
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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“There is no magic in the word association . . . We must never forget that the ‘individual’ makes the association. What the association is depends on its members. A nurse’s association can never be a substitute for the individual nurse. It is she/he who must, each in her/his own measure, give life to the association while the association helps her/him.”
- Florence Nightingale

ORNAC’s members are its most valuable asset. As ambassadors in your work place, as advocates for perioperative registered nursing practice and patient safety, as mentors to the next generation of students, and as involved supporters members are integral to ORNAC and vital to its success.

On September 15, 2013, the ORNAC national membership data base was launched and ORNAC is now able to directly process memberships. It was very exciting to see the rush of activity as members filled out the new registration form. The form has been designed to provide ORNAC with more information about members so that we can have a better understanding of how to serve you in the future.

Following the required provincial by-law revisions members from Saskatchewan, Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland can now join ORNAC directly. Members from Alberta and Nova Scotia will be able to join as of July 1st and members from Quebec, British Columbia and Manitoba will be able to join ORNAC directly starting in January of 2015. A new ORNAC Membership Kit will be mailed to all individuals who join ORNAC directly. This kit will contain a membership card and information on benefits and other information related to being a member of ORNAC.

Kay Ball PhD, of the United States, wanted very much to be the first International ORNAC Associate and I am happy to report that she has taken this honour. We are also working on communicating to other potential Associates and encouraging them to register with ORNAC.

We all stand to gain from ORNAC’s rich history advancing perioperative nursing practice, providing of Standards for Perioperative Registered Nursing practice, and facilitating continuing education through a National conference (and, in the near future, through on-line webinars). ORNAC also offers the opportunity for leadership development through positions on the ORNAC Board of Directors, provides information and research through the ORNAC Journal and website, and allows for communication with your peers through the on-line discussion forum. As members you have access to all these ORNAC resources!

Members will be kept informed, through ongoing communication, about ORNAC’s achievements and challenges and ORNAC will continue to provide knowledge to advance Perioperative Practice and will continue to work to build collaborative partnerships. Career opportunities, through the website and Journal, will continue to support ORNAC’s goal of promoting professional development and facilitating a strong and active relationship between the association and its members. Remember ORNAC is YOUR national association. We urge you to join, get involved, and make the most of the benefits that ORNAC can offer. I am also always open to feedback or suggestions so please don’t hesitate to contact me. 🌸

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Harley". The signature is fluid and cursive.