

# Snips & Snaps

Operating Room Nurses Association of Alberta

## Life on the Teeter Totter

"There is a delicate balance in our life of ups and downs. Of course we strive for the ups and do our best to weather the downs when they happen. The perfect balance is never easy to achieve yet we wake up each day and hope and pray that for just today we get it right. "

~ Joanne Parrett Baston ~

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## President's Season Greeting!

Just like the snow outside, the stacks of papers and deadlines are piling up. I wish to apologize to all the members for delaying this publication of Snips and Snaps. It seems that I have been at endless meetings, with endless discussions after. Plus, I am just recovering from pneumonia.

I truly understand the "teeter totter" effect. Of course, when you are on the bottom; you know that you can only go up from there. So my message to all is just to keep going. Strive to do the best that you can and have faith that it will get better. There are changes on the horizon; we just have to be patient. Enjoy your life!

Colleen Marcotte  
President ORNAA



## Save the Date!

### ORNAC

April 21-25, 2013

In Ottawa, ON Canada and the theme is "International Alliance for Perioperative Best Practice"

### AORN

March 2-7, 2013

In San Diego, CA USA. The AORN 60<sup>th</sup> Congress.

### ORNAA

TBA 2013

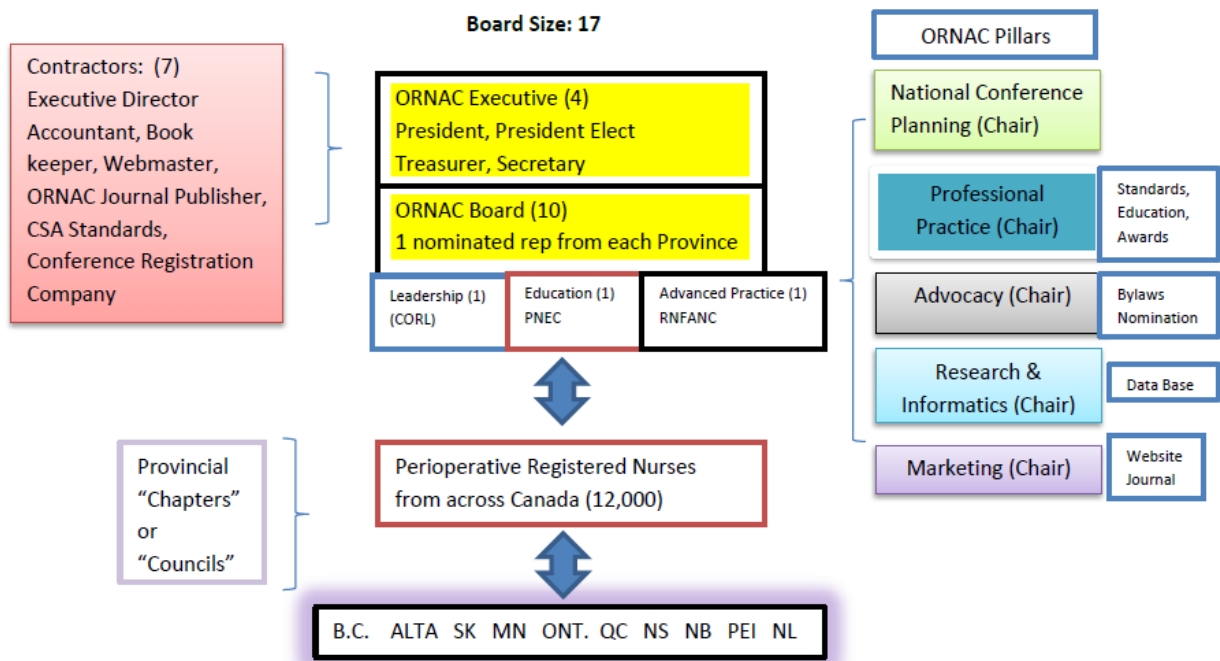
Will most likely be a provincial teleconference

# ORNAC REPORT

There are great changes happening with the ORNAC Board.

In order to streamline and make the ORNAC Board more representative of its members.

1. The Board is reducing its size from 28 to 17 directors. This will reduce the cost substantially.
2. New Articles of Continuance and Bylaws are being drafted to govern this new board in accordance to the new 'Non-for-profit' protocols.
3. Each province will appoint a person to sit as their director on this board.
4. Each province will determine if their representative will sit for 1 or 2 years on this board.



This will all come in to effect at the closing ceremonies of the 2013 Conference in Ottawa.

To refresh our memories; Alberta was supposed to host the 2013 conference, but agreed to let Ottawa host the 2013 Conference so the International part could be combined with it. So, Alberta is now going to host the 2015 Conference. With the changing of the ORNAC Board and ORNAC controlling the 2013 Conference; discussions are being held as to whether ORNAC will control the 2015 Conference. The previous contract with Alberta is still binding; which give Alberta control and a different profit share. These discussions are on-going. I hope to achieve the best outcome for Alberta and all.

As I've said before, there are new and great changes on the horizon. Come April, some will be here.

Colleen Marcotte  
President of ORNAA

# District Reports

## NCORNA

Greetings to all ORNAA members!

We have 181 members and are pleased to welcome new hospital reps in the last few months!

NCORNA had the privilege of hosting the October ORNAA conference in Red Deer. The theme was "Thinking on Your Feet." We received very encouraging feedback that the conference was both fun and educational. This is the last of our annual conferences with all remaining ORNAA conferences being offered biennially.

We have had two dinner meetings this fall. Controversy over mesh implants in uro/gyne surgery was one presentation. The other was about why doctors do what they do after thyroid and parathyroid surgery. Very interesting topics! We wish you all the best in 2013!

Charlotte Parker  
NCORNA President

## SCORNA

Greetings from the South Central District! We have been continuing to work on completing our membership list as we had a theft within our district. The committee has been working hard to obtain missing membership information and no updates from the police are available. The bank was notified and members have been very understanding. We want to thank the membership for their patience and for all the assistance ORNAA has given us.

Congratulations to our district nominees and winners:

- ❁ J. Goertzen who was honored with the Muriel Shewchuk leadership award
- ❁ T. Erdman who won a writing award
- ❁ S. Gill promising star nominee
- ❁ K. Marsh promising star

Our next SCORNA meetings will be on:

- ❁ January 29, 2013 at FMC
- ❁ March 26, 2013 at the PLC
- ❁ June 4, 2013 will be the Dinner Meeting
- ❁ October 1, 2013 will be at the RGH.

Happy New Year!

Esther Park  
SCORNA President

# District Reports

## SORNA

Greetings from the South District! We have 46 members, including 5 with Honorary status (D. Orr, M. Ensminger, G. Nemecek, P. Petersen and B. Barrett).

Congratulations to the 2012 ORNAA Conference Committee - it was very well done! 8 SORNA members attended. The Past Presidents were honored and our district has 3 members who have held this position (D. Orr, M. Ensminger and G. Nemecek).

Congratulations to other members:

- ❁ S. Innes from Lethbridge is featured on the 2012 UNA Nurses' Planner.
- ❁ B. Johnston from Lethbridge is featured in the Aug. 23, 2012 online issue of AHS Interchange in the Great People article.
- ❁ S, Edey and B. Johnston were pictured on the front of the October Zone News along with the article interviewing B. Johnston.
- ❁ H. Zezula from Medicine Hat received the Promising Star Award.

Our Sept. meeting speaker was a SORNA member who presented "Dissecting Aorta: Up Close and Too Personal". Nov. meeting for Lethbridge was a presentation on Shoulder Surgery. Medicine Hat's topic was presented by 3 members who gave summaries of the Conference.

SORNA's next meeting is a teleconference for March 14, 2013.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Leta Ottway  
SORNA President

## For Your Information

The next Snips and Snaps will be accepting submissions until

- ❁ February 15, 2012/To be posted by March 1, 2012
- ❁ May 15, 2012/To be posted by June 1, 2012

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