

Transitions New Roles - New commitments

By Vija Hay

As I begin my term as President of ORNAC, I reflect on the past and the future, and therefore my words from the closing ceremonies at the National Conference in Vancouver may be appropriate to repeat.

I thank the founders of this Association for having the vision and the determination to make ORNAC a reality, and I thank the past executive and board members for their dedication and hard work to advance ORNAC to the high level it has achieved in the very short years it has been in existence.

As we move into an uncertain future, we will individually and as an organization face the most challenging tasks and times in our careers. Many of you will seek guidance to manage the change. We have to be strong as individual OR nurses and as an organization to develop new and/or expanded skills and manage proactively. We should focus on what is going well, believe in our abilities, seek new opportunities and be innovative.

Peter Drucker defines innovations as "change which creates a new dimension of performance." As we move into new dimensions, let us not forget our roots and the focus on OR Nursing, but let us regain the momentum to move us forward in the excellence of practice.

My mandate is to provide support and leadership

and to ensure that ORNAC serves the needs of all levels of OR nurses. I want to involve you as partners in dealing with the new issues and new roles to keep ORNAC in the forefront of changes that affect OR nursing and to realize our vision of a STRONG, UNIFIED Association.

At this time of transition in ORNAC's Executive, I would like to acknowledge Gloria Stephens, past President and Hilda Gatchel, Secretary, who have left the executive on completion of their term of office. Both Gloria and Hilda have made significant contributions to their respective Provincial Associations and ORNAC. A special farewell and recognition was given to Gloria as she retires from her work at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver. We wish Gloria much happiness and enjoyment in the future.

Congratulations and welcome to the newly elected Executive members Donna Farid, President-Elect and Corina Balcom who assumes the chores of Secretary.

I begin my term of office on a high note - the CNA Certification Program for Perioperative Nursing is a reality! Over 500 candidates have registered for the certification examination on June 3, 1995, the highest number ever. As I write this message on the eve of certification, I am proud and assured that we are moving forward in the excellence of perioperative practice.

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New ORNAC Executive: Seated left to right - Jackie Waisman, Imm. Past President; and Vija Hay, President. Standing left to right - Marlene Hill, Treasurer; Donna Farid, President-Elect; and Corina Balcom, Secretary.



14th National Conference Planning Committee. Seated left to right: Vicky Dabbs, Exhibits Chair; Susan Kerr, Program Chair; Sandra Grimwood, Conference Planning Coordinator; Wayne Barry, Entertainment; Lynn Walters, 1st Assistant, Hostess; and Sheena Wallbridge, 1st Assistant, Registration. Standing left to right: Margaret Mellan, 1st Assistant, Exhibits; Helen Sleep, Hotel Rep; Cory Both, 1st Assistant, Program; Lynda Magnuson, Sec./Treasurer; Helen Calvey, Hostess Chair; Gladys Jarvie, 1st Assistant, Publicity; Jean Chambers, Publicity Chair; and Susan Wynne, Registration Chair.

On behalf of the Planning Committee, I would like to thank all the delegates and exhibitors who took part in "Tradition and Beyond", the 14th National ORNAC Conference. The conference was a success because the delegates attended educational sessions, showed an interest in the technical displays and networked with colleagues. Exhibitors provided their support to our organization, and their participation in a time of financial constraint is a positive indication of their commitment to perioperative nursing.

The future of ORNAC depends upon nurses who care about professional development and the promotion of excellence in perioperative nursing. This conference proved that we can move forward with confidence.

- Sandra Grimwood, Vancouver Conference Planning Coordinator



ORNAC Executive. Seated left to right: Newly elected President Vija Hay, Immediate Past President Jackie Waisman; and Gloria Stephens. Standing: Treasurer, Marlene Hill; and Hilda Gatchell. Both Hilda and Gloria Stephens leave the Board this year after many years of service to ORNAC.

ORNAC Executive and Board. (Seated, L to R): Hilda Gatchell, Vija Hay (President), Jackie Waisman, Gloria Stephens and Marlene Hill. Standing: Donna Farid (NS), Karen Steindel (MB), Judi Tyndall (ON), Monique Parazzelli (PQ), Nora Slater (NB), Sandra Giles (NF), Lillian Budden (NF), Corina Balcom (NB), Lorraine Varner (BC), Anna Kristoff (SK), Shirley Thorn (MB), Josette Forest (PQ), Marg Farley (SK), Shelly Zareski (NS), Dahlia Robinson (AB), Paula Dyer (PEI), Gloria Nemecek (AB), Rosemary Moase (NF), Faye Meuser (BC), and Sharon Ball (ON).

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