

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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OK so this is my last last message (blush). I have shared many thoughts with you over the past two years and I hope that you, at some point in time, connected with my messages. You and I are interrelated. Our work connects us and gives us a common purpose. I hope that during your career you take the opportunity to be a positive influence on another. Volunteer at work, in your community, or on an international project. Make the most of your potential to provide education, encouragement and support. I hope that you endeavour to achieve more and to succeed at everything you do.

I also wish to see ORNAC flourish. ORNAC has evolved significantly over the past four years and is still growing. We can, with your ongoing support, launch more initiatives and bring them to fruition. ORNAC wants your input, your ideas, and some of your time – please engage at the regional, provincial or national level. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities where you can apply your knowledge and skills for everyone's benefit.

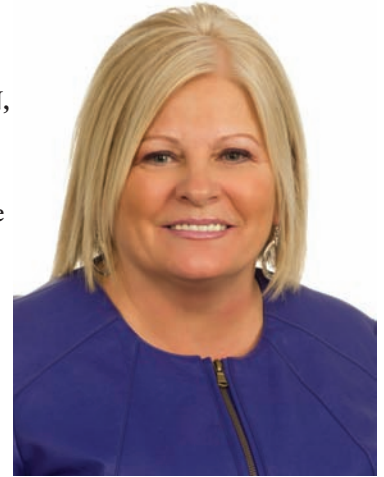
My term as President has come to an end and I would like to thank the ORNAC Board members who served during my time on the Executive (2011-2015) for their camaraderie and commitment. It has been a privilege serving and networking with them. I made some wonderful connections over the years and I am honoured to have been part of this team. It is my distinct pleasure to now welcome Cathleen Ferguson to the President's role. I wish her success in her endeavours and I look forward to the next phase of ORNAC's growth under her guidance. Best of luck to Cathleen and her team. 🍀

My fondest regards,

Rupinder Khotar

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cathleen Ferguson RN, BScN, RNFA, CPN(C), ORNAC incoming President 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.



This is my first message as the new ORNAC President. As a Perioperative Registered Nurse I have spent most of my 27 year career as a front line perioperative nurse and RN First Assistant. I am from Antigonish, NS, and have been involved with my professional associations, both provincially through ORNANS and nationally through ORNAC, and with many perioperative committees and working groups. This background gives me a strong understanding of the issues facing our membership and profession.

I am excited to be taking on this new role as the ORNAC President and will put all of my energy in to representing Canadian perioperative nurses and championing their issues. I would like to thank Rupinder Khotar for her great leadership and mentorship during her presidency. We will continue the important work, such as the research validation of the *ORNAC Standards*, that began under her.

As outlined in the strategic plan for 2015-2018 ORNAC will be focusing on membership and growth. We will continue to expand on the value offered to members and to strengthen our communication in both languages. We also will be focusing on the professional advancement of Canadian perioperative nurses, collaboration with national and international partners, and continuing the important work on patient safety in the perioperative setting.

It is my passion for perioperative nursing, and the patients and families we all serve, that inspired my involvement with ORNAC. And it is that passion that connects us all. Together we can find new ways to make ORNAC more influential, accessible, responsive, and accountable. In order to achieve this we need your ongoing support and engagement. There are many ways to get involved. We need to create the ORNAC team together... because together we are powerful! I welcome your ideas and your concerns at president@ORNAC.ca. 🍀

Cathleen Ferguson