

## Message from ORNAA President



My term as ORNAA President has concluded. It is difficult to believe the time has passed so quickly. (Possibly a sign of aging - making statements you heard your parents make years ago). The personal and professional growth acquired by this experience is difficult to articulate. I have definitely become a better person as a result of the opportunity. The provincial and national networks I was invited to join, as ORNAA President, is a unique advantage to my professional and personal life. Networking is one method to change and or validate perioperative nursing practice resulting in best care for our patients. New friendships were developed and old ones re-established. The travel opportunities were exceptional and I will always cherish the opportunity to travel to the ORNAC Conferences in Victoria and St. John's.

The structure of our organization is stable but the individual members are dynamic. Each June elections are held, both at the district and at the provincial levels. The new people bring novel and creative ideas and enthusiasm to the table. This is added to the stamina and experience our continuing members have to create an extraordinary leadership team. I would like to sincerely thank all of the board members that I had the privilege to work with during my term as president. Their support was, and is, always welcomed and valued.

As our (ORNAA's) year is drawing to a close I would like to share with the membership a synopsis of the board's goals and activity for 2009-2010.

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The goal of the ORNAA board is to *promote and encourage the highest possible quality of perioperative nursing practice in the province and to serve the membership of the association by:*

- *Providing liaison between the membership, and other partner health care organizations and associations as required, accomplished by*  
  - Liaising with CARNA and SPD/MM group
- *Advocating on behalf of the Operating Room Nurses of Alberta Association*
- *Disseminating information and updates including nationally established perioperative standards and guidelines, accomplished by*  
  - Maintaining the ORNAA website and encourage attendance at provincial/national/international conferences
- *Monitoring emerging trends and issues and identifying opportunities for perioperative registered nurses, accomplished by:*  
  - Liaising with Kathleen Waterhouse CARNA SPG representative
  - Promoting and supporting CPN(C)
  - Promoting perioperative awards available to members

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- *Providing and funding educational opportunities through conferences and seminars, accomplished by:*
  - Supporting ORNAA provincial conference planning
  - Facilitating the planning of the 2013 ORNAC national conference hosted by ORNAA in Edmonton
- *Publishing and distributing a newsletter, accomplished by*
  - Producing an electronic format of "Snips and Snaps" and posting on the ORNAA website
- *Encouraging and supporting perioperative nursing research*
- *Maintaining a history of the organization, accomplished by*
  - Depositing submissions to the archival collection, and
- *Promoting membership in the association; accomplished by*
  - Practicing fiscal responsibility, and by
  - President(s) presence at district meetings

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I want to conclude by saying thank you to each and every ORNAA member who made this opportunity possible. I encourage you all to consider accepting a place at your district board table as a step on the journey to ongoing perioperative excellence.

Please welcome Barbara Mushayandebvu as she steps into the role of President. Barbara's leadership skills and knowledge will facilitate ORNAA to move forward with professional proficiency.

Respectfully submitted by

Kelly M Kuz  
ORNAA President



## 2010-2011 Membership Drive

Get your renewal form from your hospital representative and return it to them 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

The ORNAC Executive consists of:

Past President – Linda Socha

President – Bonnie McLeod

President-Elect – Karen Frenette

Secretary – Sue Styles

Treasurer – Alaine Young

ORNAC Board last met at the DoubleTree Toronto May 8th and 9th 2010. Highlights are included in the following summary:

- Emphasized importance of accurate contact and board term information to ensure communication link. Request that provinces notify secretary re: provincial representation changes as provincial elections occur.
- Incorporation completed- meeting structure will be formalized on a go forward basis.
- Trademark Canada has approved- Red Lady trademark- History of Red Lady derived from a contest. Copyright permission form must be completed and permission granted from ORNAC to use ORNAC trademarked logos/items – this form document will be posted on website. Copyright permission has been established to ensure that ORNAC logo/items are being used appropriately.
- ORNAC executive proceeded with search for Executive Director (ED) as per direction received from Nov 09 ORNAC board meeting.

Searched for ED candidates -Following Interviews/correspondence with ORNAC executive Catherine Harley was selected as the candidate to be invited to the May 7/2010 ORNAC executive meeting to further discuss/review fit and potential as ORNAC executive director. The ORNAC executive shared the process at this ORNAC board of directors meeting and requested board support for securing a 2 year contract with Catherine Harley as executive director consultant.

- ORNAC has representation on the following committees: CNA, Canadian Nurses for Health and Environment group (part of CNA), IFPN/CNR, CAS , ISMP, Canadian Pharmaceutical Bar Coding Project, Accreditation Canada, CPSI, WHO.
- Standing committees: Corporate, National Conference, Communication (Awards; CORNJ; Website/Webmaster), Education (Perioperative Education, Standards)
- Affiliate Reports: CORL (*noted decrease in conference delegate numbers*) ; RNFANC (*Action for provincial presidents - CD requests that provinces provide via email contact information for their provincial RNFA representative*) ; PNEC (*highly active PNEC forum on website*).

Next meeting: November 2010

Submitted by,  
Kelly M Kuz

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## Articles Posted Since Last Newsletter

10MAY - CORNA - Walking Down the Halls of Our O.R. - JoAnne Herrington

10MAY - NORNA - A Trip Down the Perioperative Trail - Tara Babin

10JULY - SCORNA - The Journey To A Pediatric O.R. - Margaret Pawelek

- Reminder to submit nominees for the Muriel Shewchuk Leadership Award and the Promising Star Awards
- Look at the online 'Events' section for district meeting information
- Share your inspirations, stories, and poems with other ORNAA members. Recently did research for a degree course? Why not submit an original, referenced article to "Snips and Snaps" and you may qualify for a writing award!

## ORNAC National Conference - Call for Abstracts

Share your accomplishments in the fields of perioperative clinical practice, education, professional development, research and administration!

The Conference Planning Committee invites you to submit an abstract for paper or poster presentation at the 22nd ORNAC National Conference in Regina, SK. The theme of the conference is *"Elevating the Field of Perioperative Nursing"*. Abstracts will be considered for presentation in one of the following forums:

**Poster:** A visual display. Posters will be displayed at the conference. Posters will be selected based on relevance and implications for perioperative nursing as well as conformity with the Conference theme.

**Paper:** A 15 minute presentation by the author(s) plus 5 minutes for questions & answers.

Proposals are welcome for presentations in either English or French.

The deadline is September 30, 2010. Abstracts should be submitted via email to [abstracts@ornac.ca](mailto:abstracts@ornac.ca). For more information go to [www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ORNAA Provincial

28th AB Provincial - CORNA hosting - "TEAM O.R.– Together Everyone Achieves More"

Red Deer, AB October 20-23, 2010

Kara Utri, Conference Chair kutri@live.ca

### ORNAC Conferences

22nd National Regina, SK May 8-13, 2011

23rd National Edmonton, AB May 5-10, 2013

### International

AORN Philadelphia, PA March 19-24, 2011



## Message from ORNAA Education Director

It sure is hard to believe this summer is half over! Despite the more-often-than-not rainy weather, I hope everyone is enjoying their much deserved holidays, vacations, or 'staycations'.

In only a few short months the 28th Annual ORNAA Conference, hosted by CORNA, will be taking place in Red Deer. I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces. It should be both a fun and educational event!

I encourage all ORNAA members to submit personal reflections and original, referenced research articles to "Snips & Snaps". We all can benefit greatly through our fellow perioperative nurses' experiences and advanced knowledge.

I also encourage each and every one of us to celebrate the profession of perioperative nursing and our colleagues through submitting nominations for the Muriel Shewchuk Leadership Award and the Promising Star Awards. These are awarded in October at the Conference.

I hope you take the time to look over this volume of 'Snips & Snaps' and all it has to offer. I have included pertinent information for operating room nurses across Alberta. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns regarding the newsletter.

I welcome you to visit the ORNAA website frequently, as it is meant to provide you with

updated district information, awards and bursary information, events, and of course "Snips and Snaps".

Kind Regards,

Kara Utri, ORNAA Education Director



***Please submit all snips and snaps articles electronically to:***

**education@ornaa.org**

**Include your full name,  
district and, if applicable,  
the references**

Next newsletter deadline: November 15, 2010

## **District Reports**

### **NCORNA**

#### **NORNA - Michelle Tolton**

Greetings from the north district, as we enjoy the longer days and warmer weather. NORNA's 48 members from Yellowknife, Ft.McMurray, McLennan, Seba Beach and Grande Prairie as well as the other rural sites from High Prairie, Peace River, Inuvik, will have the opportunity to take in the fourth and last Education Session of the year, June 4th, either in person or by teleconference, as Dr. Clayton Tuffnell speaks about his work experience in Haiti this past winter. Following the education session, we will have our general meeting, which at that time will hold elections for president elect, secretary and co-education director. A sincere thanks for outgoing education director Theresa Jordan, secretary Michelle Derewianko. We enjoyed our March 18th education session presented by J&J, "Working Towards Zero Surgical Site Infections" which also had teleconferencing capabilities.

I am pleased to report that we will be able to provide funding for 2 NORNA members who have submitted requests towards sponsorship for continuing education.

We continue to have our cookbooks for sale as a fundraiser. Our 2011 ORNAA conference planning committee is now complete as we start working towards our goal.

As this will be my last report, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Colleen Marcotte who will be taking over the NORNA presidency for the next 2 year term.

Wishing all of you a safe and fun summer!

#### **CORNA - Kara Utri**

Current membership: 31 Members, with 1 Honorary.

Vacant executive positions include President-elect and Treasurer.

March 11 : Kelly Kuz in Red Deer to speak about ORNAA; well attended.

May Meeting: Dr.A.Pabbies provided a humorous and thought-provoking lecture: "ENT: The Past, Present, and Future"; well attended.

2010-2011 Membership Drive: All first-time members will be entered into a draw for the chance to win reimbursement of membership fee (\$50 value).

Next meeting: September 14, 2010; Speaker TBA

#### **SCORNA - Catherine Kelly**

SCORNA current membership is 137 as well as 2 honorary members. Our SCORNA Spring Workshop held May 1, 2010 was a success. We had 43 members attend the workshop which included the following topics:

- \* Patient Education – An essential Component at Tom Baker Cancer Centre
- \* Feeding the Mind: Looking at Nutrition and Staying Focused Throughout the Day
- \* Be Safe, Not Sorry

Our next meeting is the annual dinner meeting on June 15th at Fort Calgary. Our speaker we will be Dr. Mary Brindle speaking on Gastroschisis and Diaphragmatic Hernia. Also we will be having elections for the positions of President-elect and Education Director.

### **SORNA - Bev Reach/Gloria Nemecek**

SORNA – Membership 44

Last SORNA meeting was a teleconference meeting held March 25, 2010. Program was presented by Susan Drblik....Yoga instructor from the University of Lethbridge...Yoga Thrive. Healing Through Yoga. A program offered for Cancer patients.

Our President-Elect position continues to be vacant..We are hopeful that nominations will be presented at the June meeting.

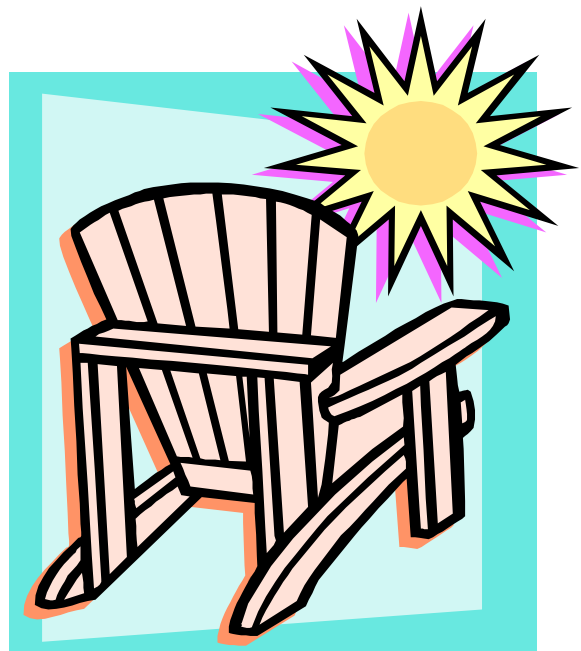
Our District Proxy Positions were deleted due to our membership numbers. Membership felt that if a District Rep is unable to attend an ORNAA Meeting than a proxy can be chosen from the executive.

Review of the SORNA Survey results were reviewed re: the memberships input on SORNA meeting templates, education sessions and how things can be improved to promote memberships. Due to the complexity of the topic and the difficulties associated with teleconference meetings the executive will meet prior to the June meeting and template a proposal for presentation to the membership at the June meeting.

SORNA Secretary will contact all managers in this district asking them to set up a binder(s) at the hospital for all SORNA correspondence for accessibility to the membership. Conference Summary was presented by 2009 ORNAA Conference Chair – Gloria Nemecek. All were thanked for their work on the planning meeting, and those that attended from the district. Congratulation on a very successful Conference!!!!

Correspondence was received from Cardston, Brooks, and Medicine Hat for the monies received from SORNA for celebration of OR Nurses. Review of the district binders were discussed and it was decided that only the President and the Secretary would hold copies. Information for other executive members can be obtained from these copies as required.

Observer(s) to ORNAA was encouraged to the membership as a way to better understand the workings of the Organization. District will support reimbursement for those that wish to attend as an observer. Next Meeting is a face to face in Lethbridge on June 17, 2010.





## 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)*

### 2011 CNA CERTIFICATION

*Exam Date: April 9, 2011*

Initial Certification Application Deadline:  
October 15, 2010

Certification Renewal Application Deadline:  
November 26, 2010

For more information go to  
<http://getcertified.cna-aiic.ca>

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### ORNAC STANDARDS NEW FORMAT AVAILABLE!!

The 2009 Standards, Guidelines, and Position Statements for Perioperative Registered Nursing Practice are available in printed coil-bound or **pdf electronic format** from [www.shopcsa.com](http://www.shopcsa.com) (or via link from [www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca) )

### MEMBERSHIP FORMS:

District Treasurers, please send your membership forms to:

Pam Rooney  
992383 Street  
Edmonton, AB  
T6A 3N3

*\*\* Please ensure that all forms are legible and completed in FULL, including CARNA registration number, CNA Certification number, and mailing address \*\**

### CONTEST OPPORTUNITY!!

*Theme Contest for 2011 National Nursing Week*  
The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) is looking for a theme for next year's National Nursing Week. Submit your suggestion by August 31, 2010 to [youropinion@cna-aiic.ca](mailto:youropinion@cna-aiic.ca)

If your idea is chosen, you win **\$200 cash!!**