

Presidents' Messages – Honouring the past, embracing the future

A Message from the Outgoing President

Serving as president of ORNAC over the past three years has truly been a journey — one grounded in learning, adapting, mentorship, and lasting friendships. It has been both an honour and a humbling experience to lead this national professional organization during a time of change.

The past few years have represented a period of transition for ORNAC. Through collaboration, thoughtful leadership, and a shared commitment to the organization's mission, ORNAC has continued to move forward, strengthening its foundation and preparing for the future. This progress would not have been possible without the dedication, insight, and hard work of the ORNAC Board of Directors, whose collective efforts have helped guide the organization through change.

Success does not come without challenges. Together, the Board navigated complexity, uncertainty, and transformation with resilience and purpose, understanding that meaningful progress often emerges through transition. Leading during this time has left a lasting impression on me, and I am deeply grateful for the trust, collaboration, and professionalism demonstrated throughout this journey.

My involvement with ORNAC has shaped me both professionally and personally. The deep sense of commitment to perioperative nursing, along with the mentorship and friendships formed along the way, has influenced the leader — and the person — I am today.

As my term as president comes to a close, I am confident that ORNAC will continue on its successful path under the leadership of Bryana Hahn. Bryana and I have had the privilege of serving together on the Board for several years, working collaboratively toward a shared vision for the organization. Her passion, insight, and dedication to ORNAC will serve the membership well as the organization moves confidently into its next chapter.

While my presidency is ending, ORNAC will always hold a special place in my heart. I will continue to proudly support and promote the mission, vision, and values of this remarkable organization.

With sincere gratitude,
Tanya Vandale, RN, BScN, CPN(C)
Outgoing President, ORNAC

A Message from the Incoming President

It is with great respect and enthusiasm that I step into the role of president of ORNAC. I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to our outgoing president for her exceptional leadership, dedication, and vision over the past three years. Her commitment has helped guide ORNAC through meaningful transformation and has strengthened the organization for the future.

ORNAC stands today on a strong foundation, built through collaboration, strategic thinking, and a shared commitment to advancing perioperative nursing in Canada. I am honoured to build upon this work alongside a dedicated Board of Directors and an engaged national membership.

As we look ahead, my focus will be on fostering connection, supporting professional growth, and continuing to strengthen ORNAC's role as a trusted leader in perioperative practice, education, and advocacy. Together, we will continue to evolve, adapt, and lead with purpose — always guided by our mission, vision, and values.

I look forward to serving ORNAC and working with all of you as we continue this important journey together.

With gratitude and optimism,
Bryana Hahn, RN, BN
President, ORNAC

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