

# JOINT MESSAGE FROM THE ORNAC PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rupinder Khotar RN, BScN, CPN(C),  
ORNAC President is the OR Nursing  
Supervisor at Providence Health Care – St.  
Paul's site, Vancouver, BC, and the Past  
Chair of the ORNAC Standards Committee.

*Rupinder Khotar*



Catherine Harley, RN, eMBA,  
ORNAC Executive Director  
[executivedirector@ornac.ca](mailto:executivedirector@ornac.ca)

*Catherine Harley*

*“Coming together is a  
beginning; keeping together is  
progress; working together is  
success.”  
- Henry Ford*

It is with great pleasure that we bring you this joint message about the implementation of the ORNAC Strategic Plan and some of the initiatives and activities that are making ORNAC an even more dynamic association. The ORNAC Board of Directors has been busy planning future initiatives for ORNAC and bringing added value to ORNAC members. In this message we share updates on some of the initiatives.

## Background

On April 20, 2013, the ORNAC Board approved the new *Articles of Continuance and bylaws* that ensure the association is aligned with the new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. ORNAC then immediately filed for continuance and, on June 18, 2013, was granted continuance by Industry Canada which was a milestone event. Instead of re-starting the incorporation process the continuance allows the Not-for-profit Corporation to continue, from the previous old act into the new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, so that it is governed as though it had been incorporated under the new act.

The Provincial Perioperative Registered Nurses associations across Canada have been working diligently to align their by-laws with those of ORNAC. Under the new ORNAC structure, the provincial perioperative nursing associations have become Provincial Councils of ORNAC.

ORNAC membership, during the 2014 membership transition year, is available either via the Provincial Councils or directly through ORNAC – and regardless of how the member joins s/he remains a member of both ORNAC and the Provincial Council. By now many of you may have joined ORNAC directly. We welcome you to ORNAC and look forward to getting to know you better and to the possibility of having you volunteer with the association. If you have not joined ORNAC yet, please see the article on page 29 to find the benefits and learn how to register.

## Current Work

The work of ORNAC has now been organized into five pillars. Each pillar has a Chair and volunteer committee members who work on projects that are defined in a formal project charter. The following are examples of work being done under each of the five pillars:

### 1) National Conference Planning:

- The Terms of Reference for the National Conference Planning Committee have been updated;
- The planning guidelines have been updated to align with the new National Conference Planning Committee model;
- Plans are in progress to establish the National Conference Planning Committee for the next ORNAC Conference in Edmonton (May 3-7, 2015); and
- The ORNAC Board is screening venues for the 2017 ORNAC Conference.

We want to strengthen the core of the association through the active involvement of ORNAC member volunteers.

---

### 2) Professional Practice:

- Education:
  - i. The professional practice group is developing two webinars that will be available to ORNAC Members in 2014. The first webinar subject will be CNA certification exam preparation. The second webinar will focus on the 2013 Edition of the ORNAC Standards for Perioperative Registered Nursing Practice, 11th Edition, April 2013; and
  - ii. The professional practice group continues to review and approve perioperative nursing program curricula.
- ORNAC Standards:
  - i. The Standards subcommittee has begun work on the next edition of the ORNAC Standards for Perioperative Registered Nursing Practice (11th Edition, April 2013) that is scheduled for release in 2015. They are currently recruiting volunteers to assist in the review process. If you are interested in participating in the review please contact [standards@ornac.ca](mailto:standards@ornac.ca).

### 3) Advocacy:

- The Terms of Reference have been developed;
- A nomination and election process has been completed for the new ORNAC Board structure (see page 20);
- A skills matrix has been developed, for incorporation in to the nominations package, to help assess potential Board Members' skill sets;
- Succession planning for ORNAC Board members is under review. Opportunities to collaborate with

other organizations, that impact patient safety and the field of perioperative nursing, will be explored; and

- ORNAC has nominated a member to run for a Director's position on the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) Board.

### 4) Research and Informatics:

- ORNAC has established an online process for national membership registration that will allow the association to create and maintain a national database. ORNAC Members and Associates can now access their membership registration account on-line in order to keep their contact information updated at all times;
- ORNAC has supported two on-line research surveys via the ORNAC website;
- ORNAC will continue to provide its members with opportunities to express their opinions and give their voice to issues impacting on perioperative nursing practice;
- Opportunities for ORNAC, and its members, to participate in research studies are being explored;
- The ORNAC website will be re-developed in 2014.

### 5) Marketing:

- An ORNAC Boutique was created, for the ORNAC conference, to sell ORNAC branded items such as warm up jackets, scarves and key fobs;
- A poster was developed for Perioperative Nurses' Week and was included as a tear out in the September issue of the ORNAC Journal. The poster was also

featured on the CNA website from November 11-15, 2013;

- ORNAC will be participating in, and supporting as a Bronze sponsor, the Canadian Student Nurses Association Conference taking place in January 2014 in Vancouver, BC. For details visit [www.cnsa.ca](http://www.cnsa.ca);
- An ORNAC Facebook page has been launched. A social media policy is being developed; and
- An on-line ORNAC Boutique, selling ORNAC branded merchandise, will be available in the near future.

We want to strengthen the core of the association through the active involvement of ORNAC member volunteers. The Chairs of each pillar will be distributing a call for volunteers to work on various projects. Volunteering on an ORNAC project is a great way to support the work of the association, influence the direction of these projects, meet new people, and expand your professional experience. Check the ORNAC website regularly to learn about new volunteer opportunities and how you can get involved with ORNAC.

ORNAC also wishes to congratulate all of the Canadian Perioperative Registered Nurses who passed the 2013 Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Perioperative Nurses Certification exam and earned or maintained their CPN(C) credential. Well done!

Please stay up to date by visiting our website at [www.ORNAC.ca](http://www.ORNAC.ca). We look forward to hearing from you and wish you a safe and happy holiday season. ✨