

ORNAA

Operating Room Nurses of Alberta Association

The President's Message

The New Year is upon us and the ORNAA Annual General Meeting, which occurred in October, is already a distant memory. For those of you who were able to attend the AGM, you are aware that the amended bylaws were accepted by the membership. I extend a thank-you to all of you who were present and participated in this vote and also to those members who were not able to attend, but who took the time to fill in their Proxy forms, ensuring they too had a vote on this Special Resolution. I am happy to report that just prior to Christmas, the ORNAA Executive received notice that the amended bylaws have been approved and filed by Corporate Registry, thus finalizing the process of updating our bylaws. This was a long and at times challenging process, but we are confident that these updated bylaws will help align us with ORNAC and the many changes taking place at the national level.

Those who attended the AGM also had the privilege of listening to Vivian Watson, AORN Ombudsman, as she presented on the topic of *Personal and Professional Growth - Risk the Journey*. I had many members tell me how much they enjoyed her presentation and how they felt Vivian was speaking directly to them. Vivian shared both personal and professional stories and in doing so, she enlightened us, inspired us and shared a glimpse of her enduring passion for perioperative nursing.

I hope that with the beginning of this New Year, you have had some time to rest and rejuvenate and share with family and friends. Best wishes for 2014!

Lucia Pfeuti RN, BN, CPN(C)
ORNAA President

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NCORNA Report to ORNAA AGM

NCORNA presently has 104 members 3 of which are honorary.

We held 5 educational dinner meetings last year. Topics included surgical presentations about endoscopic pancreatic interventions, urological mesh surgeries and thyroid surgery. There was a dinner meeting about moving from being an RN to being an MD. And lastly we had a CARNA rep come and speak about the CARNA registration renewal process and continuing competence. There was a draw for 6 free memberships in September. We funded 9 members to attend the ORNAA conference. We had a one-time draw in memory of Bev Wiwchar to fully fund 3 members to attend the ORNAA conference. Funding was also provided for the ORNAC conference, perioperative recertification and other conferences and seminars.

NCORNA hosted the ORNAA conference in Red Deer in October of 2012. There was a lot of great feedback! We are grateful to all the nurses and vendors that attended and supported the conference. Last year we have included a new idea in our executive meetings. We now have a member present an ORNAC standard and have a round table discussion about it. The first topic was dress code. Lively discussion followed! Since the ORNAC conference will be in Edmonton in May of 2015 we at NCORNA expect to be involved as volunteers to help make this a great success.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlotte Parker
NCORNA President

CORNA Report to ORNAA AGM

Our current membership is 20, but an active membership drive is underway and I am sure we will see an increase in that number. We have 2 honorary members still, and many new nurses showing interest in joining our organization.

We have not met regionally for a meeting since June, our next general meeting is arranged for October 28, 2013. At this time the positions of President and Vice-President will be nominated and filled, as Kristina Meyer and myself have both stepped down due to family obligations. Alicia Zaseybida will remain on as education director and Laura Phillips as secretary.

Sincerely,
Carrie Swales
President, CORNA

District Reports Continued...

SCORNA Report to ORNAA AGM

SCORNA district currently has 99 members including 2 honorary members and a promising star from last year.

We have had a tour of the new South Health Campus, a successful dinner meeting at Fort Calgary with Dr. F. Yau on Plastic Microsurgery, and an recent presentation at the Peter Lougheed Centre by Dr. S. Touchan on Computer Guided Maxillofacial Surgery. Our next meeting will be January 28th, 2014 at the Rockyview General Hospital.

We continue to support our active members by subsidizing education funds for CNA certification/recertification, conferences, and educational activities related to the operating room. We are also looking for ways to raise funds through 50/50 draws, raffles, and auctions.

SCORNA is also excited to host the 2014 ORNAA Provincial Conference September 24-27, 2014 at the Sheraton Red Deer Hotel. The theme is the Power of Perioptimal Nursing!

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Eng
SCORNA President

SORNA Report to ORNAA AGM

SORNA district has 25 members with five of our members Honorary at present. With past members and new staff showing increased interest, we are hopeful this number will increase.

September education was Orbital Disease presented by Dr. Niel Heyns, held in Lethbridge. We have one position on our Executive vacant at this time and are encouraging members to consider joining our executive.

As always, we continue to partially fund members for conferences, workshops, CPN(C) exam and recertification. Our next meeting will be November 21, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Burton RN CPN(C)
SORNA President

AGM AWARD UPDATE

This year we have 2 districts that have nominated Rising Stars. A Rising Star is a perioperative nurse who has less than 2 years of experience, and is noticed amongst his or her peers as a exceptional learner and member of the operating room team.

This year **NCORNA's winner is Lee Van Ruskenveld.**

SCORNA nominated 3 exceptional individuals, and **SCORNA's winner is Tiffany Middlekoop.**

Unfortunately, we do not have a leadership nomination for the Muriel Shewchuk Award, so I encourage members to think of those leaders who have made a difference in your Operating Rooms and nominate them for this prestigious award next year.

This year we also have two article winners.

Jan Wydareny has won first place for her researched article on Leech Therapy (\$500) and

Heather Lifeso has won for her reflection on ORNAC breakfast sessions (\$250).

Please make sure any articles written by district members are sent to the ORNAA education director at education@ornaa.org and encourage your colleagues to write their valuable thoughts and opinions down.

Snips & Snaps Update

The next snips and snaps deadlines are as follows:

- Feb 15, 2014 deadline for March 14, 2014 publication
- May 15, 2014 deadline for June 1, 2014 publication

Announcements

ORNAA Provincial Conference

September 24 – 27, 2014 at the Sheraton Red Deer Hotel, Red Deer, Alberta

CORL Network Conference

May 4 - 6, 2014 in Toronto - Pat Pocock at conference@operatingroomleaders.com

AORN Surgical Conference & Expo 2014

March 30 - April 2, 2014 in Chicago – Check out the AORN Website for more information

