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## President's Message



This evening, as I sit here writing my first solo president's message, I am reflecting on what a busy year 2007 has already been. The 20<sup>th</sup> National ORNAC Conference, held in Victoria in April, was amazingly successful in many ways. The event had fantastic delegate turnout, including the largest international delegate turnout in ORNAC's history, offered a comprehensive array of plenary sessions, and featured an impressive industry representation.

The conference's success truly demonstrated that perioperative nurses are committed to learning, improving our practice, and ensuring the provision of safe patient care. Talk about a dynamic group! The energy and enthusiasm was palpable and inspiring. I would like to, on behalf of the ORNAC Board, congratulate and thank everyone involved with the BCORNG planning committee for their tireless efforts in hosting a brilliant conference.

At the ORNAC Information Session (presented just after the Opening Ceremonies) the 5 year future direction for the association was outlined. Seeking a bold tomorrow is important, but our plans must proceed in a rational fashion. To ensure both were possible, ORNAC retained the services of a business consultant services to aid in the development of a strategic plan. The analysis developed for our new strategic plan highlighted many opportunities/areas where it is important to focus our attention. Given, however, ORNAC's current volunteer-based structure, it was necessary to refine the list and prioritize to suit our available resources. The key priorities include:

1. Improving the development and revision process for our *Recommended Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements for Perioperative Nursing Practice*;
2. Increasing and improving our communication platform (CORNJ and the website) as well as investigating other opportunities for communication with members; and
3. Refining and standardizing the structure of the National Conference Planning Committee.

Other items on ORNAC's current agenda include completing the process to incorporate

ORNAC, creating a national database of ORNAC members by January 2008, and investigating opportunities for members to obtain continuing education credits on-line. In order to meet the demands of an ever-changing healthcare environment, ORNAC must continue to be proactive towards change in the future. We will continue to stand by our mandate to focus on the promotion and advancement of excellence in the provision of perioperative care to our patients and the professional growth and personal enhancement of perioperative Registered Nurses.

ORNAC has changed significantly during its 24 years as an association. It has created a forward-thinking, progressive organization that is built on solid traditions and the hard work of the many who served ORNAC before us.

It is an exciting time for ORNAC and I encourage you to take a closer look by exploring the web site, submitting an article to the Journal or volunteering with our editorial review or standards of practice committee. 🍁

*The future depends on what we do in the present.*  
- Mahatma Gandhi

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