



periOperative Registered Nurses of Greater Toronto ORNGT

ORNGT Executive 2008/2009

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	Helen Vandoremalen
	Tracie Scott
	Dayle Allen Ackley

ORNGT 2008/2009 Update – ORNAO Board Meeting May 2nd, 2009

ORNGT had a total of 177 members, 1 associate and 176 active.

The membership year 2008/2009 was eventful with many firsts:

1. We went on-line with our membership registration
2. We broadcast one of our general meeting presentations direct from Iqaluit, Nunavut via video teleconference
3. We actively involved local Post RN Perioperative students, from Centennial College and George Brown College, in two of our educational presentations
4. ORNGT commissioned a graphic artist to redesign our logo to incorporate the change in our name, periOperative Registered Nurses of Greater Toronto.

The executive have decided to host the biennial workshop in November 2009, to coincide with Perioperative Nurses Week.

ORNGT will be recognizing its 50th Anniversary in 2010, so plans are now underway to celebrate this milestone.

Please visit our website at www.orngt.org and view our founding and past presidents from 1959 to 2008 (<http://www.orngt.org/executive.shtml>).

We had 5 bimonthly meetings and the following topics were presented, by the following perioperative nurses:

October 2008: “Celebrating Perioperative Nursing”
Linda Whyte RN, Informatics Nurse Coordinator, Perioperative Services
Tracie Scott RN, BScN, Professional Practice Leader

- December 2008:** **“Principals of Surgical Positioning”**
Cheryl Simpkin RN, BScN CPN (C), Professor Perioperative Course
Dayle Allen Ackley RN, BScN CPN (C), Nurse Educator
- February 2009:** **“Perspective of the Perioperative Nursing Student”**
Centennial College Post RN Perioperative Students
George Brown College Post RN Perioperative Students
- April 2009:** **“Northern Perioperative Nursing”**
Rhose Harris-Galia RN, BScN

Please note that this presentation was presented via video teleconference from Iqaluit, Nunavut

- June 2009:** **AGM Dinner & Elections**
Brant House, Toronto, ON

ORNGT sent 2 members to the ORNAHD 2008 regional conference, 4 members to AORN 2009 and will be sending 8 members to the upcoming ORNAC 2009 National Conference.

In 2009, ORNGT introduced 6 Annual Scholarships: 4 education; 1 research; and 1 mission.

Along with the June AGM Dinner & Elections will be the time to say good-bye to the following executive members: Jane Laratta, Secretary; Donna Yates, Membership Coordinator; Rebecca Austin, Programme Convenor, and Helen Vandoremalen, Programme Committee. Once again, I had the pleasure of working with a fantastic group of perioperative nurses, who both motivated and inspired me, and I wish all of them well with their future endeavors. This will also be my final year as President and I will hand the position over to Merritt Burstein this coming July, 2009. All the best Merritt!

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Whyte RN
ORNGT President