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26TH ORNAC NATIONAL CONFERENCE | 26^E CONFÉRENCE NATIONALE DE L'AISO
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TIDES OF CHANGE, OCEANS OF PERIOPERATIVE EXCELLENCE
VAGUES DE CHANGEMENT, Océans d'Excellence en Soins Périopératoires

APRIL 26 - 30, 2019 | 26 AU 30 AVRIL 2019 | HALIFAX, NS

The 26th ORNAC National Conference started off in fine style with a memorable entry procession led by 6-year-old jingle dancer Shilo Love Pictou to the accompaniment of drummer Trevor Gould both of the Mi'kmaq Nation, on whose unceded territories we are holding these meetings. Also, of note was the singing of the national anthem by Josh Cochrane, a 12-year autistic youth who fundraises tirelessly for many Maritime charities.

Opening Ceremonies included presentation of several awards, including two ORNAC-J&J jointly-funded bursaries for ORNAC members pursuing education that will enhance their perioperative nursing practice: Tiffany Boudreau of Nova Scotia who is entering an R NFA program, and Rana Sleiman of Alberta who is working on her master's degree. Past President and founding member Gloria Stephens spoke passionately about the importance of acknowledging excellence by taking time to recognize and nominate our perioperative colleagues for awards. The "Gloria Stephens Award for Excellence as an Educator of Perioperative Nursing" was presented this year to Cindy Fulmore of Nova Scotia.

We had the unique opportunity of seeing representatives of CFNU and CNA who rarely share a stage presenting together on how their organizations can help nurses and how they can work together to improve safety for nurses as well as patients. They touched on many subjects, including the inclusion of LPNs, specialty pay, and the value and importance of certification and continuing education.

If we thought that we were going to have a quiet afternoon we were quite mistaken, as we were wrested out of any doldrums by the boundlessly energetic presentation by Tyler Hayden. Tyler's messages to us all were that "Enthusiasm is caught- not taught", so show your team regularly that their jobs are well done, and they are appreciated; and that we need to "push past comfortable" and live life to the max! *Let's all make a pledge to do that, starting with our time here in Halifax!*

The Exhibits were opened after a rousing proclamation by Will Brewer, Town Crier for the Olde Town of Halifax. After a short time getting the "lay of the land" in the Exhibit Hall, we were treated once again to an energetic and comedic performance by Tyler, who acted as a game show host with Q&As revolving around the many vendors and their products, showing us an entirely new perspective!

Reminder for Tonight's Gala

Three tickets are required to attend: **1) Entry Ticket**
2) Beverage Ticket
3) Entrée choice Ticket

Please make sure to **bring these tickets with you** tonight!!

Today at a Glance

- 0830** ORNAC Standards
- 0945** AGM
- 1100** Exhibits & Poster Presentations
- 1500** Plenary Sessions x 2
- 1830** Gala!!

Who's who?

Look for the fancy scarves sporting the ORNAC logo:

- **Black** is an ORNAC Board Member.
- **White with a black border** is a Conference Planning Committee Member.
- **White with a red border** is a volunteer.



Have a question?

Look for the black, white, and red scarves – please stop us!

We are happy to help

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