



PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans ~ Chapter 1902

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President's Message

Hello Members,

It's October already. Who's ready for Halloween? ME! Not that we need more scary things in our lives right now. But the leaves will be changing colors soon, and Halloween and Thanksgiving are not far away. Christmas is 77 days away. Yikes!

Since it's almost the end of the year, you may need to get a few more CEs. If you have not checked out the AORN CE page, you need to click on this link:

<https://www.aorn.org/Events/Live-Events>. There are webinars and CE events on products and guidelines that are free to members.

Currently our membership is at 228 members. Last year at this time it was 272. We need to start working on recruiting new members. Our November 17th social at Martin Wine Cellar is a great opportunity to bring new members. Melissa and Warren are contributing \$200 toward our social. It will

be a great evening. Please plan on attending and bringing a new member.

Thank you to all of you who attended our last Zoom meeting. Nakeisha and Darlene did a fantastic job. If you have not sent me your evaluation yet, please send it to me ASAP. I need to send them to the presenters.

Our next meeting is on October 27th. It will be a dinner meeting sponsored by Aerobiotix. Hurricane Ida has made the planning a challenge, but the rep is working on getting a venue for us, along with a CE. Please check your email for an invite to the dinner. We are accepting RSVPs from members first, then we will take potential members. The cap is at 30, so please respond quickly. See you on the 27th. Halloween attire encouraged. 😊

Stay strong,

Mary Anne



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2021-2022

October 27th- Dinner Meeting sponsored by Aerobiotix.

Nov. 17th- Social at Martin's Wine Cellar, sponsored by Melissa and Warren

December 15th-Community Outreach, TBA

January 8th-Annual Winter Seminar at EJGH

February 16th-tentatively at Ochsner Kenner

March 19-26- Expo in New Orleans

April 27th – tentatively at Ochsner Jeff Hwy

May 25th – @ Baptist or Crescent City Surgical

Per member request, meetings start at 5 PM, unless otherwise noted.

Scan QR Code for Chapter Web Site



ACTION CENTER

Petition OSHA to Make Your Workplace Safe and Require Surgical Smoke Evacuation

DENVER, August 11, 2021 – As the leading advocate for the safety of perioperative nurses and surgery patients, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) has launched a national petition urging the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue regulations requiring worker and patient protections from harmful surgical smoke.

Like cigarette smoke, surgical smoke can be seen and smelled. It is produced during most surgical procedures when lasers and electrocautery devices are used to dissect tissue and stop bleeding. Numerous studies confirm the smoke contains hazardous chemicals toxins, bacteria and live viruses, and in some cases, carcinogens and agents that cause genetic mutations.

The healthcare consequences for surgical team members– who work long hours in the OR during consecutive procedures – are well documented: from headaches and dizziness to serious respiratory illness, asthma, and allergic reactions. Perioperative nurses report twice as many respiratory problems compared to the general population. More recent studies have also associated cancer and reproductive hazards to surgical smoke.

In 1988, OSHA, which has authority to enforce workplace safety, issued an alert about the health hazards from surgical smoke, but no regulations. The Joint Commission's [Quick Safety Issue](#), describes research findings on the potential harm from surgical smoke. In 2018, Rhode Island became the first state to enact such legislation, followed by Colorado, Kentucky, and Oregon. Illinois may follow suit soon and other states are moving down the long path toward legislative action.

“Surgical smoke is one of the most serious health risks faced by members of the surgical team on a daily basis. We hope with this petition drive, and our advocacy efforts in states across the country, we can demonstrate our commitment to achieving a safe surgical environment in all hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers,” says AORN CEO/Executive Director Linda Groah MSN RN CNOR NEA-BC FAAN.

AORN encourages all health care professionals – and their family members and friends throughout the nation who care about their health – to sign the petition. It is accessible from this link:

<https://www.votervoice.net/AORN/Petitions/2422/Respond>

AORN will deliver the petition to OSHA in November in honor of Perioperative Nurses Week, Nov. 14-20, 2021.

Membership Information

Standard – 153

Lifetime – 24

2/3yr – 28

Retired – 7

Leader-6

Associate – 4

Student Members – 1

Total Members – 228

Be sure your chapter membership status on “My AORN” states “Chapter 1902”.

Please bring an OR nurse with you to the chapter meetings. We ❤️ our new members!

Member Resources

 <http://http://www.facebook.com/AORN>



www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx

3M has upcoming webinars at which you can obtain free CEU's.

<https://promo.3m.com/rc/3MMEDICAL/ipdeducationwebinarcalendar>



<https://twitter.com/AORNofNewOrlean>

(You are seeing it correctly; there is no “s”)

Chapter Webpage:

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

Membership due to Lapse

Membership expires on the last day of your renewal month. Here is a reminder that your membership expiration is in the near future:

August

Amy Deli
Terri Kinler
Robin Malach
Aejay Pecquet

September

Chantel Allen
Kathleen Blanchard
Candi Blandin
Kay Bourg
Roxane Elliott
Michelle Haydel
Angela Howell
Katherine Jones
Ashley Kelley
Haley LeBlanc
Doreen Lentz
Victoria Mons
Judith Montello
Martha Peltier
Gretchen Sagona
Allison Schutz
Tracey Tonsmeire

October

Cathy Barreca
Jamie Cambre
Tondra Cheramie
Miranda Chiquet
Kerrie Clark
Nicole Cook
Garret De Ramos
Aimee Falgout
Rosa Flores-Castellon
Ramsey Hare
Mary Parker Haynie
Stephanie Heaphy
Michelle Heisser
Adrienne Holdridge
Nancy Ledet
Caroline McInnis
Marilyn Porea-Sutton
Christy Simeon
Kensey Thibodaux
Christine Waller
Jasmine Warren

Trea\$urer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$7,573.49

Deposits: \$ 3228.00

Expenses: \$ 96.79

Ending balance: \$10,884.70

Deposits

\$3088.00 – Credits from AORN Conf

\$140.00 – AORN oper Aug

\$140.00 – AORN oper Sept

Respectfully submitted,

**Bobbi Carew, BSN, RN
Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902**



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Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

AORN meeting September 22, 2021

Darlene Murdock & Nakeisha Archer of the AORN Board of Directors Gave CE program on Equity “I challenge you to take the 21-day Equity Challenge”

<https://www.unitedwaydm.org/equity-challenge>

There are 6 ways to reduce implicit bias- 1. Focus on seeing people as individuals 2. Work on consciously changing your stereotypes 3. Take time to pause and reflect 4. Adult your perspective 5. Increase your exposure 6. Practice mindfulness

AORN has a DEI site that offers a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan

Diversity-Broad concept that embraces individual differences

Equity-Fairness and Respect. Individuals feel supported, valued, and trusted.

Inclusion-Involvement, engagement, and empowerment of all individuals. Leveraging everyone’s talents and strengths so that they can contribute to his or her full potential.

DEI Accomplishments-completed Colorado CEO Pledge, “Listen, learn and lead”, launched new DEI section on AORN website, published letter to the public regarding hate crimes to the Asian community, Incorporated DEI into AORN’s core values, Dr. Martin Luther King day now observed as a company Holiday, Race/ethnicity added to key areas including AORN membership online application, willingness to serve form and guidelines literature searches.

Launched DEI LGBTQ Advisory Board in May 2021, created a Position Statement on Equitable Care which is up for approval at the August 2021 House of Delegates.

“Take a Stand” Racism is not a political issue, Racism is a Moral issue. David Wyatt, PHD, RN, NEA-BC, CNOR (president of AORN 20-21)

We have 2 Male AORN Board members-Stephen Balog Board of Directors 2018-2022, William Duffy Board of Directors 2019-2023

We have 3 Black AORN Board members-Darlene Murdock Secretary 2020-2022 & Board of Directors 2018-2020, Nakeisha Archer Treasurer 2021-2023 & Board of Directors 2019-2021, Karen Edwards-White Board of Directors 2021-2023

James Cousin-CFO, Vice president Business Strategies, Chief Diversity Officer, turned around financial picture in 2008 & 2020 “This impacts our community and patients. We have a once in a lifetime platform right now, because all of America is supportive of this change.”

Patrick Voight Is the 2nd Male president 2009-2010, President during the beginning of health reform, collaboration with ANA and National Quality Forum, presently serving as President - Elect IFPN

David Wyatt 4th male President 2021-2022. Has made hard decisions during pandemic, Helping AORN find a voice, Theme: Our Shared Purpose.

Barba J. Edwards-Only Black AORN President 1976-1977. Known as the “Idea Lady”, Theme: Reflections, Awareness for Action, AORN accredited as a provider and approved body for CE’S, Journal transitioned to computerized typesetting. Startling Facts about People of color (PoC)-they make up 30% of population but account for 60% of the imprisoned population, one in 3 black men can expect to go to prison in their lifetime, students of color face harsher punishments in school, students of color are arrested far more than their classmates, PoC have higher rates of juvenile incarcerations, once convicted, PoC offenders receive longer sentences.

The Black community also has higher Health disparities. 3.57 x’s more likely to die of Covid19. More susceptible to High blood pressure. Have mental health strain due to racism.

Conclusion: AORN’s statement on Race Relations aligns with the ANA code of ethics.

Provision 1-The nurse practices with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and unique attributes of every person.

Provision 1.3-Nurses are leaders who collaborate in altering systemic structures that have a negative influence on individual and community health.

Provision 8- The nurse collaborates with other health professionals and the public to protect human rights, promote health diplomacy, and reduce health disparities.

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 12-14 VIRTUAL OR EXCELLENCE Please sign the Smoke Free Petition and AORn will send results to OSHA-

<https://www.votervoice.net/aorn/petitions/2422/respond>

Business Meeting Came to Order in 1821

A Quorum was established

Old Business-Nathalie accepted and Nora 2nd last month’s minutes.

New Business-Buy a Brick in AORN ofc in Denver, Board voted to provide the Brick

Winter Seminar is January 8 for CE’s

Legislative-Nathalie

We can advertise in the Newsletter-Hospitals can put their staffing needs

March 19-23, 2022, AORN Expo

Learned we cannot extend viewing of 2021 Expo videos; they will stop Sept 24.

Bobby-Treasurer Report, will be in newsletter.

Next meeting, we will discuss AORN Guidelines, Aerobiotics will provide Dinner at a place TBA on October 27, 2021 as well as a CE