

# Standing on guard for nursing

**IN THIS ISSUE, YOU'LL READ ABOUT** success in protesting the characterization of nurses on MTV's *Scrubbing In*. In concert with individual nurses, nursing students, CNA, the International Council of Nurses, the American Nurses Association and RNAO, the non-profit organization The Truth About Nursing took centre stage in contacting the show's producers and powerfully articulating the damaging effects of this misrepresentation. With some chagrin, I admit I did not know of the existence of The Truth About Nursing, but I've since learned that it has been standing on guard for the

image of nursing for more than a decade. I am impressed with the organization's history and victories and am now a member!

The phrase *we stand on guard* has dual significance for me. First, it stirs patriotism every time I hear our national anthem. Second, I believe it is the core purpose of our professional nursing associations and specialty groups here in Canada and around the world.

Nurses are extraordinarily busy with multiple roles, both professional and personal. Most have little time to monitor events, trends and legislation that have an impact on nursing and that nursing can have influence on, or to ponder what else the profession might do to maximize its contribution to our patients, health system and country. But while we are busy *in* nursing, CNA is busy doing all that other work *with* and *for* nursing! CNA fuels our evolution and enables us to be visible and vital contributors to positive change in our health-care system and our communities.

Please help CNA continue to stand on guard for nursing by supporting our journey to compliance with the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*. The next step is our special online meeting of members on Jan. 29 (details on page 7).

Lastly, I am excited to welcome Anne Sutherland Boal as CNA's new CEO. Her inspiring leadership and deep commitment to nursing and CNA are well known. We could not be in better hands!



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