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Past President's Message

It's hard to imagine my term as President is nearing its end! Looking back at my first message in CORNJ, my enthusiasm and nervous anticipation were clearly evident. I am happy to say the feelings never swayed – every opportunity and challenge presented meant potential for organizational growth. Armed with that knowledge, and with the foundation laid by those before me, it has been an honour and a privilege to contribute to the ongoing development of ORNAC.

I have immense respect and appreciation for the nurses with whom I have worked on the Board. It is their boundless spirit and dedication to the organization, and to perioperative nursing, that has provided direction and a voice for perioperative nursing in Canada. The ORNAC Board works tirelessly on the Standards, the journal, the website, the national conferences, the perioperative program approval process, partnerships with other national and international organizations, and more. They are to be commended for their strength and for their passion. Bravo to all of them!!

My two years as ORNAC President have been an amazing experience both professionally and personally. There have been some milestone achievements along the way, but there is still much work to do. The continued success of perioperative nursing as a specialty nursing profession requires vigilance and the involvement of ORNAC members.

The challenges faced in areas of practice, patient safety, professional growth, and human resources all require our utmost attention. It is not enough to be a spectator if we are to maintain our current profile and expect our profession to flourish. We need to reach out to the students, improve our specialty certification numbers, and lobby for more patient safety initiatives through practice and new technologies. Your involvement and motivation can help move this agenda along! In the coming months and years, ORNAC will continue to introduce new ideas that will assist our members in delivering that high standard of care we all hope to give. It is my hope that many of you will join in and be at the forefront of these developments.

By the time you are reading this I will have finished my term, at the conclusion of the ORNAC

National Conference in Newfoundland, so it is my great pleasure to introduce your incoming President, Bonnie McLeod. Bonnie brings a wealth of knowledge, leadership and experience to the table. I know she will represent ORNAC with humour and sound judgement, as well as with a deep commitment to perioperative nursing. Being a good leader takes more than good organizational skills. Leaders are sought after for their abilities to reach out to everyone and to create a climate of acceptance and respect for colleagues. I have no doubt that Bonnie will be an exceptional leader! 🍁



Linda M. Locke

Message from the Incoming President

I am honoured to represent the members of ORNAC as your President. It has been a privilege to be in the company of such superb perioperative nurse leaders who strive for excellence in safe patient care. I am confident that with Linda's guidance and the support of the Executive and Board members I will continue the legacy of ORNAC'S recognition nationally and internationally. 🍁



Bonnie W. McLeod

Bonnie W. McLeod, RN, BScN, CPN(C), is Clinical Nurse Educator - Perioperative, Fraser Health Authority, Ridge Meadows Hospital site, the ORNAC representative on the Canadian Patient Safety Institute, and the past Chair of the ORNAC Standards committee.