

SNIPS & SNAPS

SPRING 2013

Message From The President

The beginning of Daylight Savings Time is a clear indication that change is on the horizon. To many of us, this change is not very apparent as we still see blankets of white when we look out our windows. The landscape will eventually change, albeit slower than we would like and soon spring will arrive in Alberta. This season is a time of regrowth and rejuvenation and this stands true for our organization as well. One of the major changes that have occurred at our Board is that Colleen Marcotte has decided to step down as ORNAA President. This came into effect on February 23, 2013. Colleen's contribution to the organization is greatly valued and appreciated and we wish her well in all her future endeavors. With this change, I have stepped into the President position, and I will do my part to represent Alberta's perioperative nurses provincially and nationally.

Another big change for ORNAA is that this year represents the first year that we will not be hosting a Provincial conference. We have listened to your comments and are taking the necessary steps to make these changes happen. Instead watch for the posters advertising our very first provincial wide video-conferenced Annual General Meeting with a special guest speaker that we are certain will motivate and empower all of you.

Colleen had made mention in her last update that many changes are also occurring at the ORNAC level. Along with the new board structure being unveiled, many of these changes will come to fruition at the ORNAC/IFPN Conference in April. I look forward to updating the membership on the changes following the conference.

I wish each of you time to enjoy the season and also time to plant the seeds for tomorrow's ideas.

Lucia Pfeuti
ORNAA President



Save the Date!

ORNAC

**APRIL 21 – 25,
2014**

Coming Soon

In Ottawa, Canada

ORNAA

October 19, 2013

Telehealth ½ day

Session with
speaker Vivian
Watson!

AORN

March 3-7, 2014

61st Congress in
Chicago.

DISTRICT REPORTS

NORNA

Our current membership is 30.

An education session with one of our orthopedic supply companies is being arranged for later this month. Our next executive meeting has been arranged for March 21, 2013.

We continue to search for a member who is interested in the president-elect position.

Two members from our district are attending the ORNAC conference in Ottawa.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dykhuizen
President, NORNA

NCORNA

“The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.”

Henry Van Dyke

We are happy and sad to announce that Margorie Kohlsmith has resigned as secretary. She has served us with excellence over the last three years and is now moving on to motherhood! Congratulations! We wish you and your husband well! Thanks for your work!

During our NCORNA board meetings we have decided to include a time for discussion of ORNAC standards. At our next meeting we will begin with the dress code. We expect this will be a very interesting discussion since there is such diversity of practice. I will report back!

Hoping the difference is less than a month!

Charlotte Parker
NCORNA President

CORNA

No Report

DISTRICT REPORTS

SCORNA

SCORNA has 162 members and the break down is as follows: Foothills Medical Centre: 50, Rockyview General Hospital: 47, Peter Lougheed Centre: 30, Alberta Children Hospital: 15, Misc: 10, Canmore: 6 and 2 honorary members.

Our next meeting will be a tour at the new South Health Campus Hospital hosted by our newest hospital representative Carol Neil on March 26, 2013.

The SCORNA executive will be reviewing the job descriptions this month to better facilitate portfolio handover. We continue to look for fundraising opportunities and to be more financially responsible in handing out funds

Congratulations to Lucia Pfeuti, SCORNA past president, who is the new president for ORNAA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Esther Park
SCORNA President

SORNA

Spring is on the way! Hurray!

Our district's membership of 46 (five of them Honorary) will be having their next meeting mid March. Several RN's are taking the Perioperative Program. Congratulations to them for all their studious, hard work on endless assignments and writings. Others are writing their CPN(C) exam or recertifying. A pat on the back to everyone! Several members will be attending the ORNAC Conference in Ottawa.

Major expansion construction is underway at the hospitals in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat to improve care and services to the people of southern Alberta.

Remember to take care of yourself - you are a very important part of each patient's perioperative experience.

On behalf of SORNA.

Leta Ottway
President

2012 Conference Recap

Promising Stars:

- ✿ There were 3 districts who nominated promising stars: NCORNA, SCORNA, and SORNA.
- ✿ The current promising star award criteria stipulates that the nominee currently works in the OR, has less than two years experience in perioperative nursing, and is someone who exceeds the expectations of their colleagues and shows promise as an exceptional member of the Perioperative Registered Nursing profession.
- ✿ Only one nominee is chosen per district, per year, and will receive a one-year paid membership by their local ORNAA district along with an "ORNAA Rising star" pin, letter, and certificate.
- ✿ The winners were: **Heather Raitt from NCORNA, Kelsey Marsh from SCORNA, Hanna Zezula from SORNA**

Articles:

- ✿ The special article was awarded to Torey Erdman who received a \$250.00 cheque for her article "The Mercy Ship and My Experience of volunteering in Free Town Sierra Leone, West Africa.
- ✿ There were no researched articles submitted or awarded

Muriel Shewchuk Leadership Award:

- ✿ The "Muriel Shewchuk Excellence in Leadership Award" is presented to an Alberta Operating Room Nurse who has demonstrated outstanding and consistent commitment to perioperative nursing through leadership roles in the area of clinical excellence, supervision and /or education as a role model and mentor. The award is presented to honor Muriel Shewchuk who has spent over 45 years dedicated to the perioperative specialty in Alberta.
- ✿ The Muriel Shewchuk Excellence in Leadership award includes a \$500 cheque and plaque.
- ✿ There were 5 nominations: Sue Styles, Michele Wilford, Kathleen Haring, Joan Goertzen and Linda Rae.
- ✿ This year's recipient chosen by the award committee is Joan Goertzen.

PICTURES CAN BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE: www.ornaa.org

REMINDERS

- ✿ Please take the time nominate a deserving colleague for one of the ORNAA awards
- ✿ Please submit your article to your district education director or to education@ornaa.org
- ✿ Please note that the next Snips & Snaps submission deadline is May 15, 2013