
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Powerful and thought-provoking words Barack Obama said. It seems it is always easier to wait for someone or something to effect the change we want to see.

Reflecting on the year that was 2017 there have been a few changes within ORNAC. Our National Conference in Niagara Falls, ON, was the first of our conferences planned with the help of an event management company. Another change was the use of social media to support the conference through the ORNAC mobile app. That was such a wonderful and exciting change even though it involved a steep learning curve for some of us “seasoned” OR nurses not used to this technology!! In 2016 ORNAC held its first “on the road” Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Education Day in Charlottetown, PE. Taking the AGM on the road offers our members the chance to attend an AGM and informative educational sessions in their own province. British Columbia will be the next province to host an on the road AGM and Education Day in Richmond, BC, May 9th to 13th, 2018. Looking forward to seeing many of you for a day of filled with great educational sessions and of course the chance to participate in the ORNAC AGM. Save the date!

On the topic of change, how can we be the change we seek? To effect change one has to be involved. No matter what

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

– Barack Obama

you want to see ORNAC being, doing, or becoming you need to be a member to take part and to be a change agent. ORNAC is an organisation of members, for members, by members. We need each other so that our voices are magnified as we advocate for our patients and ourselves. Our collective voices will resonate far and wide. Let's make ORNAC stronger, together!

So, talk to your co-workers, friends, and colleagues. Encourage them to join ORNAC and be part of the change and add to our voice. Show pride in belonging to your professional association. Let your patients know you belong to the association that creates and updates the standards that keep them safe during their perioperative journey.

Spring is a time for great change and growth. It can inspire us to new things as we come out of our winter cocoon, open those windows, and watch everything begin to grow again. Now is

a great time to look forward to our own personal and professional growth. And to consider how ORNAC should grow.

What changes do you want to see within ORNAC? What ideas do you have to create future growth and further strengthen ORNAC? Email me at the address at the top of this page and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can, together, make ORNAC an even stronger force to be reckoned with. Let's share our vision of what a new and improved ORNAC will look like.

Wishing you all a beautiful spring and I look forward to hearing from you on how we can work together to be the change that we seek. 🍁

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