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Composition Comparison		
	EcoDrape	SMS
Fibers	More than 96% wood pulp	No wood pulp
Petrochemical ingredients (plastics)	0%	100% PP
Additives	Bio-based	Fluorine

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## President's Message

I begin my term as the 14th ORNAC President with much enthusiasm following a successful 22nd ORNAC National Conference in Regina, SK. Congratulations to the National Conference Planning Committee for a superb job! Excellent educational sessions, dynamic speakers, and entertaining social events that truly showcased the Saskatchewan flavour and hospitality will be embedded in our memories for years to come. The involvement of our industry partners and key stakeholders was crucial to the conference's success. Thank you to all!

I am cognizant of the evolution that will occur over the next five years during ORNAC's latest period of transition. Our members have identified the need for change and with the guidance of ORNAC's Executive Director the Board has prioritized these needs and identified a path to follow. We will build on our past achievements while acknowledging and embracing our history. In collaboration with our stakeholders we will strengthen our position as leaders in perioperative practice and patient safety, and thereby further advocate for perioperative Registered Nurses. ORNAC will be led by policy and strategy toward a series of clear goals. The ORNAC Board of Directors, with representation from each province and the three affiliate members, will be accountable for the progress toward meaningful outcomes. Challenging the status quo can be uncomfortable but it is vital to advancement and success! ORNAC will elevate its profile to become further recognized as the leader in perioperative practice and patient safety – both nationally and internationally!

As we bring to life the strategic plan the input of all members will be vital to its success. This is a team approach! It is imperative that each ORNAC member be engaged and involved. As stated by Franklin Delano Roosevelt:

*"It is a terrible thing to look over your shoulder when you are trying to lead – and find no one there."*<sup>1</sup>

This is an end to the existing ORNAC and will give rise to the new ORNAC! It may seem paradoxical, but it is true that transition starts with an ending. During the month of September a representative from each provincial group and each affiliate group

will meet to discuss Board Governance. Board Governance depicts the structure of ORNAC. This includes provincial and affiliate representation as well as chairs or leads for all of our committees. This is the first important structural change as mandated by ORNAC members. ORNAC needs a structure that will support its mission and vision, ensure longevity, and meet the needs of its members in a cost-effective manner.



I recently received a book, from a fellow perioperative nurse, that focuses on managing transitions. This will be such a useful resource as ORNAC moves forward. While the process of change is situational the state of transition is psychological! Transition is a three phase process that begins with letting go.<sup>2</sup> This is the challenge that often requires assistance to help those involved deal with the loss. This is followed by an in-between time when the old is gone but the new is not quite fully operational. During this phase of psychological re-alignment will occur. And then ORNAC will emerge with a new identity, purpose and revitalized energy. Exciting times are ahead of us! Throughout my term as President I will keep you informed on our progress as the strategic plan is implemented. I challenge all perioperative nurses to become involved in their provincial group and to provide input. Together we will emerge as a united and a stronger organization! 🍀

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