

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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## Serving as a LOUD Volunteer on the ORNAC Board of Directors

**N**on-profit organizations, such as ORNAC, rely on strong leadership to drive change, implement strategic plans, and achieve its vision, mission, and goals.

Nearly all not for profit associations in Canada are led by a volunteer board of directors. The role of boards vary from organization to organization but, in most cases, the board of directors gives leadership and guides the strategic direction of an organization. Boards govern non-profits on behalf of the members similar to how corporate boards govern on behalf of the shareholders.

If you are interested in volunteering on the ORNAC Board of Directors it is important to first review your skills, interests and experience. Board members should have knowledge of ORNAC's history and mission as well as an understanding of the Board's role. They should also have an understanding of what skills they can bring to the group. Strong directors represent the interests of ORNAC and its members in a way that always keeps these four LOUD guidelines in mind:

**Loyalty:** Place the interest of the organization first without using your position to further your personal interests or agenda.

**Obedience:** Follow the rules and regulations that apply to the organization. Act within the scope of the laws that govern associations and directors.

**Understanding:** Do your best to understand the views of others so that you can work in tandem, sometimes agree to disagree, and always keep the momentum of the association moving forward.

**Diligence:** Act reasonably and in good faith. Always consider the best interests of the organization and its members.

ORNAC members who are elected to the Board of Directors will be very active and will use their experiences, as professionals, in a volunteer capacity. Being a Board of Director is not about exercising power... it is about leading by example and getting things done.

By ensuring Loyalty, Obedience, Understanding, and Diligence ORNAC Directors are able to maintain a global view, a system of checks to ensure things go according to plan, initiate effective problem solving when needed, and foster a positive and productive work environment that is beneficial to all directors and for the benefit of all members.

Directors, in addition to working hard for the association, have the opportunity to develop their leadership and project management skills, learn more about their association and how it works, and to network with their peers from across the country. The personal and professional development that results from these volunteer roles makes the contribution very worthwhile. 🍁

We hope that you will consider a role on the ORNAC Board. The following positions are currently open for nomination with terms that commence in May of 2018:

**Provincial Board of Director Positions with a two-year term:**  
Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island

**Officer and Board of Director Position open with a two-year term:**  
Treasurer

**Board of Director Positions, Representing the Seats of Leadership, Education and Advanced Practice:**  
Leadership (two-year term), Education (one-year term)

Nominations are being accepted until January and more information is available at [www.ORNAC.ca](http://www.ORNAC.ca) or via [Nominations@ORNAC.ca](mailto:Nominations@ORNAC.ca).

Consider making 2018 the year you get involved with ORNAC. The ORNAC Executive and Board of Directors look forward to working with you! Happy holidays to all.