues to flourish. All of us are balancing our work life with our home responsibilities and with our important volunteering on behalf of ORNAC. I am quite honestly enjoying my time so far as your ORNAC President. It does, however, require a serious commitment to the work that needs to be done. It is a balancing act for me.

In October, the executive will be holding another "virtual retreat" to discuss ORNAC's direction, and to ensure that we continue to meet ORNAC's strategic goals. I look forward to these virtual Executive and Board meetings as they offer a chance to connect with perioperative nurses across Canada. If only it could be done in person!

The *ORNAC Journal* is a quarterly peer-reviewed publication that is provided as part of our ORNAC membership benefits. Readers can expect to see peer-reviewed articles related to perioperative nursing practice, links to events sanctioned by ORNAC, and information related to awards and contests. Vendor advertisements also keep us apprised of

new developments and products. The journal's content has been the subject of much discussion within the executive meetings over the past two months. It has always been our goal to include as much original content, researched and written by Canadian perioperative nurses, as possible. That content can be hard to find... and we hope more of you will consider submitting.

Publishing an article feels overwhelming for many of us. There is, however, support available. Unlike many journals our editor works with all authors to help fine tune their manuscript following peer-review. We recognize that our members have a great deal of knowledge but may need support putting it in written form – we are here for you! We are also working on plans for a webinar on the writing process and opportunities to be mentored while writing.

I look forward to reading the works of many more ORNAC members. But if you have any questions or wish to discuss article topics, please reach out to journal@ornac.ca or visit the journal page of our website. 🌟

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Hollett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.