

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cathleen Ferguson RN, BScN, RNFA, CPN(C), is the Manager of OR/Perioperative Services at St. Martha's Regional Hospital in Antigonish NS and also works as an RN First Assistant. She is a past member of the ORNAC Standards Committee and past Chair of the Nominations Committee.



As the outgoing President of ORNAC I am very grateful to the members, board directors and collaborative partners with whom we have accomplished so much in a two year period...that passed too quickly.

Together we launched the research validation of the ORNAC Standards as well as beginning Phase 1 of the ORNAC influence strategy initiative in collaboration with CNA.

We also increased access to on-line webinars and launched ORNAC's on-line boutique. We held the first ever "AGM on the road," in PEI, to bring ORNAC to the members.

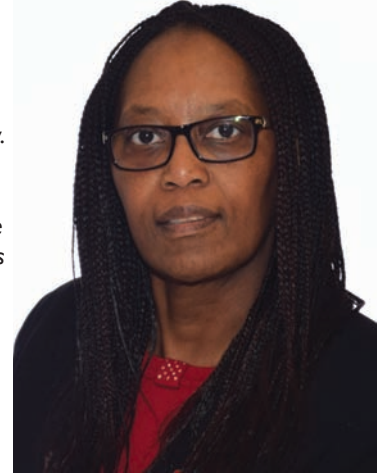
We enhanced communication including the re-design of the ORNAC website, monthly e-blasts, the Timeout newsletter, and an increase in the availability of French in ORNAC business.

ORNAC has reaped great benefit from the strength and commitment of those volunteers who serve on the Board of Directors and ensure that ORNAC runs effectively. We have also been strengthened by our Executive Director's team at Events & Management Plus. Thank you to all of you who have supported me during my presidency – you should all be proud of what you have accomplished. I wish Barbara Mushayandebvu every success as she steps into this role.

Finally, thank you to the ORNAC members for the opportunity to serve them and to be a proud part of this strong and growing association. 🌟

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barbara Mushayandebvu RN, CPN(C), is a staff nurse at the Peter Lougheed Centre in Calgary. She has experience in all surgical specialties and has been a Clinical Leader and Clinical Nurse Educator. Her past volunteer roles include ORNAA President, ORNAC Journal Editorial Chair, and Co-Chair of the 2015 ORNAC National Conference.



As I write my first message as President of ORNAC I feel so humbled to be given the chance to share my vision and passion for ORNAC and to work with you to continue ORNAC's journey forward.

My mandate is to ensure that ORNAC runs well and to bring to life the ORNAC Mission, Vision, and Values for perioperative nurses across Canada. I will bring the accountability, sustainability, and dependability needed to drive ORNAC forward. In my election platform I committed to the following:

1. **Lead** the implementation of ORNAC's strategic plan;
2. **Advocate** for perioperative registered nursing practice and patient safety;
3. **Implement** strategies to support ORNAC's sustainability as identified in the strategic plan;
4. **Inspire** and encourage teamwork on the Board; and
5. **Encourage** membership engagement and participation in ORNAC.

ORNAC needs to set the stage to engage with the future generations of members and become an inter-generational organization. There is ever-increasing competition for the time and money of incoming and future members and so ORNAC must address the generational differences, leverage each generation's strengths, and understand the values and priorities of different generations.

United together we can build a strong future for perioperative nursing in Canada and create a sustainable professional voice for our members and their focus on patient safety.

Thank you to Cathleen Ferguson for her years of commitment to ORNAC. I wish her well in her future endeavours. 🌟