

Greetings from WDPONA

First of all my sincere apologies that WDPONA will not be represented at the ORNAO Provincial meeting. Both myself and Laurie Lamb are unable to attend and the other two on the executive are not RNAO members. I do have one dedicated member that was willing to represent us but not a part of our executive yet, and therefore not able to attend. Again my sincere apologies.

We have at present 58 members. Active 56 and Associate 2. Our next meeting will be our Membership/Election meeting which is scheduled for June 7, 2007. Hopefully we can attract more members. Our membership fees will increase to \$50.00 for Active members and \$30.00 for Associate members. Our Elections will be for Treasurer and Secretary.

We have had three dinner meetings over the past year. In June 2006 we heard from Dr. J. Tomc OB/GYN (Apogee/Perigee) Vaginal Prolapse Repair. The meeting was sponsored by Windsor Regional Hospital Center. In September 2006, we heard from Dr. Bernie Warren Director of the "Clown Doctor" program. The meeting was sponsored by Leamington District Memorial Hospital and Chatham Kent Health Alliance. In March 2007, we heard from Dr. Alan Forse on "Pancreatic Cancer". The meeting was sponsored by Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital.

Our Regional Conference was January 26 and 27, 2007. It was called "Finding your Balance". We heard topics such as "Nip and Tuck...An Introduction to Oculofacial Cosmetic Surgery, Botox and Fillers", "What's New in Spinal Surgery" Minimally Invasive Micro-Discectomy", "Rural Surgery in Equador" and "Life in the Balance...How to Find and Keep It"

We started our new Education Initiative program for funding at the above mentioned conference. This included a Gold, Silver and Bronze category for exhibitors to choose from for their sponsorship. Gold \$3000.00, Silver \$1500.00 and Bronze \$500.00. Gold and Silver sponsors have their engraved name plate on a Gold or Silver plaque circulated to each of the four hospitals. Bronze sponsors receive certificates. This is a biennial sponsorship. We raised \$8750.00 from this new endeavor. This allowed us to sponsor five members to the ORNAC conference at \$1000.00 each, as well as myself as president. Money was also saved to send members to the ORNAO conference in Toronto 2008, and obviously to cover other expenses to run the regional group. Hopefully we will be able to send five members at \$500.00 each to Toronto.

We continue to draw one members name at each dinner meeting for \$100.00 toward education.

All four hospitals in our region now have binders which contain minutes of all the meetings, bylaws, conference reports and any other information pertaining to the membership.

Bylaws were rewritten and voted on at the June 2006 meeting. There was some unrest surrounding Associate members receiving funding for education. It was felt that these people should still qualify for education funding even though they were not currently working in the perioperative field. I did contact the other regions for their input. The issue was revisited at our September 2006 meeting and it was voted that Associate members would not qualify for education funding.

We are still working on our new logo. Hopefully our June 2007 meeting will vote on and accept the new logo. I have enclosed a copy. Our name hopefully will be WDPONA but will stand for Windsor and District Perioperative Registered Nurses Association. We did not have the word registered in the logo for our last vote and it was felt that it needed to be there.

Once the new logo has been accepted we can move forward with our new flag.

We are actively working on our Website. A group of volunteers has been formed to complete this project in the near future.

I trust that you all will have a wonderful time of sharing and networking at the board meeting. It is always a pleasure to see everyone and I truly regret that I cannot attend.

Respectfully submitted

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President WDPONA