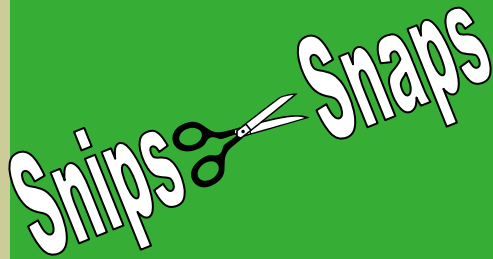


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# ORNAA

OPERATING ROOM NURSES OF ALBERTA ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER



### Message from ORNAA President

#### Join In!

Dear Colleagues,

How does this happen? It is June already which brings us to the end of the 2007-2008 ORNAA fiscal year.

This message begins by re-capturing some of the organizational activity highlights of the past year. Some of the highlights are as follows:

The 2007 ORNAA conference was an incredible success- a huge thank you once again to the members of the planning committee and to all of North Central district for hosting this event.

The new ORNAA website [www.ornaa.org](http://www.ornaa.org) was launched at the conference.

Snips and Snaps went online – access this newsletter at [www.ornaa.org](http://www.ornaa.org)

Alberta was awarded the **2013 ORNAC national conference!**

We continued to build collaboration with the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA) and sterile processing department/materials management group.

By-law revision documents were prepared for by-law ratification at 2008 AGM.

The ORNAA board continued to explore strategies to develop/increase perioperative nursing research in Alberta.

#### Articles Posted since last newsletter:

Referenced and Non-referenced articles will be posted on the web under the section Articles.

A listing of those articles will be posted here.

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It is also important to note that within each of the five Alberta districts there have been numerous initiatives and education events throughout the past year. For the details, please see the reports in this publication from each of the district presidents.

The activity of this organization at all levels is accomplished by the passion and volunteer efforts of our colleagues and from my perspective they do a tremendous job. My hat goes off with thanks to each of you!

Member feedback regarding ORNAA activity, direction, etc is always welcome and can easily be made utilizing contact information found on the ORNAA website.

This newsletter issue invites specific feedback about the online format of Snips and Snaps. We look forward to receiving your survey responses.

The 2008-2009 ORNAA membership drive is currently underway in each district. So join in, renew your memberships early but don't stop there! Take time to encourage and mentor a colleague to become a member by sharing the benefits of membership. Follow-up by having your new member colleague join you in attending your district events and together make plans to attend the ORNAA provincial conference. The 2008 ORNAA provincial conference on Oct 22-25/08 in Red Deer Alberta is being hosted by

**Message for ORNAA President continued.....**

the enthusiastic South Central District with Donna Wapple as conference chairperson. 2008 ORNAA conference information and registration form can be downloaded from [www.ornaa.org](http://www.ornaa.org).

Every member can take pride in belonging to this unique and active professional nursing specialty organization known as ORNAA-the Operating Room Nurses of Alberta Association! This organization is influential and forward-thinking with a constant focus on advancing perioperative nursing practice and optimizing care of the perioperative patient. There is growing recognition of perioperative nursing practice within the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA) and amongst nursing education institutions in Alberta. We must hold the gain and continue the momentum to further establish and advance our nursing specialty practice with nursing research and earnest attention to expanded scope of practice, at the same time ensuring excellent practice standards throughout the province. So while, over the past many years, ORNAA has made much progress, much remains to be done. I intend to continue my efforts and hope that, if you have not already done so, you will consider joining in the cause.

My term as ORNAA president finishes at the end of June. It has been a tremendous privilege to serve nursing in this capacity for the past two years. I have appreciated the support and amazing efforts of each board member and all ORNAA members. My life has been enriched beyond expectation by my interaction with the people of this organization. Thank you for the mark you have left on my life.

I proudly welcome my dear friend and colleague Kelly Kuz to the role of ORNAA president; under her very capable leadership this organization will continue to thrive and move in a progressive and positive direction.

Have a great summer!

Regards,  
Sue Styles  
ORNAA president

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## 2008-2009 Membership Drive

Get your renewal form from your hospital representative and return it to them by during the summer months. Beat the September rush!!

Membership Registration/Renewal Fee—\$50.00  
Late Registration (after Sept 30) - \$75.00



**Distribution of  
\$50.00 ORNAA  
Membership Fee**

- \$15.00-to member's district
  - \$10.00 – to ORNAC
  - \$12.72 – to CORNJ
  - \$12.28 – to ORNAA
- a portion of which is then distributed to districts annually for education funding

## What's New—ORNAC Review

### Background information

The Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC) holds two board meetings annually. At the national board meetings, each Canadian province is represented by two board members. As per the ORNAA by-laws, the province of Alberta is represented by the provincial president and the provincial president-elect.

At the national board meeting table you will find the ORNAC executive, provincial representatives and affiliate representatives. Current ORNAC affiliate groups include the Canadian Operating Room Leaders (CORL) and the Registered Nurse First Assistant Network of Canada (RNFANC).

The activity of ORNAC is primarily communicated in the Canadian Operating Room Nursing Journal and [www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca) as well as at the ORNAC national conferences.

### A brief summary of ORNAC spring activity appears below. (An acronym list follows)

- ORNAC membership database is now an official reality
  - ORNAC membership deadline is Jan 15 to be eligible for national conference early bird registration rate (ORNAA submits membership database to ORNAC treasurer by Dec. 15)
- ORNAC Incorporation – ORNAC bylaw structure is unique and this has created a challenge for ORNAC incorporation. The review and revision of by-laws and rules and regulations to comply with industry Canada regulations for federal incorporation is nearly complete.
- ORNAC is carefully considering criteria for industry sponsored learning projects and partnerships. There is growing interest amongst industry and organizations to be partnered and/or associated with ORNAC.
- Horizon web design – In July 08 [www.ORNAC.ca](http://www.ORNAC.ca) will be hosted by a new web provider. You are invited to bring your website ideas forward to ORNAC webmaster, Marcy McKay, [ornac@shaw.ca](mailto:ornac@shaw.ca)
- The ORNAC Elluminate contract will be renewed for a second year.
- 2009 ORNAC national conference – June 7-12, 2009 St. John's NL
  - Conference planning is proceeding with ever-

increasing ORNAC involvement

2009 national conference will see delegate conference registration taken on-line (utilizing company McCarthy's Party)

National conference guidelines are undergoing revision to reflect rapidly occurring changes- much emphasis on conference budget development.

- Awards- new committee chair is Marlene Weeks BC
  - Two new awards have been generously sponsored and will be first awarded at the 2009 national conference.
- I. The Gloria Stephens Educator award—for dedication to perioperative nursing education
- II. RMAC patient safety award—focus on patient safety in a verbal presentation, written published article, poster presentation
  - Criteria has been finalized for these awards, along with all conference specific awards and other ORNAC awards and are promoted in CORNJ and on the ORNAC website.
- Highlighting perioperative nurses week (November 9-15/08) - ORNAC is sponsoring an essay contest to further highlight perioperative nurses week. Please watch for contest information in CORNJ and on [www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca) to enter to win a free trip to the 2009 ORNAC conference in St. John's NL June 7-12, 2009
- Editorial Advisory Committee – new committee chair is Janet Reardon NS
- Standards - Module 4 draft near completion, thereafter Module 3,2,1 will be reviewed in preparation for printing in February and availability at 2009 ORNAC conference.
- A Perioperative Nursing Data Set (PNDS) presentation was made to ORNAC by CORL co-chair Pat Pocock –The following motion was carried – *ORNAC recognizes PNDS as the accepted language of perioperative nursing practice. The process of exploring/defining how to most appropriately integrate PNDS is underway.*
- ORNAC president Linda Socha attended Canadian Nursing Students Association Conference and recommends maintaining annual involvement as an important perioperative nursing recruitment opportunity

**What's New—ORNAC Review Continued....**

- CNA – ORNAC is an affiliate group of CNA, affiliate groups are encountering similar challenges, groups will meet at CNA biennium conference in Ottawa in June --sponsorship vs. partnership and exploring secretariat assistance are among many agenda topics for discussion

Certification in Perioperative Nursing-127 Canadian nurses wrote CPN(C) in April 2008- breakdown of statistics per province unavailable until Dec 2008.

Dec 2007 – 1552 registered nurses have certification in perioperative nursing in Canada (244 are Alberta perioperative nurses) Compare with Dec 2006- 1585 CPN(C) nurses

- CNA – Environment Health Project – ORNAC is represented by Bonnie McLeod-ORNAC president elect and Candace Franke-SK

Visit [www.cna-aiic.ca](http://www.cna-aiic.ca) for extensive information on this project

- NurseOne Portal – CNA driven....suggested to add link to our provincial website
- CSA technical sub committee- Alaine Young represents ORNAC on the Design and Construction of Healthcare Facilities Report- the committee is aiming to prepare a guideline by June 2009.
- IFPN/CNR - An IFPN board meeting at the 2008 AORN conference- Anaheim

The ORNAC executive attended AORN. Seen as a strategic and productive opportunity for ORNAC to interface with international organizations.

Due to financial constraints IFPN meets once/yr at strategic location/times

IFPN successfully courted EORNA (20+ countries) to IFPN membership (total number of perioperative nurses now represented by IFPN =80,000.)

IFPN involved with WHO representing/providing perioperative nursing perspective – most recently lending a significant voice to universal Surgical Safety Checklist

IFPN next meeting is at EORNA in Copenhagen April 09

The future appears increasingly optimistic for IFPN.

- IEPPC – International education program planning committee – no longer functioning as AORN embracing IFPN
- ISMP- pilot document – (Institute for Safe

Medication Practice) Kathy Ratcliffe ON participating in Operating Room Medication Safety Checklist pilot project. Once the project is evaluated/revised it will be made available nationally.

- CPSI/SHN - provinces are asked to provide a report of initiatives implemented across their province.
- ORNAC Elections- Alaine Young elected by acclamation to a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as ORNAC treasurer

Please contact me with any questions/comments regarding ORNAC activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Styles  
ORNA president

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**Acronyms:**

AORN—American Operating Room Nurses

CNA—Canadian Nurses Association

CNR—Council Nursing Representatives

CORL—Canadian Operating Room Leaders

CORNJ—Canadian Operating Room Nursing Journal

CPNC—Certification in Perioperative Nursing (Canada)

CPSI—Canadian Patient Safety Institute

CSA—Canadian Standards Association

EORNA—European Operating Room Nurses Association

IEPPC—International Education Program Planning Committee

IFPN—International Federation of Perioperative Nurses

ISMP—Institute for Safe Medication Practices

PNDS—Perioperative Nursing Data Set

SHN—Safer HealthCare Now

WHO—World Health Organization





## ***District Reports***

### **NCORNA**

Our current membership is 227 with 4 being honorary.

April 8, 2008, Dr. Estey presented "Robotic Arm Surgery". This was hosted by the Grey Nuns Hospital. We had 61 members and 3 non members in attendance.

May 21, 2008, Dr. Gina Arps presented "Cosmetic Surgery in a Family GP Office". This was hosted by the Westlock Hospital. We had 39 members and 9 non members in attendance. This was also our Annual General Meeting. Elections were held, and we welcome Bev Wiwchar to President-Elect, Janice MacDonald to Treasurer, and Pam Potter to Secretary.

A reminder to all current North Central members renewing their memberships this year to do so by the end of June, to have your name in for the draw for 6 free memberships, and to encourage all new members to do the same.

Our next executive meeting is June 11, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted  
Heather Johnson, President

### **Memoriam**

On May 2, 2008 our good friend Brenda Joan Moffitt died tragically in a head on collision. Brenda graduated from the University of Alberta School of Nursing in 1977. She latter received her BScN from the University of Alberta. She worked for 31 years in the Operating Room at the University of Alberta Hospital. She was a fabulous O.R. nurse. She aspired to be the best she could and has been a preceptor to many new O.R. nurses, passing on all her knowledge. Her specialty for the past 10 years has been with the CardioVascular Team. Brenda was deeply loved by all who knew her and will be profoundly missed by her husband David Hickle; sons, Jonathan, Ian, and Wesley; her family; and her Operating Room Family. We will miss her so much!

### **CORNA**

Our current membership is 42 with one honorary.

Our May workshop had a good turnout considering the unexpected snow storm. Dr. Farries gave presentation on Gastric Bypass Surgery and Dr. Comeau gave a presentation on In office Cosmetic and Laser Surgery. Year

End meeting was hosted by Red Deer Regional. Guest Speaker, John Volgezang, CEO for DTHR. Supper meeting and election of available positions.

Next meeting is Sept 23 in Lacombe.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tammy Dodge

### **NORNA**

North District membership includes 35 members from three different hospitals in Northern Alberta and one in the Northwest Territories. .

On May 22, 2008 Cecilia Mzvondiwa presented a very informative session on Violence Towards Women in Conflict Zones. A frank and thought provoking discussion session followed the presentation. A power point of the presentation will be available to those who are interested and were unable to attend.

A general meeting followed the education session. The 2007-2008 NORNA goals were reviewed and all had been met with the exception of supporting perioperative research. There were no applications for the NORNA research grant available.

Elections were held for the office of secretary and president elect. We are very happy to announce that Michelle Dereianko accepted the secretary position and that Colleen Marcotte is our new President- Elect. Jodi Manchee has resigned as Co-education director. She is leaving our district and we all wish her well at her new home in B.C.

Teresa Jordan has volunteered to step into that role. We sincerely welcome all new members to the executive.

Rural sites including Peace River, McLennan, High Prairie, Yellowknife, Inuvik and Whitehorse have the opportunity to join our education sessions via Telehealth. We also welcome guests, such as Dawson Creek, High Level and Ft. McMurray, to join our sessions.

Wishing everyone a safe, fun, and happy summer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Kuz

### **SCORNA**

Our membership to date is 158, with 2 honorary members.

The meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> was hosted by the PLC and Dr D Larsen gave a talk on his experiences in South Africa titled, "Africa - Third World Medicine". Once more our minds were opened to Africa with this was very thought provoking presentation and an experience that has had an impact on his life.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> Dr Beveridge will be speaking on "The Unhappy Patient" at a general meeting hosted by the RGH.

The highlight for the year will be the dinner meeting coming up June 10<sup>th</sup> at Fort Calgary. We will also have our annual membership drive on that day. We are still planning a Spring workshop and will soon have all the details available.

Excitement is building for the 2008 ORNAA conference with plans moving into high gear with a few months left!!

Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara Mushayandebvu, President



# THE OR SLATE

Is there someone you would like to congratulate? A new achievement or milestone in your district or facility? Something interesting you would like to share with the membership?

Email this information to [education@ornaa.org](mailto:education@ornaa.org)

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For more information visit Canada Health Infoway  
<http://www.infoway-inforoute.ca/>

### Membership Forms:

District Treasurers, please send your membership forms to :

Pam Rooney  
9923 83 Street  
Edmonton, AB  
T6A 3N3

Please print this page and fill in the questionnaire.

Return complete form to your district rep at your next meeting.

OR

Email your answers and comments to:  
[education@ornaa.org](mailto:education@ornaa.org)

ORNAA values all feedback and suggestions.

### Snips and Snap Evaluation Questionnaire:

1. How often did you read the paper version of Snips & S Snaps  
A) Rarely  
B ) Sometimes  
C) Always
2. How often do you read the electronic version of Snips & Snaps  
A) Never  
B ) Sometimes  
C) Always
3. Do you have access and time to use a computer at work or at home to view the online newsletter  
A) Rarely  
B ) Sometimes  
C) Always
4. Do you think people will adjust to the online format  
A) Yes  
B) No
5. Do you visit the ORNAA website for things other than the Newsletter?  
A) Yes  
B) No

### Comments: