

Operating Room Nurses of Alberta

Spring 2015

ORNAA President's Message

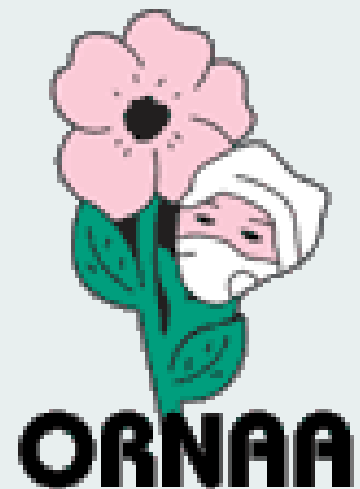
Spring is officially here and that means we don't have to wait too much longer for the ORNAC National Conference, which will take place in Edmonton May 3-7. I know that there has been many hours of work and much dedication on behalf of the conference planning committee to provide interesting educational sessions with vibrant speakers and several entertaining social events too! ORNAC is planning on unveiling their new website at the conference, and as well, copies of the new *2015 ORNAC Standards for Perioperative Nursing Practice* will be available for purchase. These conferences are also an excellent opportunity to connect with other Perioperative Nurses from across Canada and Internationally. I hope that many of you will be able to attend. For those who are not able to attend for the whole event, consider coming for a day or two – I am sure you won't be disappointed!

In addition to the conference, the arrival of spring usually means that many of the districts will be looking to fill vacant positions within their executive board. I would encourage each of you to consider how you might be able to get involved at the local level and perhaps consider filling one of these board positions. If you are interested but don't know how to get involved, be sure to ask your district Board members for further details!

I look forward to seeing many of you in Edmonton and until then, may each of you take time to plant the seeds for tomorrow's ideas.

Kind regards,

Lucia Pfeuti
ORNAA President



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To get involved in the 2016 ORNAA Conference in Red Deer on Sept 21-24 2016, Please contact:

Conference
@ornaa.org



The 2014 SCORNA Conference Committee

If you're looking for a fun challenge, become part of a conference planning committee!

Kudos to Catherine Hawn and all of the members of the 2014 ORNAA Conference planning committee. Our SCORNA region did a wonderful job of planning and organization.

Way back in the '90s, I was the exhibitor chair for one of the provincial conferences in B.C. For those of you who were mere children or those of us whose memory gets slightly fuzzy with the details of a multitude of years, that was before computers and cell phones! Let me rephrase that...having to use snail mail and land-line telephones.

Then things started to change! There were mergers, acquisitions, companies had product lines that they'd never had before. Suddenly, company A couldn't be beside company B because they had a competing product, and C couldn't be beside D, and so on, and so on.

What I would have given for email, quick responses and a computerized spreadsheet. What I got was relationships with nurses and vendors that have spanned decades and every conference is like old home week.

I have been actively involved in provincial and national conferences since 1985 and have held many positions in regional groups. 1985 was my first national in Vancouver. Next year's in Edmonton will be my 30 year anniversary of professional OR involvement. Celebration time!

Seriously, people ask why would you spend so much time on a volunteer basis? It's selfish, really. Where else do you get to work, learn, network, validate your professional practice, dress like normal people and do the occasional partying with an amazing group of people?

You deserve it! Reward yourself. Get involved at any level and have fun with it!

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Lifeso

Can you imagine how tedious that process was? First of all, I couldn't google the addresses for the companies or the people to contact. I

had to make phone calls and send letters by surface mail and wait for them to respond!

I had a large floorplan of the exhibit hall made and put people in their requested areas as the responses came in. In those days, the vendor companies were like hockey teams. Everyone had been with their original teams for years, there were no trades or acquisitions and everybody had their own product niche.



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ORNAC
NATIONAL
CONFERENCE



MAY 3rd-7th 2015 Shaw Conference Centre
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- **NETWORK** with perioperative colleagues
- **EXPLORE** innovative options for integrating policy into practice
- Critically **EXAMINE** the benefits of adopting an evidence-based practice
- **FOSTER** a culture of life long learning in the perioperative specialty
- **SHARE** ideas with industry representatives
- **VIEW** and **MANIPULATE** the latest products and technology

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **LEADING EDGE** topics
- **INSPIRING** international **SPEAKERS**
- **THREE** sponsored **BREAKFAST** programs
- Unparalleled **NETWORKING** opportunities
- Meet **NATIONAL** and **INTERNATIONAL** experts
- **A FUN FILLED** western Canadian themed **EVENING** with colleagues and friends
- A state of the art **TRADE SHOW**

For further information, please go to www.ornac.ca and click on National Conference

Excellence. Every patient... every time!

**ORNAC
Standards
REVIEW**

4.3.2

Noise levels should not exceed the provincial Occupational Health & Safety parameters or impede hearing in a room.

Rationale

Extreme noise from drills, fan motors in equipment, and other sources can be annoying and potentially dangerous to patients and personnel. The noise can become intense enough to increase blood pressure and to provoke peripheral vasoconstriction, dilation of the pupils, and other subtle physiological effects. It can also interfere with necessary communication and thereby provoke irritation and potentially compromise patient care
(Philips,2007)

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The ORNAC Standards For
Perioperative Registered Nursing Practice

2013

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ORNAA Annual General Meeting

Saturday October 17th 2015 ,0900h

Guest Speaker: Sue Paulson “ Turning Fears into Victories
Edmonton - RAH - Robbins Learning
Centre
Calgary - FMC - Coombs Lecture Theatre
Grande Prairie– 2north Dr.’s Conference Room
Other sites TBD

Location: Tele/videoconference



Sue Paulson

NCORNA

Dinner Meeting

April 28,2015

Appies 1630h

Speaker at 1730h

at the

Robbins Learning Centre

Royal Alex Hospital

Vulvar Disease

with case studies

by Dr. Schepansky

Croissant Sandwiches, Gluten Free Sandwiches, Veggies, Desserts,

Coffee, Tea, and Water

Members \$20

Non-Members \$30

PEER RECOGNITION

Muriel Shewchuk Excellence in Leadership Award for Alberta

The "Muriel Shewchuk Excellence in Leadership Award" is to be presented to an Alberta Operating Room Nurse who has demonstrated outstanding and consistent commitment to the specialty and the nursing staff of the operating room(s) 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 spent over 42 years dedicated to Perioperative Service in Alberta.

Do you a story to tell or a lesson learned to share.?

The Snips and Snaps newsletter is always looking for articles to share with the ORNAA membership.

Please submit you article to:
education@ornaa.org

To you know a perioperative nurse that is a great leader, great educator or great learner?

The ORNAA Promising Star Award

This award is to be presented to an Alberta Operating Room Registered Nurse who is currently working in a surgical suite and who has less then two years experience in this role. The nominee exceeds the expectations of their employers and/or colleagues and shows promise as an exceptional member of the Perioperative Registered Nursing profession.

To find out more about either of these awards or the ORNA writing awards, pleas go to the ORNAA website for award criteria and nomination details.

Left: 2014 Muriel Shewchuk Award winner Thu Phan



Snips and Snaps

Deadlines

May 15 ,2015 for June
publication

November 15,2015 for
December publication

February 15, 2016for
March Publication

Articles can be submitted
through your district or
by email at:

education@ornaa.org

THE BACK PAGE INFO

This space I would like to use to share helpful websites and resources found by members the may be of interest to other ORNAA members. If you find a webpage that you would like to share, please send the information to education@ornaa.org

Thank you!

(And if someone can tell me how to make it a hyperlink, everyone would benefit.)

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