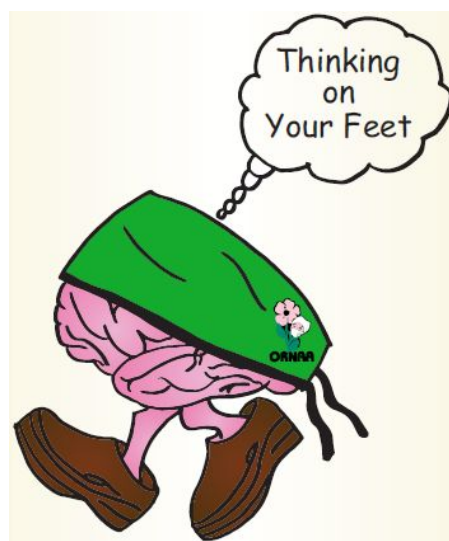


# O.R.N.A.A

Old & New



## ORNAA Conference October 24 to 27, 2012

The theme for this year is "Thinking on Your Feet".

The conference is being hosted by the North Central Operating Room Nurses Association (NCORNA).

The full conference program is available at: <http://www.ornaa.org/conference-program.shtml>

Delegate registration is now open! Visit: <http://www.ornaa.org/conference-register.phtml>

The help and support we receive from the vendors is invaluable, and helps greatly in making the conference a success.

**Location:** Sheraton Red Deer, Alberta

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## Message from the Past President

Where does the time go!! June marks the end of my term as ORNAA president. The last 2 years have been an amazing journey. I would like to thank each board member and every member of this great organization for your support during my term. Your commitment, innovative ideas and passion for perioperative nursing have been inspiring. My life has been enriched beyond expectation by my interaction with the people of this organization.

As ORNAC and ORNAA continue to grow and tackle the changes that come with this growth, I am confident Alberta's Perioperative Registered Nurses will rise to the challenge. The next five years will see a stronger, unified perioperative organization emerge as ORNAC works for you the members, to deliver education, advocate and be your voice. As members we are going to need to be more involved and make our voices heard. Stay informed, talk to your district and provincial representatives and remember united we are stronger.

It is with great pleasure I welcome Colleen Marcotte as ORNAA president. Under her capable leadership ORNAA will continue to grow and move in a positive and progressive direction.

Enjoy the summer, take time to reconnect with family and friends and make time for yourselves.

# THANK YOU!

Barbara Mushayandebvu!

For your leadership, dedication, hard work and supportive spirit!

## QUOTE

*"All our dreams can come true – if we have the courage to pursue them."*

*- Walt Disney -*



## INFORMATION ABOUT ORNAC...

Welcome to the website of the Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada, or as we are best known, ORNAC. Since 1997, we have enjoyed numerous visitors, especially periop folks, surfing around our site. With another new redesign we offer a brand new look with some familiar information and an abundance of new information and features. Our new [Forum](#) is now a place for nurses across Canada to come and discuss our practice. Meet our [Board](#) and [Executive](#) and learn a bit about them. Keep up-to-date with an easy to use [calendar of events](#), and stay informed on ORNAC happenings with our [News](#) area. Looking for something in particular? Try our new [search](#) feature, located conveniently on the top of every page. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#)!



## Past President ORNAC Report

I attended my last board meeting May 5/6 2012 in Toronto. I have been asked to stay on as chair of the ORNAC Journal editorial committee for another term to help with the transition process.

Highlights from the meeting:

- Sue Styles won the ORNAC J&J Bursary award.
- It was noted, from the Education report, that it will be at least 2 years before a national ORNAC approved program is available.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the ORNAC Standards should be completed by April 2013.
- Perioperative Nursing week, Nov.11-17, 2012, Theme is “Enhancing Teams through collaborative Practice”.
- The Strategic plan is progressing but is having growing pains. It will take a while before all the pillars are in place and working well. The draft Terms of Reference for the pillars has been written and distributed. Feedback is awaited. Next is to draft the Articles of Continuance. This will hopefully be completed by November 2012. The membership component will not be completed until closer to 2013.

Next board meeting November 3/4 2012 in Toronto.

Respectfully submitted by

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## New President: Colleen Marcotte's Updates

- Correspondence work with 2012 ORNAA Conference planning
- Correspondence work with 2013 ORNAC Conference planning
- Correspondence work with 2014 ORNAA Conference planning
- Continued work on ORNAC Standards Committee
- Next ORNAC governance meeting November 2-4, 2012 in Toronto
  
- 2013 ORNAC Conference in conjunction with the IFPN Meeting will be held April 22-26, 2013
- ORNAC is developing a literature review panel for specialty nursing. A request for proposals has been sent out.
  
- 2011 ORNAC Conference in Regina made \$247,712 profit.

# DISTRICT REPORTS

## NORNA District Report

The current membership number for NORNA is 11, as calculated from the ORNAA website. I will check with the treasurer, to make sure that members have not submitted under the previous paper method, rather than on-line.

We have not had a meeting since late May, prior to our last ORNAA meeting, with staff away on vacation and enjoying the summer. We look forward to having our first executive meeting in September to set goals for the upcoming year. At our last meeting, we welcomed incoming executive members and have said farewell to past members. The 2012/2013 NORNA executive consists of: Sheila Dykhuizen, president; Shawindra Parmar, president-elect; Colleen Marcotte; past president; Kathy Miller, treasurer; Amber Cheveldave, secretary; and Nicole Ressler and Atara Hustler, education directors. We say farewell to Michelle Tolton, Gail Coristine, Tara Babin, Wanda Hobbs and Stephanie Malekoff and thank them for their involvement in NORNA and in promoting the profession of perioperative nursing.

In early June we hosted an all day workshop presented by Jim Yih titled "Taking control of your money." Positive feedback was received from those who attended and those who were unable to attend were hopeful for another opportunity to learn from Jim at a future time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Dykhuizen  
President

## NCORNA District Report to ORNAA

Current membership for NCORNA as of August is 130 members including 3 honorary members and 1 associate member.

NCORNA sponsored a draw for one fully funded 2012 ORNAA conference in memory of Bev Wiwchar. We have a grateful recipient.\

There are about 20 students going through the Grant Mac Ewan University OR course.

We start our educational dinner meetings again on September 25. Dr. Jane Schulz is presenting on "Mesh Implants in Urogyne Surgery – Mesh Controversy"

Respectfully submitted

# DISTRICT REPORTS

## CORNA REPORT TO ORNAA

There are currently 38 active members and 1 honorary member. A third of the membership has renewed for the next year and an active campaign is ongoing to have renewals in by the first meeting of September.

CORNA's last meeting of the year was a supper meeting held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. 9 members attended. The future of the central district viability was discussed in detail and new members were elected to executive positions. The new executives are:

President: Marj Breslawski Olds Hospital and Care Center  
Vice President: Kristina Meyer Red Deer Regional Hospital  
Past President: Marilee Saunders Red Deer Regional Hospital  
Secretary: Laura Phillips Red Deer Regional Hospital  
Treasurer: Janice Besner Private Surgical Suite  
Education: Alicia Zaseyouda (Inaune Warder assisting)

There are currently 8 sites in Central region with Operating Rooms: Innisfail Health Center: 2 OR's currently renovating to accommodate the ophthalmology services from RDRH. Target date for startup is November 2012.

Olds Hospital and Care Center: Olds has 2 OR's and is the center for day surgeries from RDRH that include general surgeries, gynecology, orthopedics and obstetrics.

Red Deer Regional Hospital: 9 OR's with all services except cardiac surgery.

Wetaskiwan Hospital and Care Center: 2 OR's with local services as well as day surgeries from Edmonton surgeons.

Drumheller Health Center, Lacombe Hospital and Care Center, Rocky Mountain House Health Center, Stettler Hospital and Care Center, Ponoka Hospital and Care Center

The last 5 hospitals have 1-2 OR's have and provide general and minor surgeries. Next meeting is September 18<sup>th</sup> in Olds with a tour of the new day surgery facilities.

respectfully submitted,  
Marilee Saunders, CORNA Past President

# DISTRICT REPORTS

## SCORNA District Report

Current membership number for SCORNA is 87 members including 2 honorary members. There has not been much activity over the summer in the SCORNA district, other than a few meetings held by the 2014 Conference Planning Committee. We are in the process of changing some of the Executive as past members leave and new members are welcomed on board.

Our first meeting with our new Executive will not take place until September 18th, so there will likely be more to report at the next meeting. As mentioned in our last report, we will likely be adding the position of South Health Campus hospital representative to our district executive come fall as the new hospital is scheduled to open in the New Year. For more information on the progress of South Health Campus go to: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/shc.asp>

SCORNA Executive will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to go over our budget for the coming year. We will need to think of some new ways to provide funds to members for education as our bank balance decreases.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucia Pfeuti,  
SCORNA Past President

## SORNA REPORT TO ORNAA

SORNA district is doing a membership drive to encourage current and new members to join our professional organization. Our next meeting is Sept. 20, 2012 in Medicine Hat. We will be discussing the impact of conferences every other year, the decreased funding and fiscal restraint.

The other meeting dates are: Nov. 15, 2012 teleconference, Mar. 14, 2013 teleconference, June 20, 2013 in Lethbridge

Our Secretary position is vacant but still hopeful a member will volunteer.

Congratulations to SORNA member Bernie Johnston from Lethbridge, who was featured on AHS InSite in August. It was a great article and we're all proud of Bernie and her accomplishments.

Activity that will be happening in SORNA includes: 2 members taking Perioperative Program, 1 member writing CPN(C), 5 members attending Oct ORNAA Conference in Red Deer, 3 members plan on attending ORNAC Conference in Ottawa. **2016 Conference** hosted by SORNA - no report



**CAGS Allied Health Care Symposium:  
Surgical patient safety – A multidisciplinary team approach**

**September 15, 2012 from 0800-1200**

*MacLeod E-2, Lower Level, South Building, Calgary TELUS Convention Centre*

We invite all health care professionals working with the surgical patient to attend this symposium with a focus on issues affecting surgical patient safety. Continental breakfast, refreshment break, lunch, and parking for all nurses are included in the \$75 registration fee. We encourage you to register at [www.cdnsurgeryforum.ca](http://www.cdnsurgeryforum.ca). For more information, please contact [sleblanc@cags-accg.ca](mailto:sleblanc@cags-accg.ca) or at 613-882-6510.



Mercy Ships and the *Africa Mercy* provide primary medical care, relief aid and community support to the most impoverished people on earth, free of charge.

Nurses who are interested in getting involved can volunteer for any desired amount of time during the 10-month service in Guinea. They will live and work onboard the giant medical vessel that is equipped with six operating theatres, 80 hospital beds and state-of-the-art equipment, as well as dorms, lounges and even a donated Starbucks café.

The cost of the trip is \$680 US dollars per month in crew fees – covering accommodations, meals, transportation to and from the airport, and basic emergency insurance. Flights, spending money, personal travel and personal meals are extra.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Katrina at [msca@mercyships.ca](mailto:msca@mercyships.ca). For more information about Mercy Ships, please visit [www.mercyships.ca](http://www.mercyships.ca).