
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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“As you navigate through the rest of your life, be open to collaboration. Other people and other people's ideas are often better than your own. Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life.”

- Amy Poehler

I find the above quote to be sound advice from an otherwise comic lady. Working with like-minded individuals can be easy and allow for quick decision making and immediate gratification. Profound and long-lasting changes that result in positive influence come, however, from ideas that have been developed, challenged and debated. In the pursuit of excellence there is nothing as rewarding as a good debate as long as it's honest, passionate, and thought-provoking. Individuals who apply themselves to the goal of achieving the best possible outcome are open to being challenged and to challenging others. They are the people who inspire others. The ORNAC Board is a reflection of this mindset and commitment to the best.

In accordance with the new ORNAC by-laws 5 provinces will be holding elections in March to select their ORNAC Board representatives. The new nomination and election process allows members at large, who meet the eligibility criteria, to run for positions in their respective provinces. There will also be an election for a new ORNAC Treasurer as well as two of the allied seats – Leadership and Education. All of these positions offer wonderful opportunities to be a part of the ORNAC team and influence the work of the association. The final slate of candidates will be voted upon in May. I look forward, with great anticipation, to working with the successful candidates.

The ORNAC AGM will be held in Ottawa this May. In addition to the ongoing work, of planning the biennial

conference and updating the Standards, the Board has been working on many initiatives ranging from conducting CNA exam preparation webinars, to participating with CNA and the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions (CFNU) to discuss workload and staffing models, and collaborating with CPSI to plan the National Surgical Care Safety Strategy Summit. Information shared with members at the AGM will include a financial status report as well as an update on all of the initiatives currently underway within the association. Attendance at the AGM will foster a greater awareness of ORNAC's work as well as allowing attendees to meet the Board members.

I encourage you to attend the AGM and give the ORNAC Board members the opportunity to meet you. 🍁

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