

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Where does time go? Two years ago I embarked on this journey as ORNAC's President with you. And now I have completed my term. In 2017 I outlined my commitments to you, the ORNAC membership, and now I would like to report on what has been accomplished:

1. **Lead** the implementation of ORNAC's Strategic Plan:
 - a. In May of 2018 the Board and Pillar chairs came together in Richmond, BC, and, with the help of a facilitator, worked out a new strategic plan; and
 - b. The key initiatives that came out of the plan are now in the implementation phase (see page 32-33 of this journal)
2. **Advocate** for perioperative Registered Nursing practice and patient safety:
 - a. Met with key stakeholders including Canadian Nurses Association, Canadian Anesthesiologist Society, and Enhanced Recovery Canada to discuss how perioperative nurses contribute to patient safety and to advocate for their continued presence in the OR; and
 - b. Several position statements have come out of these collaborations (see www.ORNAC.ca).

"Do all things with love"

3. **Implement** strategies to support ORNAC's sustainability as identified in the strategic plan:
 - a. Financial policies were implemented that streamlined spending and made ORNAC more fiscally responsible; and
 - b. Educational webinars and online resources are being added to member benefits to aid in membership recruitment and retention.
4. **Inspire** and encourage teamwork on the Board:
 - a. In May 2018 the Board participated in a team coaching session; and
 - b. Teamwork was fostered between Board Directors to improve productivity during and between Board meetings.
5. **Encourage** membership engagement and participation in ORNAC:
 - a. Member survey was conducted in 2018 and the results were used to inform strategic planning; and
 - b. Members are being actively encouraged to participate in

various committees including National Conference Planning, Nominations, and Standards. Many new members have become involved in the last 2 years.

I am so proud of the work the 2017-2019 Board of Directors has undertaken and the results they have accomplished. ORNAC has a great team and their passion for perioperative nursing shone through in their leadership on the Board. A huge thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for this amazing opportunity to serve you. As I move on to new adventures I would like to thank each and every ORNAC member for providing excellence every time and for every patient. Your commitment to patient safety makes our ORs great places to work. United as one voice we will continue to advocate for our speciality and patients! 🍁

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