

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Planning and Going Forward

There is a lot going on with ORNAC right now – and many members may not be aware of the planning, communication and committee work that your Executive is involved in. In our 5 months with ORNAC we have been impressed by the dedication and commitment of your Executive – their time commitment is quite large. Below is a list of the teleconference and committee meetings Events & Management Plus has participated in during the 5 months since we transitioned in to the Executive Directorship for ORNAC (from most recent to oldest):

- 2017 National Conference Planning Committee Teleconference
- Executive Teleconference Re: Elections
- Board of Directors Teleconference
- Bylaws Discussion Teleconference
- Executive Teleconference
- Jessie McGowan Presentation Re: Standards Webinar
- ORNAC & CRA Teleconference
- Education Working Group Teleconference
- 2017 National Conference Teleconference
- Board of Directors Teleconference
- Finance Committee Teleconference
- Executive Teleconference
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- Professional Practice Pillar Teleconference
- Executive Teleconference
- Board Meeting (in person)
- Executive Meeting (in person)
- Standards Committee Meeting (in person)
- Executive Teleconference

- Executive Teleconference (standards and lawyer)
- Board of Directors Teleconference
- Website Committee Teleconference
- Executive Teleconference
- Introduction and EM+
- Website Review Teleconference
- Executive Teleconference Regarding French Translations of Standards
- Conference Teleconference with Jeff Godin re: Site Transition

It is quite a long list – and even more time is put in to the work done before and after these meetings! I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of the ORNAC Secretary, Jane Radey, who, with the assistance of ORNAC Executive Assistant, Andras Switzer, prepares a jam packed agenda and detailed minutes for all Board and Executive Teleconferences. And most of the meetings are, of course, led by our fearless leader, ORNAC President Cathleen Ferguson, who shows great care and expertise chairing the Board and Executive, ensuring that the agenda is followed, and action items are completed in a timely fashion. Treasurer Liz Beck has spent countless hours reviewing and managing the finances of the association to ensure that the budget is maintained, expenses are approved, dealings with the CRA are handled and cheques are requisitioned quickly for rapid volunteer reimbursement or supplier payments. This only scratches the surface of all the great work being accomplished by ORNAC's many dedicated volunteers.

Going forward be sure to mark your calendars with the various important dates of ORNAC initiatives. Please refer to the website for reminders, ongoing updates and the calendar of events to

ensure you do not miss out on anything ORNAC. If you have any questions, or need to speak to a member of the team in person, email us at info@ornac.ca to reach the team. Some key items to consider are listed below.

Annual General Meeting

Plan to attend the upcoming AGM at the following locations:

1. April 2017 - Niagara Falls, ON
2. May 2018 – West (MB, AB or BC)
3. May 2019 – Halifax, NS

Webinars

ORNAC is partnering with Barb Langlois, Healthcare Leadership Communication Expert, to deliver the remainder of the 2016/2017 Webinar Series. The series will run as follows:

- *Creating a Positive Environment* - June 8, 2016
- *Beginning Difficult Conversations* - Sept 14, 2016
- *Dealing with Bullying* - Nov 9, 2016
- *Giving Peer to Peer Feedback* - Jan 11, 2017
- *Dealing with the Chronic Complainer* - Mar 8, 2017

Call for Abstracts

The 2017 Conference Program Committee is accepting submissions of abstracts for paper or poster presentation at our 2017 ORNAC National Conference. The theme of the conference is “Harnessing our Power”. The deadline for submissions is September 30th, 2016. Visit www.ORNAC.ca for details. 🌟