



## Message from ORNAA President

Perioperative nursing is one of the oldest nursing specialties and has evolved into a decidedly specialized practice. “Although many aspects of perioperative nursing are universal and readily understood by all who work in this environment, the application of fundamental (as well as advanced) principles is highly contextual. In fact, such is the nature of the practice that perioperative nursing can be understood and practiced differently in two operating suites within the same locale” (Hamlin, Richardson-Tench, & Davies, 2009).

This quote was taken from a new text book titled *Perioperative Nursing an Introductory Text* by Lois Hamlin, Marilyn Richardson-Tench, & Menna Davies, 2009. This is an Australian text, written by Australian perioperative nurses leaders/educators, but the statement is universal and emphasises how small our world really is. Not only small, but dynamic, in the sense that perioperative practice is not, and does not, stagnate. With emerging technologies and an expanded knowledge base worldwide, we, as perioperative Registered Nurses must attain and maintain the unique skills, knowledge, and competencies to provide safe perioperative care to our patient/clients. The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) has provided an accessible opportunity for professional nurses to demonstrate this unique knowledge. This being “the CNA Certification Program”. Perioperative Nursing is recognized by the CNA as a speciality.

### Articles Posted since last newsletter:

- JUN09 SCORNA ORNAC Conference
- JUL09 SCORNA Reflections on ORNAC in Newfoundland
- JUL09 SCORNA How far should you take a joke

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### Benefits of Certification:

- Confirms that your knowledge is current in your specialty/are of nursing practice
- Demonstrates your sincere commitment to your profession, your specialty/are of nursing practice and your career
- Shows your desire to challenge your skills and knowledge at a national level
- Prepares you for positions of greater responsibility in your specialty or area of nursing practice
- Increases your credibility, marketability and recognition with the public,

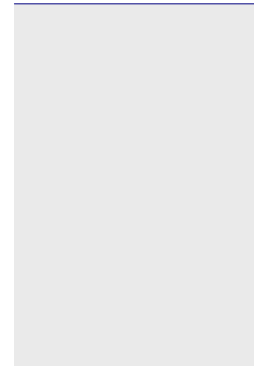
*Message for ORNAA President continued.....*

your peers and other health-care professionals

Includes you in a countrywide community of nurses committed to nursing excellence and continuing competence. (CNA, 2009 <http://getcertified.cna-aiic.ca>).

Please consider becoming certified, recertifying, and/or supporting a colleague going through the process. For more information visit the CNA website at <http://getcertified.cna-aiic.ca> or call 1-800-450-5206. Note that the application deadlines have been extended.

Kelly Kuz  
ORNAA President



## 2009-2010 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ORNAA Provincial

27<sup>th</sup> AB Provincial - Surgical Technologies Ongoing Practices—SORNA hosting

Red Deer, AB

October 21-24 , 2009

Gloria Nemecek conference@ornaa.org

### ORNAC Conferences

22<sup>nd</sup> National Regina, SK 2011

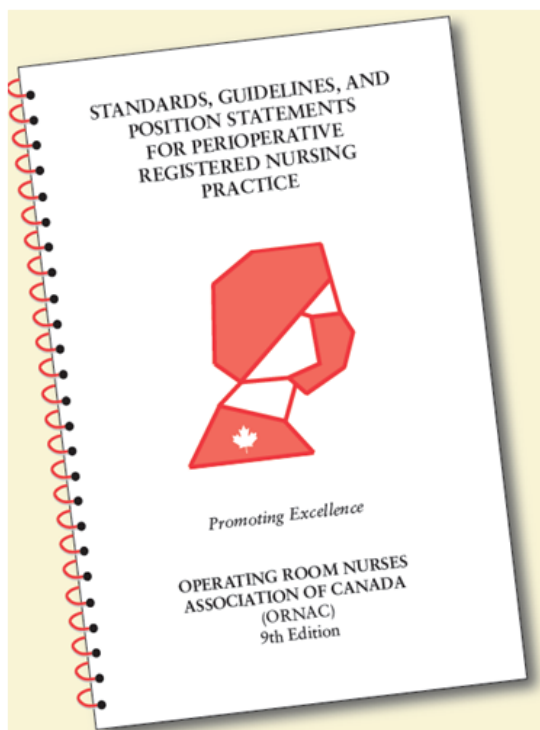
23<sup>rd</sup> National Edmonton, AB 2013

### International

Managing Today's OR Suite

Oct 7—9, 2009

Las Vegas, NV



**ORNAC Standards 9th edition** available in new format in **June 2009**.

Standards available from CSA at **[www.CSA.ca](http://www.CSA.ca)**.

***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 Nov 13

## ***District Reports***

### **NORNA—Michelle Tolton**

Greetings from the breezy north, enjoying the return of green grass and chirping birds. Our memberships consists of 46 members, for the QEII hospital, Peace River, McLennan, Seba Beach and Yellowknife.

6 NORNA members will be travelling to St-John's, NL to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> ORNAC National Conference June 7-12<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to the many opportunities for education, socializing, networking and site seeing.

Our May 21<sup>st</sup> Education Session was "The Smoking Gun, can Clear Air in the O.R. a Reality?" This was a recorded session purchased from the 2008 AORN Conference presented by Kay Ball as part of her doctorate dissertation, & Vangie Dennis. Interestingly, the same topic is featured as one of the sessions at the upcoming conference, which will be presented by Dr. Kay Ball. Kelly also gave a presentation of the new standards in regards to smoke evacuation.

Gail Coristine has concluded Ferne's term for the last 2 months as outgoing Treasurer, as Ferne took a leave to work in Australia for a year. What an adventure! Elections for the 2009-2011 term for Treasurer is Gail Coristine and Co-Education Director to replace outgoing Tracy, will be announced following confirmation. Welcome!

Congratulations to Tracey Rice for her recent CPN© certification, as well as 5 members for their successful re-certification.

North District members Diana Mabbet and Tracey Rice travelled to Edmonton this past weekend as volunteers for the 2013 ORNAC National Conference Committee.

Next year's Education session dates to be announced at the September meeting,

### **NORNA—Pamela Rooney**

We had a wonderful year with 243 members, four of which were honorary. Our last two dinner meetings were:

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009-06-02, Preceptorship, by Dr. Florence Myrick, Professor at the U of A, and; May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009-06-02, HIPEC, The future of Colon Cancer in Alberta

The HIPEC dinner and talk was extremely well attended, with 86 at the dinner and approximately 12 more for the presentation. HIPEC – Hyperthermic Intraoperative Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy, presented by Dr. Erika Haase, who will be starting this procedure at the Grey Nuns Hospital in July. There are only three other centres in Canada, so the Nuns feels very special. They will begin this program before Toronto, which is even better!

As most of you know, because of the recession, the Royal Alexandra has had to cut back on 15% of their elective surgery, which has had a few patients extremely worried.

On a very positive note – One of our members, Candis Bilyk, NCORNA, was presented with the J&J writing award – "The Drake Thompson Writing Award" for her article in the September CORNJ issue – "Don't Break The Chain: Importance of Supply Chain Management In The Operating Room Setting". Candis was unable to attend the National Conference to accept the award, so we surprised her with it at our last dinner meeting. This is a wonderful award coming soon after the birth of her first child and the destruction of her house in a nasty three house fire in Sherwood Park, just outside of Edmonton. The J&J Representative was on hand to award this to a very surprised Candis.

### **CORNA— Tammy Dodge**

It has been a great year and we have had many wonderful guest speakers. Thank you to Dr. Thomas for providing our members with an informative session on Trans Vaginal Tape at our year end meeting. All

CORNA meetings include a guest speaker, supper and district meeting. We had 4 meetings in total, one which was a spring workshop. The CORNA members who attended the National Conference in Newfoundland have been sharing their stories and pictures. It sounds like it was a great conference. CORNA is hosting the 2010 ORNAA conference and the team has been busy planning the event.

In September, Kara Utri, will take over the role of CORNA President. I know she will do an amazing job and wish her much success.

### **SCORNA—Catherine Kelly**

Current membership is 168 active and 4 honorary. . We are continuing to promote SCORNA membership to our new staff.

Our Spring Workshop was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with great attendance by SCORNA members. The workshop included three speakers and the following topics: "Energy Based Stress Relaxation Techniques", "How Money Works in an Unsure Economy", and "Writing Lives – Serious Stories".

We held our membership drive for 2009/2010 membership year at the dinner meeting with great success. Also, elections for the executive positions of treasurer and secretary were held, and we are pleased to welcome two new members to the SCORNA executive!

Our annual Dinner meeting was held May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Fort Calgary. This meeting is typically our best attended, and this year was no exception. The speaker for the meeting was Dr. Derek Drummond who spoke about "Airway Papillomas".

SCORNA will be providing funding for members to attend the ORNAC National conference in Newfoundland, as well as for certification and recertification.

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

Membership for the 2008/2009 fiscal year: 40 members; 4 Honorary

Our last meeting was held on May 2, 2009 in Medicine Hat, in conjunction with the SORNA Spring Workshop. 21 people attended the workshop; and five companies provided sponsorship. The program topics included: Laser Vein Therapy, Spring Bulbs and Tree Pruning, Nutrition, Electrosurgical Safety, Heart and Stroke Program, and Enterostomal Therapy.

We reviewed the final draft of the Perioperative Student Award and a transparency concern was addressed by one member. The criteria were reviewed again by attending members for changes to identify this address. The final draft will be distributed prior to the September meeting for all to view for approval.

Discussion re: proxy job description. This job portfolio is under review for possible changes in the next fiscal year. Members were asked to bring recommendation in September.

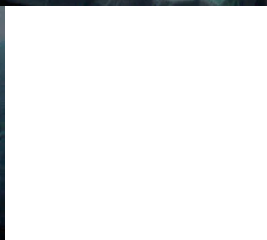
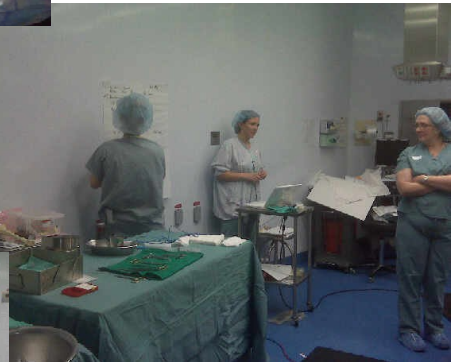
SORNA executive organizational structure was discussed for membership input re: possible changes ...further discussion at upcoming September meeting

Elections: Bernie Johnston was re-elected for the treasurer for the 2009/2010 year. Upcoming elections: President elect, Proxy. Budget will be set in September.

Meeting dates; September 17, 2009, November 19, 2009 – Dinner meeting in Medicine Hat in celebration of OR Nurses Day.

# CORNA March Spring Workshop

## Patient Pediatric Simulator with Traci Robinson





## 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)

### Membership Forms:

District Treasurers, please send your membership forms to :

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We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence, therefore, is not an  
act but a habit.

**ARISTOTLE**

Our greatest glory is not in never  
falling but in rising every time we  
fall.

**CONFUCIUS**