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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”  
- Mahatma Gandhi

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Service is a concept that is dear to me so I speak of it often. At the end of the year I, like many people, reflect on the year gone by. My work, my family and my friends are part of my inventory. I review my relationships and hope that I have served well in all aspects of my life. The kinship and fellowship experienced over the holidays strengthens these connections and amplifies their importance. Following the holidays I dream of opportunities as I stopped making resolutions many years ago.

2014 has been another busy year for ORNAC. There were a couple of firsts for the association and some new opportunities for members to provide service to the association.

ORNAC hosted its first Annual General Meeting and implemented a transition of the Board structure along with a change that allowed for member participation in the voting process. ORNAC also brought all provinces in to the central database following the annual national membership drive. This database will, in the future, allow for timely and regular communication with members. The membership drive for 2015 is nearly complete so renew now if you have not already done so!

The ORNAC Board continues to conduct its work under the five pillars of Marketing, National Conference Planning, Professional Practice, Advocacy/Governance, and Research & Informatics. The Board has also begun work, with support from other key stakeholders, on a new three year strategic plan. This process provides an exciting opportunity to engage with many groups that are involved in the perioperative patient experience. I direct you to the Executive Director's message, on page \_\_\_\_, for further information. The election of the new Board is currently underway so watch for updates in the near future.

This year ORNAC conducted a contest on the theme of perioperative nurses week – Excellence. Every Patient. Every Time. There were a number of submissions for review and I would like to thank everyone who sent in their creative work. The theme will be carried forward into the 2015 conference in Edmonton demonstrating the depth and value of the concept of individualized, excellent patient care.

ORNAC will, in 2015, implement the next steps in the three year strategic plan that will be outlined, in detail, in the 2015 annual general report. In May 2015 ORNAC will host its 24th National Conference in Edmonton, AB. Members will, at this conference, have access to the ORNAC Board through the annual general meeting and an open forum designed to communicate the strategic plan and give members the opportunity to volunteer with one of the Pillar groups. Please look for areas where you can contribute your time, energy, and knowledge. ORNAC needs your participation and support!

I hope to see many familiar faces and to meet many new ones at the Edmonton conference. Networking with my peers is my favourite part of the conference so please come by and say hello!

I wish you and yours a safe and healthy holiday season and every success in your service throughout 2015. ❁

Kind Regards,

*Rupinder Khotar*