

Dear Valued ORNAA Member,

Re: 2013 National Conference Information Session

ORNAA has been awarded the privilege of hosting the 2013 ORNAC National Conference in Edmonton AB on May 5 -10, 2013.

Preliminary work has been done to secure the Shaw Conference Centre as the conference venue; hotel accommodation for delegates/exhibitors has been block booked and Edmonton Tourism is poised to assist with facilitating the conference experience for delegates.

The ORNAA Board is interested in providing ample information and opportunity for all members who are interested in serving on the 2013 National conference planning committee and/or to participate in hosting the actual conference. To date, the board has compiled an extensive list of interested individuals who signed up at the 2008 ORNAA provincial conference, submitted their names via email directly to the ORNAA president and/or had their names forwarded to the ORNAA board via district executive members. Names of interested individuals may still be forwarded. An army of dedicated volunteers is required to pull off an event of this size!

All ORNAA members interested in being on the 2013 national conference planning committee or interested in participating in any way are invited to attend an Information Session.

Please accept this as an invitation to attend the

2013 National Conference Information Session

Date- Saturday, April 18th/09
Location - Shaw Conference Centre - Salon 12
9797 Jasper Ave NW
Edmonton AB
Time- 1000 a.m. - 1200 p.m.

(We welcome all interested members to attend. Please note- districts may fund the expenses of up to 2 members to travel to this meeting. Districts will choose who they will fund to attend.)

A **draft agenda** for the April 18th information meeting is as follows:

- Outline of selection process –
 - Information Meeting - April 18th/09
 - District Selection - April 30th/09
 - National conference committee meeting - May 23rd/09
- The goal is to create a 10 member national conference **core** planning committee consisting of 2 members from each of the five ORNAA districts.
- Each district will choose their member representatives (selection may be based on a combination of experience and novice – at the discretion of the district)
- Committee members must realize a 5 year commitment (from present through to 2013 conference including completion of the post conference wrap-up)
- Each district will forward names of core committee members by April 30th, 2009.
- Introduction to conference committee portfolios
- Brief review ORNAC involvement
- Tour/details of Shaw Conference Centre and Edmonton Tourism.

- The 2013 National conference planning committee will hold their first meeting in Edmonton on May 23rd/09, at the Shaw Conference Centre (Salon 5) to decide on roles, meeting dates, meeting format (i.e. electronic, telehealth, face-to-face), etc. ORNAC representatives will attend this meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2013 National Conference Information Meeting.

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ORNAA President
On behalf of the ORNAA Executive/Board