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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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ORNAC has been in transition during the past year. The ORNAC Board has been very busy focusing on three key areas:

1. Implementation of the new ORNAC By-laws which were aligned with the new Canada not for profit act in May 2013;
2. Solidifying the Pillar structure under which the work of the Board of Directors will be accomplished; and
3. Building a new national ORNAC membership database.

It is now time, with many of the foundational governance projects completed, for the Board to focus its attention on the completion of a new three year strategic plan.

During the second weekend of November the ORNAC Board met to discuss a strategic planning process. In order to strengthen its commitment to perioperative registered nurses, allied health professionals, and

patients across Canada ORNAC invited the National Exhibitor Advisory Committee (NEAC) Executive to participate alongside representatives from Patients for Patient Safety Canada, Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), Canadian Medical Association (CMA), and Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS). The group of representatives met to discuss issues facing ORNAC, identify strategic directions, and developing a preliminary work plan to address the issues. The ORNAC Board will now take the lead and begin work on the strategic plan which includes reviewing and re-affirming ORNAC's programs and services, enhancing its communications and marketing efforts, addressing risk management issues, identifying human resource needs, and considering beneficial partnerships.

The Board has also spent considerable time developing and approving a new set of Governance Policies and

“People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within.”  
- Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

## MESSAGE DE LA DIRECTRICE GENERALE (cont.)

conseil de l'AIISOC, lorsqu'il assumera un certain nombre de fonctions clés, notamment de fournir l'orientation générale de l'AIISOC, d'élaborer des politiques de façon continue, de suivre de près les programmes et les services, de gérer le rendement, les communications et la défense des droits.

L'accent mis sur la sécurité du patient reflète la prise de conscience croissante que tout le monde a droit à une chirurgie sécuritaire. Le conseil d'administration de l'AIISOC continue de se vouer à fournir de véritables opportunités pour améliorer la sécurité du patient et pour appuyer la prestation de soins chirurgicaux sécuritaires pour chaque patient.

Alors que l'AIISOC et ses membres continuent d'évoluer, une communication et une collaboration solides deviendront encore plus

importantes afin de s'assurer que l'AIISOC remplit sa mission et instaure avec succès ses nombreux processus. L'AIISOC a besoin de vos suggestions et commentaires et les apprécie. D'ailleurs, nous invitons tous les membres à passer en revue le rapport annuel 2014 de l'AIISOC qui sera disponible en avril 2015. Nous tenons à remercier tous les membres et associés, les entrepreneurs, les bénévoles, les partenaires et les bailleurs de fonds. Grâce à votre engagement continu, l'AIISOC a hâte de connaître une année encore plus enrichissante. Vous êtes la lumière en nous! N'hésitez surtout pas à nous envoyer vos commentaires ou suggestions à l'adresse électronique en haut de cette page. ✨



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Procedures. They cover a wide range of governance issues including governance processes and the roles and responsibilities of the ORNAC Board, Pillar Chairs, and volunteers. The Strategic Plan, in addition to the new Governance Policies and Procedures, will guide the ORNAC Board in the future as it performs a number of key functions including providing the overall direction for ORNAC, on-going policy development, monitoring of programs and services, performance management, communication, and advocacy.

The focus on Patient Safety reflects the growing understanding that the right to safe surgery belongs to everyone. The ORNAC Board of Directors continues to be committed to providing real opportunities for improvement in patient safety and supporting the provision of safe surgical care for every patient.

As ORNAC, and its members, continue to evolve it will be even more important to have strong communication and collaboration to ensure ORNAC fulfils its mission and successfully administers its many processes. ORNAC needs, and values, your suggestions and comments and invites all members to review the 2014 ORNAC annual report that will be made available by April 2015. Thank you to all Members and Associates, contractors, volunteers, partners and funders. With your continued involvement ORNAC looks forward to an even more rewarding year. You are our light from within! Please do not hesitate to send any comments or suggestions to the email address at the top of this page. ✨

