
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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ORNAC at Work!

The ORNAC Board of Directors has been actively addressing the future of ORNAC through strategic planning, the Board Governance Initiative, and the development of the ORNAC Pillars (through which the work of the Board will be implemented in future). The Chairs of the five ORNAC Pillars have, during the past few months, been appointed by the ORNAC Board. They are Margot Walsh, St. John's, NL, for National Conference Planning; Tracie Scott, of Markham, ON, for Professional Practice; Pat Pocock of Lucan, ON (By-laws and Nominations) and Bonnie McLeod of Maple Ridge, BC (Collaborative Initiatives) will Co-Chair the Advocacy pillar; Christina Bilopavlovic of Hamilton, ON, for Research and Informatics; and Charlotte Roach of Aroostook, NB, for Marketing. ORNAC is in the process of completing the Terms of Reference, for each Pillar, for review/approval by the Board.

The **National Conference Planning Pillar** is progressing with the exciting plans for the 2013 ORNAC National and International Conference, with IFPN, taking place in Ottawa, ON, April 21-25, 2013. National Exhibitors Advisory Committee (NEAC) has been actively involved in the planning discussions and has provided support to the National Conference Planning committee. Conference registration will be available soon at www.ORNAC.ca.

In the **Professional Practice Pillar** there has been strong emphasis on the *Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements for Perioperative Registered Nursing Practice* (known

informally as the ORNAC Standards) and around completing an updated French version. The next version of the ORNAC Standards will be available at the 2013 ORNAC/IFPN Conference.

The **Advocacy Pillar** has been focused on aligning ORNAC within the *new Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act* that was announced in October 2011. Draft Articles of Continuance have been formulated and the ORNAC By-laws are being rewritten to incorporate the new Governance structure. ORNAC participated in the December *Canadian Patient Safety Institute* Board Meeting and has been involved in three *Canadian Nurses Association* teleconferences for associate groups including discussion around the Request for Proposals for rewriting the RN Exam and the successful bid of the American-based National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Further information on this issue can be found at www.cna-aiic.ca.

The **Research and Informatics Pillar** has been working on maintenance of the ORNAC website and future plans for website development to better meet the needs of Perioperative Registered Nurses and Associates across Canada.

The **Marketing Pillar** has supported the development of a document called "Who is a Perioperative Registered Nurse" as well as the new ORNAC *Mission, Vision and Values*. Both documents were used to promote ORNAC and Perioperative Nursing at the Canadian Student Nurses Association meeting in February



2012. The new ORNAC Journal was successfully launched in March of this year. We have been receiving feedback and will continue to refine the Journal as we move into the future. Thank you to our ORNAC Journal Committee Barb Mushayandebvu, and Tracie Scott, as well as our Editor, Deborah Murphy, and her team at Clockwork Communications, for their outstanding contributions to the launch.

We want to receive your input on anything related to ORNAC and its future. Please do not hesitate to contact me at catherine.harley@sympatico.ca. Your involvement will help create the strongest future for ORNAC and contribute to enhancing patient safety and advancing the profession of perioperative registered nursing. 🍁

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