

ORNAA

“Every summer has a story...”



President Message

This year was a year of change and I know that this change, just like in our work environments will be ongoing. One of the biggest changes that we saw was that our membership process went online, or at least the registration part was online. There were some definite successes with this process, the biggest one being a central collection and automatic inputting of all the member data, which made things a bit easier for our Membership Coordinator. Of course with any new process you can expect some hiccups along the way, and we had a few of these too. With all that being said, more change is on the way. As many of you already know, we decided to delay our membership drive this spring while we awaited ORNAC's plan for a national membership, with the anticipation that this would take place in this coming year. The move to the collection of memberships at the national level will commence for the 2014 year, and as such for the 2013-2014 year, ORNAA's membership drive will go ahead. There are still a few finer details that need to be worked out before this occurs, but our hope is to have the membership registration available in the coming days. You can expect to hear more about the ORNAC membership in the months ahead.

An additional change that has occurred at the ORNAC level is that the new ORNAC bylaws were passed at the April Board meeting and the overall Board size decreased from 28 to 17 members. This includes one representative from each province. I will sit as the representative from Alberta for the upcoming year. As these new bylaws begin to be implemented, ORNAA will need to make, what we hope, will be some final changes to the bylaw updates that we have been working on for over the past year. The changes at the ORNAC level were to ensure that their bylaws were in line with the new Canada Not-for-profit Act. This same Act will affect associations like the Canadian Nurses Association.

As I close this update to you, I would like to say that it was great to see a large number of Alberta representatives at the ORNAC/IFPN National Conference held in Ottawa this past April. We were able to get a group photo, which I have included below. For those who attended, I hope that you found the education program interesting and informative, the social activities exhilarating and entertaining, and the networking with fellow Canadian and International perioperative nurses valuable and memorable. Be sure to share your experiences and your newfound knowledge with your colleagues who were not able to attend. With the 2013 Conference behind us, it is time to start planning (and saving) for the 2015 Conference in Edmonton!

Best wishes for a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating summer,

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Lucia Pfeuti
ORNAA President



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are now online! Please sign up at www.ornaa.org!

NOMINATIONS

- We are looking for **Rising Star** nominations from each district... Please nominate someone who you believe is exceptional and has less than 2 years of perioperative experience.
- We are looking for nominations for the **Muriel Shewchuk Leadership** award. Please nominate an outstanding leader you know!
- We are looking for submissions of researched articles and or reflective pieces of writing that touch on subjects related to perioperative nursing!

AORN UPDATE

AORN Conference dates are:
 March 29 - April 2, 2014
 Chicago, IL

ORNAC UPDATE

Dates are:
 May 3-7, 2015
 Edmonton, AB

ORNAA Provincial Conference

Dates are:
 Sept 24-27, 2014
 "The Power of Perioptimal Nursing"
 Info to come...

REGISTRATION

Members can sign up online until **November 30, 2013**.
 Payment can be made online.
 No paper copies accepted.





ORNAA 2013

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday, October 19, 2013

TIME: 0845 to 1200

LOCATION:

AGENDA:

- **0845 to 0900: FREE registration**
- **0900 to 1000: Annual General Meeting**
- **1000 to 1200: Speaker Vivian Watson (The AORN Ombudsman)**

Speaker Information: Vivian C. Watson, RN, CNOR

Ms. Watson is a Nurse Educator for Surgery at Wesley Medical Center, Hattiesburg, MS.

She has been a nurse for over 40 years. She speaks at many conferences regionally and nationally on motivational issues.

Her philosophy is "A heart at peace gives life to the body".

She has received the Award for Outstanding Achievement and Mentorship from the Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN) for her work coaching fellow perioperative nurses.

The Missouri State Council also made a donation to the AORN Foundation and inscribed their brick to honor Vivian Watson, RN, CNOR, the "first AORN ombudsman."

District Reports

NORNA Report

Membership number remains at 30.

An education session with Synthes rep, Craig Maitland, was held this spring. In June, NORNA is hosting a DVD series of opportunities for staff to attend featuring Barb Bancroft.

A number of NORNA members from Yellowknife and Grande Prairie attended the conference this spring and have said it was enjoyable and educational. Two members wrote their CPN(C) exam this spring and several have renewed their CPN(C) certifications. NORNA has received applications for funding for all of these endeavors and we will be meeting toward the end of this month to review the applications.

In May, NORNA hosted lunch at work for the OR staff in celebration of Nurses' Week and this was enjoyed by all.

The NORNA executive is currently in need of another education director, with Atara having moved into the president-elect position.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Dykhuizen, RN BSN
NORNA President

NCORNA Report

NCORNA has 188 members including 3 honorary and 1 associate.

A number of our members attended the ORNAC conference in Ottawa and came back with great reports! We have had our spring elections and have a full executive of very capable and keen people.

- Jackie Liebel is the new treasurer.
- Heather Raitt is the new secretary.
- Cindy Grainger is the new education coordinator.
- Darlene and I remain in our roles as president and president elect for another year.

We had an interesting dinner meeting entitled "From RN to MD". The speaker is a third year resident with a history of working as an RN. We have also had a doctor present on the topic of Endoscopic Pancreatic Interventions.

We have had some questions from hospital reps about the membership drive for the 2013-14 year. The changes to ORNAC were explained and I encouraged them to wait for more news.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Parker
NCORNA President

CORNA Report - No report

District Reports Continued...

SCORNA Report

We currently have 158 members divided amongst the sites including the new South Health Campus.

We had a very successful March meeting, with 46 members and 19 non-members attend. We had a tour of the South Health Campus, which proved to be very informative. Our City is lucky to have such a great facility. Each site has worked hard and are continuing to work to train many new staff.

We also had a great general district meeting with 75 members showing up to Fort Calgary to hear speaker Dr. F Yau on microsurgery. Continuing with our fundraising efforts we did a 50/50 draw, a wine basket raffle, and got a generous donations of 4 previous ORNAC prints that we auctioned off. We continue to seek fundraising opportunities and ideas. The secretary position came up and Bev Reach from the SHC was nominated into position. We are excited to have her at our district as she brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm.

We are eagerly waiting to hear from ORNAC about the membership fee structure, and the 2014 conference committee is also working hard. Promotional items were made up and delivered to the ORNAA board at the June meeting.

SORNA Report

SORNA district has 46 members with 5 of our members Honorary.

Several members attended the April, 2013 ORNAC Conference in Ottawa. Members have been sharing information through presentations and networking.

March education topics were “Surgical Management of Epistaxis” and “Shoulder Injuries and Surgery”.

Members are being encouraged to consider Executive positions. Elections will be held at our June meeting. We continue to partially fund members for conferences, workshops, CPN(C) exam and recertification.

Our next meeting is a face to face meeting in Lethbridge, June 20th.

Respectfully submitted,
Leta Ottway RN CPN(C)
SORNA President



Be Involved! Be apart of change!
Join the ORNAA Board!
We are looking for a new
Education Director!

THE NEXT SNIPS & SNAPS DEADLINES:

- Nov 15, 2013 for Dec 1, 2013 publication
- Feb 15, 2014 for March 14, 2014 publication
- May 15, 2014 for June 1, 2014 publication
- Nov 15, 2014 for Dec 1, 2014 publication

RESOURCES:

ORNAA Webpage

www.ornaa.org

AORN Webpage

www.aorn.org

IFPN Webpage

www.ifpn.org.uk

ORNAC STANDARDS

2013 ORNAC Standards now available for purchase:

<http://shop.csa.ca/invt/27031122013>