Message from the President of ORNAC

As we celebrate Perioperative Nurses Week, November 8–14, 2026, I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank perioperative nurses across Canada for the exceptional care, expertise, and dedication you bring to patients every day.

This has been an exciting and productive year for ORNAC. Following our Strategic Planning Session in Spring 2026, the Board of Directors has already begun advancing many of the priorities identified during those discussions. We are energized by the opportunities ahead and committed to ensuring that ORNAC continues to evolve to meet the needs of our members and the profession.

I am also pleased to welcome our newest Board members. Their enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and diverse perspectives are already enriching our discussions and helping to shape the future direction of the organization. Strong leadership comes from a balance of experience and innovation, and I am confident that our Board is well-positioned to support ORNAC's continued growth.

This month also marks an important milestone for our association. It has been one year since Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) became full ORNAC members rather than associate members. This change reflected our commitment to inclusivity and recognition of the valuable contributions all perioperative nursing professionals make to patient care. We are proud to have strengthened our membership community and to continue fostering an organization where all perioperative nurses feel welcomed, represented, and supported.

I am incredibly proud of the work your Board of Directors has accomplished on behalf of our members. Through advocacy, guideline promotion, professional development initiatives, partnerships, and member engagement efforts, we remain focused on advancing perioperative nursing practice and supporting excellence in patient care across Canada.

As we celebrate Perioperative Nurses Week, I encourage you to take pride in the impact you make every day. Thank you for your commitment to our patients, our profession, and each other. It is an honour to serve as your President and to work alongside such a dedicated community of perioperative professionals.

On behalf of the ORNAC Board of Directors, Happy Perioperative Nurses Week 2026!

Warm regards,
Bryana Hahn, RN, BN
President, ORNAC

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