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Message from the President

On this my first report as President of N&LORNA I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere thank you to every member of this Provincial Association for your committed support towards the hosting of our National Conference this past June 2009. As a member of this Provincial Association and ultimately a member of our National body ORNAC, we are all part of a volunteer organization of which we are passionate and dedicated Perioperative Nurses who desire to achieve a level of accountability by which we can measure our standards of practice. With this belief and pride our Newfoundland and Labrador Operating Room Nurses Association hosted a conference to which we achieved a level of accountability and measured ourselves against an acceptable standard of practice.

“The Depth of Perioperative Nursing What Lies Beneath” was not only a testament to the challenges we as perioperative nurses face every day, but as well to the depth of talent, dedication and organization we as a Provincial body undertook to achieve these successes of excellence while experiencing the leading role in today’s challenging and competitive world. This positive influence was expressed in both written and verbal communications via evaluations and personal messages to many members of our Provincial Planning Committee.

The daunting task that was taken up some 6 years ago to provide a conference that would showcase our ability to network with our colleagues while experiencing a program that would strengthen our educational perioperative knowledge, experience our vendor community through their commitment of excellence while also provide some free time to enjoy each other’s company through social events with our true NL social flavor was something we accomplished together with resounding success. We should be all very proud of our accomplishments. Just to share with you one of the many comments I personally received in a hand written note from a long time ORNAC member “this conference is one of the best I have ever attended in my many years as an ORNAC member. The blend of relative perioperative education as well as the NL flavor of your social activities is something I will long remember. Please convey my congratulations to your TEAM.”

As a Provincial Member you each provided us with the supports we needed for this success through donations of prizes, your time spent as door monitors and the ability to draw on each one of you for anything we may have asked. THANKYOU

Personally, I would like to thank Corenia Price who carried the load of N&LORNA these past two years during my President Elect position while I was otherwise occupied fulfilling my commitments to the 21st. National Conference.

Thank you to everyone who worked ever so diligently towards the success of this conference, your tireless hours of work ensured every detail provided a memorable, educational and rewarding experience.

Thank you to our Provincial Planning Committee and their sub-committees who gave tirelessly of themselves in preparation and completion of their tasks at hand.

Thank you to Laura Ellsworth, my co-chair who brought the experience needed to round out the knowledge of planning this conference. As well thank you to Lynn Anderson who, as a past ORNAC Executive Member brought depth and knowledge to our committee in an advisory role.

It was our hope that through the dedicated hard work of the entire committee and provincial members, everyone would experience a better understanding of “What Lies Beneath” as they were filled with new energy in promoting “The Depth of Perioperative Nursing”. We believe we achieved this.

As you can see the success of this conference came from the culmination of dedicated and tireless work from perioperative nurses in this province. Teamwork involves cooperative work by a group to achieve a common goal. Our common goal, a successful conference and by all reviews we reached our ultimate goal.

I would like to share with you a quote from Max Dupree, CEO of a Fortune 500 company.

.....”Leadership is much more an art, a belief, a condition of the heart, than a set of things to do. The visible signs of artful leadership are expressed ultimately in practice.”

This quote is about passion and beliefs, not just about managing a project or getting something done. It’s about standing up for what we believe in. It is based on ethics and values and it is something we as Perioperative Nurses have a very important stake in. As we celebrate the successes of this conference I am proud to say I belong to a passionate group of nurses who truly are the depth of perioperative nursing. If my experience with this conference mirrors my time with the Provincial N&LORNA Executive, then I sincerely believe my time serving this province as your President will



Eastern Health's Nursing Grand Rounds 2009-2010

Date	Topic	Presenter	Location
November 26, 2009	EH's revised Disclosure Policy & its Relevance to Nursing Practice Cancelled due to H1N1 activities	Debbie Perry & Kim Warford (EH Quality)	Lecture Th. A HSC
December 16, 2009	The Importance of Proper Documentation in Nursing Practice	Siobhainn Lewis & Janice O'Neill (ARNNL & cLPNNL)	Boardroom 1 st fl. Agnes Pratt Home
January 28, 2010	The Value of Workload Measurement In Nursing Practice Webinar Link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/808363969	Joan Follett & Christine Noel (Prof. Practice)	St. Clare's Boardroom Morrissey Wing
February 25, 2010	Elder Abuse in the Practice Setting Webinar Link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/760249368	Lorraine Best & Lisa Adams (Seniors RC & EH)	WB-214 Waterford Hosp
March 25, 2010	Accountability in Nursing Practice Webinar Link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/387357328	Siobhainn Lewis (ARNNL) Janice O'Neill (CLPNNL)	2J062 Conf. Rm, Jan
April 29, 2010	The Methadone Policy & its Relevance to Nursing Practice Webinar Link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/582827584	Karen Whitehorne (MH & Addict.-EH)	Lec. Rm. 2860
May 27, 2010	Workplace Bullying in Nursing Practice Settings Webinar Link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/589204232	Lisa Adams (Research-EH)	Rm. 190 Cordage Place
June 24, 2010	Occurrence Reporting for EH Nurses Webinar Link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/297399633	Heather Predham (Quality- EH)	Lec.Rm 103 Southcott Hall

*Please note that all rounds will occur from 1400-1500 hours & typically the last Thursday of the month with the exception of December, where it will be held a little earlier due to the holiday season. Also, Nursing Grand Rounds will not be held during the summer months of July & August.

Now that the wave has ended, there seems to be presently a lull in the amount of topics available regarding education. I have found the following website to be an enjoyable read as it provides the CNA's vision for healthcare.

http://www.cna-aiic.ca/CNA/resources/next-decade/default_e.aspx

The ARNNL is providing the following sessions for nurses to gain a greater understanding of the competency program that is being linked with our licensure requirements. It would be a great opportunity to link to these teleconferences and learn more about it!! Further information may be attained from Bev McIssac at bmcissac@arnnl.ca

CONTINUING COMPETENCE PROGRAM Schedule

Wednesday, January 20th 2010 1400-1500 (Island time)

Wednesday January 27th 2010 1400-1500 (Island time)

Wednesday February 10th 2010 1400-1500 (Island time)

Wednesday February 24th 2010 1400-1500 (Island time)

Wednesday March 17th 2010 1400-1500 (Island time)

Wednesday March 31st 2010 1400-1500 (Island time)

Tuesday April 13th 2010 1400-1500 (Island time)

How to Attend an Education Session:

- 1. Dial into the following dial-in number: 1-888-848-5559**
- 2. When prompted enter the participant pass code: 7614915**

The Cardiac RNFA program at Eastern Health currently has one RN completed the program. One RN is currently enrolled in the program and another RN is waiting to begin.

Reports from across Canada has illustrated that many sites are creating and utilizing the Safe Surgeries Saves Lives checklists that were presented at the ORNAC conference here last summer. This intraoperative tool has been shown to raise the level of safe practice to the forefront of perioperative care. Websites such as ORNAC's and the World Health Organization are great resources for those of you planning to move forward with this initiative.

HSC N & Lorna Newsletter Report

Welcome to our new Manager, Kim Peddle, who replaces Dorothy Budgell who retired this past July 2009. Kim attended the National Conference here in St. John's in June, and is currently a member of our local branch.

There were a lot of worn out nurses with post conference blues in June, too many meetings for everyone, along with work commitment, home life. It has been a busy couple of years and I think our branch was feeling the strain; but we are keeping with the KISS scenario. Over the past few months we have been getting back on track and rejuvenating as we gear up the Provincial in Gander in 2010.

We have had a couple of Nurses leave the O.R in recent months:

Carol Purchase has taken a position as educator at the Janeway O.R and Darlene Pond has also secured a position there as well.

Maxine Kelly and our branch treasurer, Lisa Allan, have gone to the dark side "PORR" haha but they are close by at our site.

We have are also, fortunately, seen an influx of new staff in recent months. I will have a list of their names for the next newsletter.

Dorothy Budgell was our last liaison, and unfortunately, we haven't recruited a replacement yet, this is the reason we have been so quiet!!!

Bernice Pitcher, our secretary and jack of all trades, has recently retired and is greatly missed. A dinner was held at the Woodstock for her. Also in the plans is a retirement dinner for Carol Tulk who retired Dec 31st. We have socials planned for Maxine and Lisa also. One of our PCA's Elwood Pitcher, who has

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