
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Welcome to the new ORNAC *Journal*! I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the ORNAC's Editorial Committee, Publisher, and Executive Director for their commitment in making this vision a reality. The new ORNAC Journal can grow and continue to flourish by having submissions from you, our readers. This is your journal! The template is established and you now have the opportunity to contribute. I challenge you to share your research, projects, and clinical articles with fellow perioperative nurses from our country and beyond.

The transition from the ORNAC of the past to the ORNAC of the future continues as we bring the strategic plan to life. At the November Board Meeting the new ORNAC Board structure was approved meaning it will decrease in size from the present 28 board members to a streamlined, and more efficient, 17 member structure. Each provincial perioperative organization will continue to be represented on the ORNAC Board and three seats will be filled by representatives from perioperative education, advanced practice, and leadership. Efficient and effective functioning of the Board is essential to ensure the viability of ORNAC both in the present and also in the future. ORNAC has begun the process to establish the five pillars that will support the functioning of ORNAC – National Conference Planning, Professional Practice, Advocacy, Research & Informatics, and Marketing. These pillars provide the basis of a strong foundation for our organization and ORNAC members will take on the vital role of supporting the committees for each pillar. This is your opportunity to become involved in shaping the future of ORNAC! There is a wealth of knowledge and talent to be found among Canadian perioperative Registered Nurses and that strength needs to be shared. Please contact me, via the ORNAC website, and express your

area of interest. Throughout 2012 ORNAC will be taking the necessary steps to have the new structure fully in place for unveiling at the 2013 ORNAC National Conference in Ottawa!

ORNAC's core values include the promotion of perioperative excellence, collaborative partnerships, and professional accountability. ORNAC recognizes the need for, and is committed to, the education, research, and practice standards that are necessary components to guide our practice. ORNAC strives to promote and advance perioperative practice, to collaborate with nurses within our specialty as well as other disciplines that influence or impact on our practice, to support our members as a professional collective, and to ensure positive outcomes for the patients in our care.

ORNAC must build a vision for the future that its members can believe in and strive toward. This will be a significant challenge as, during our transition, we overcome the hurdles of every day events and the uncertainty of change. As a united organization, with members from coast to coast, we can create a strong future for perioperative nursing. We cannot, as nurses, underestimate the influence or the power that we have! ORNAC must be respected and involved with the key decision makers in order to have a strong role in shaping the future of perioperative practice and the provision of care to the perioperative patient. ✨

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A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Karen Frenette".