

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Building the ORNAC Team



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The Outcome of the ORNAC Board Governance Initiative

Governance, one of the priorities set out in the ORNAC Strategic Plan, relates to the structure of the Board of Directors and the composition of board membership. The timing of the ORNAC Governance Initiative was optimal as it coincided with the Federal Government's new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. To comply with this new Act, and ensure ORNAC would remain relevant and sustainable in the future, the ORNAC Board of Directors needed to review the letters patent and develop "Articles of Continuance" as well as review and revise the ORNAC By-laws. During the April 20, 2013, ORNAC Annual General Meeting the Articles of Continuance and new By-laws were voted on, by the existing ORNAC members via a Special Resolution, and the motion was passed.

Changes to the ORNAC Structure

The ORNAC Board has been reduced to 17 members (from a previous 28) including an Executive of 4 (President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer). Each Province will have an elected representative (with nominations of candidates taking place at the provincial level). The Board will also have three seats for Leadership, Advanced Practice, and Education with representatives elected from among nominated candidates who are

Perioperative Registered Nurses with skills in these areas – and who may be members of CORL, RNFANC and PNEC. ORNAC Members will now join ORNAC directly and will continue to be members of their Provincial Association through this ORNAC membership (with benefits provided at the national and provincial levels). Starting in the Fall of 2013 ORNAC will be launching a National Membership Database, where members can join ORNAC directly on-line and can access other perioperative nurses for networking purposes. All ORNAC members will have the right to vote on resolutions impacting on ORNAC's future.

Physicians, SPD and CSR staff, and RPNs who work in the operating room as well as industry representatives/employees will also be able to join ORNAC as Associates. While Associates do not have voting rights, they will receive benefits by joining the association.

What does this mean for Provincial Associations?

The Provincial Associations will remain in place, have the same names and governance structure, and will be supported by ORNAC through access to expertise and funding through a portion of the membership fees. ORNAC Members will be encouraged to participate in their Provincial

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son financement grâce à une partie des frais d'adhésion qui y seront alloués. On encouragera les membres de l'AIISOC à participer au sein de leur association provinciale tout en leur permettant d'avoir accès aux programmes nationaux de l'AIISOC, comme à l'éducation et à la revue de l'AIISOC.

Qu'est-ce que cela signifie pour l'avenir?

Les membres de l'AIISOC bénéficieront d'avantages améliorés au plan national (les avantages seront publiés sur www.aiisoc.ca dès le mois d'octobre 2013) et continueront d'être membres d'une association provinciale de soins périopératoires. Ils auront le droit de voter lors des assemblées générales annuelles de l'AIISOC (AGA) et seront avisés des dates des AGA en plus de recevoir la trousse d'information de 21 à 60 jours avant l'AGA. Ils auront aussi la possibilité d'être nommés et élus au conseil d'administration de l'AIISOC et (ou) d'être bénévoles au sein des initiatives de piliers, comme pour la planification des conférences nationales, la recherche et l'informatique, la pratique professionnelle, l'action politique et le marketing. Veuillez communiquer avec la direction de votre association provinciale de soins périopératoires pour déterminer les dates limites pour transférer votre adhésion provinciale à une adhésion nationale (2013-2014 sera une année de transition pour ce processus). Nous sommes impatients de vous avoir tous et toutes comme membres de l'AIISOC et de votre association provinciale de soins périopératoires. 🍁

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Associations while also having access to ORNAC national programs such as education and the ORNAC Journal.

What does this mean for the Future?

ORNAC members will receive expanded benefits from the National level (benefits will be listed at www.ornac.ca by October 2013) and will continue to be a member of a Provincial perioperative nursing association. They will have the right to vote at ORNAC Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and will receive notification of AGM dates as well as receiving information packages 21-60 days in advance of the AGM. They will also have the opportunity to be nominated and elected to the ORNAC Board of Directors and/or to volunteer to participate in for Pillar Initiatives under National Conference Planning, Research & Informatics, Professional Practice, Political Action, and Marketing. Please check with the Executive of your Provincial perioperative nurses association to determine the timeline for them to shift from provincial to national membership (2013-2014 will be a transitional year for this process). We look forward to having all of you as a part of ORNAC and your provincial perioperative nurses association. 🍁



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