

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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ORNAC in Action!

There was, during the May 2012 Board of Directors meeting in Toronto, a great deal of discussion surrounding the work of the ORNAC Board as associated with the five pillars (National Conference Planning, Professional Practice, Advocacy, Research and Informatics, and Marketing). The appointed Chairs for each pillar have been planning and are beginning to work on initiatives that will support the implementation of the ORNAC Strategic Plan.

The ORNAC Board reviewed the first draft of the terms of reference for each pillar and provided feedback for further refinement which is now in progress. Ultimately this will position ORNAC, for the future, as a thriving and sustainable organization that is focused on demonstrating leadership in patient safety, enabling best practice in perioperative patient care and advancing the perioperative nursing profession.

As an example of ORNAC in action, here are highlights of the work being done in each of the pillars:

The **National Conference Planning** pillar is working hard on preparations for the 2013 ORNAC National and International Conference supported by IFPN. The event will take place in Ottawa, ON, April 21-25, 2013. The *National Exhibitors Advisory Committee* (NEAC) has continued its active involvement in supporting this pillar through involvement with the exhibit hall, sponsorship, and other events. Please register early for this exciting conference and book your hotel through the ORNAC website at www.ORNAC.ca. For more event details see page 7.

The **Professional Practice** pillar continues to focus on the next edition of the ORNAC Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements for Perioperative Registered Nursing Practice. The 11th Edition of the ORNAC Standards document will be available at the 2013 ORNAC/IFPN Conference. The 2012-2013 ORNAC Awards Program is also in progress and award application information and nomination forms can be found at www.ORNAC.ca.

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The **Advocacy** pillar has been focused on aligning ORNAC within the new Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act that was announced in October 2011. The draft Articles of Continuance have been processed through a first review. The ORNAC by-laws have also been rewritten to incorporate the new ORNAC Governance structure and are now in the legal review process. ORNAC participated in the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Biennial Conference (Vancouver, June 2012) and has been involved in three CNA teleconferences. In follow up to a CNA Resolution, passed last June, ORNAC will be supporting a



literature search on the protection of specialized registered nurses as a valuable asset under the category of perioperative registered nurses. ORNAC will also be providing support to other CNA Nursing Specialty Groups that are planning their alignment with the Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act.

The **Research and Informatics** pillar continues to support the website on a daily basis. Planning is in progress for the development of a national membership database to support the future needs of ORNAC and its members.

The **Marketing** pillar has supported the campaign for the 2012 Perioperative Nurses Week (November 11-17, 2012). This year's theme is "Enhancing Teams through Collaborative Practice." A poster will be available for downloading/printing at www.ornac.ca and can be used for display in your workplace. (see page 23 for more information). The new ORNAC Journal was successfully launched in March of this year. The ORNAC Journal Committee, alongside the ORNAC Journal Publisher, Clockwork Communications, continue to support and develop the ORNAC Journal.

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