



# PeriOperative Potpourri

## New Orleans - Chapter 1902

May 2016

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## President's Message

Spring is here and it's about time to "spring" into the next year for our chapter. As you are aware, it's time to elect the next set of leaders for the chapter. The "Willingness to Serve" forms have been included in the newsletters and at the chapter meetings. The ballot is being compiled and there are still openings to be filled. This is not a new problem . . . but one that YOU can do something to rectify. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH OUR CHAPTER! The commitment of time is truly minimal (come to the monthly meetings!) but the rewards of keeping the chapter moving forward are great! If you have not thrown your name into the hat before, please don't be afraid to do so . . . you will have the support of the experienced leaders in our chapter to help guide and develop you into your new role.

I realize that some members will stop reading right here . . . chapter leadership is not for them. Then who do you think should guide the chapter for the next year? Maybe it's time to encourage and support others to make that leap and run for office.

Just in case you are still reading this and need a little more information about each of the positions to be elected next month, here is a bit of info. If you need more, please contact me or Melissa Guidry (the Chair of the Nominating Committee). The positions to be filled during the elections are:

**President-Elect** (2 year term – "Observes and assists the President in preparation for assuming the duties and responsibilities of that office." Serves one year as President-Elect, one year as President.

**Vice President** (2 year term – "Performs the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to act." includes being our representative on the LA State Council);

**Secretary** (2 year term – "Maintains records of the proceedings of all business meetings and affairs of the Association and the Board of Directors." Basically, takes minutes at the meetings and submits them to AORN; Mary Anne will continue to be the Newsletter Editor!

**Board of Directors** (3 positions to be elected; The Board has the "power, authority and responsibility to manage affairs of the Association . . ."; they are the decision-makers for the chapter.

**Nominating Committee** (2 members to be elected for a one-year term to prepare and present a slate of candidates to be elected to serve the chapter.)

Also, with spring, we have been energized by the AORN Surgical Conference and Expo! At the April meeting, Angela Young, one of our chapter members from Ochsner and a "first time attendee" and chapter delegate at Expo, presented her "Expo Experience." She didn't just tell us about it, she made an i-Movie! Ramie Miller will be putting it on the chapter website so be looking for it! Thanks, Angela for your service to the chapter and creating such a wonderful journal of your experience at Expo!

My last request for you is to take a nurse along with you to the next chapter meeting. If running for an office is not in the plan for you, please consider getting involved with the chapter (or getting MORE involved!). Ask around at your facility and see who is currently an AORN member . . . and encourage them to come with you to the May meeting. If there are new nurses in your department, invite them to the next meeting . . . offer to carpool. Reach out to the Cath Lab, Endoscopy, or any other procedural nurses . . . we will welcome them all with open arms! Let's see if we can share our knowledge, experience, support, and friendship with MANY more perioperative nurses!

Respectfully submitted,  
Mandy Martin-Sanchez, BSN, Med, RN,  
CNOR



# Chapter 1902 Calendar

**May 25<sup>th</sup> – EJGH, 3M  
presentation for 1 CE  
credit**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> -  
Installation Banquet,  
5:30 PM at Porter &  
Luke's on Metairie  
Road**

***Meetings  
start at  
4:30 PM  
unless  
otherwise  
noted***

## **Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR**

Martha Stratton announced during the House of Delegates in Anaheim, AORN is offering new ways to volunteer for committees and task forces. Instead of simply submitting willingness to serve forms, members will learn of specific volunteer opportunities and be able to apply more directly to those committees, task forces, and other projects that are of interest to the member. Specific committee, task force and project announcements will be published in Periop Insider throughout the year.

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**Respectfully Submitted by,  
Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR  
AORN of New Orleans BOD  
Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters,  
Legislative Rep  
AORN President -Elect**



## Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

The April chapter meeting at Tulane called to order at 4:43 by the president, Mandy Martin-Sanchez. Mandy welcomed the nursing students from SLU in attendance. She also welcomed the two vendors from Ethicon, Stacie Maratea and Kim Gambino, who presented on the newest products from Ethicon. A Surgicel patch available from Ethicon called Evarrest is for patients with problematic bleeding. With this fibrin sealant patch, the medical professional holds pressure for three minutes and the bleeding stops. There is a new product for laparoscopic stitching which has a curved needle and articulates at the distal tip. Also, there are free CEs on their site [www.ethiconinstitute.com](http://www.ethiconinstitute.com). Stacie and Kim will come back again to sponsor a meeting and will present these new products. Kim Gambino can be reached at [kheath@its.inj.com](mailto:kheath@its.inj.com).

Mandy introduced Nancy Iovino, who is working on a project involving product labels. She inquired about errors nurses had experienced because of poor labeling. Attendees discussed their experiences and errors they encountered involving labels.

Angela Young, an OR nurse for four years, presented on her experience from the AORN Expo

and Surgical Conference. She prepared a video on her first time experience and answered questions. Angela had a great time and learned a lot. She plans on going to the next expo in Boston.

Sharon Guardina reported that the installation banquet will be at Porter and Luke's on Metairie Road on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with an open bar starting at 5:30 PM, and dinner at 6 PM. The cost will be \$25 for soup, salad, dinner and dessert. A Paypal account will be set up for \$25 on the chapter web site.

Treasury: Sheila Ostrow reported that the chapter spent \$3530 on the cost of delegates, donations of \$200 to the AORN Foundation and \$200 for the silent auction. The balance in the account is \$7498.68. Sheila asked if anyone had any questions. There were no questions so the report will be filed.

### Officer Reports:

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## Community Outreach Project:

Please bring non-perishable items, hotel shampoos, etc. to next meeting for the homeless shelter at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Tulane Avenue. Sharon Guardina will drop them off to the shelter.

- Small bottles of shampoo
- Non-perishable food items
- Eye glasses
- Socks

***Thank you!!!***

## Please remember to renew!

Total Members – 197  
 Standard - 112  
 Lifetime – 8  
 2/3yr - 19  
 Retired – 11  
 Associate – 5  
 Student Members – 42

When you renew, please check your membership card to see that it states “Chapter 1902”. If your name is then not on our Roster and our Chapter does not receive the chapter dues you pay.



Please invite all  
*Perioperative Nurses*  
 to our meetings!



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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](http://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:

### May

Keeonna Baptiste  
 Brett Connolly  
 Stephanie Danielson  
 Judy Dufrechou  
 Sharon Guardina  
 Rebecca Harris  
 Sherry Harvey  
 Lisa Hoffman  
 Mary Morvant  
 Tracy Narcisse  
 Sally Pirfo  
 Jared Vappie

### June

Ursula Allain  
 Catherine Eustis  
 Mary Ann Laforge  
 Kevin Schabel-Bayhi  
 Amy Seale  
 Aisha Smith  
 Carla Stalberte  
 Carrie Simpson  
 Le Thu Tran  
 Lynne Vega  
 Stephanie Wall

## Membership News

**Congratulations to  
 Chapter 1902  
 for winning the  
 Gold Chapter Excellence Award!**

**EJGH:  
 Congratulations to  
 Melissa Lorio  
 and  
 Sarah Hunsucker,  
 who are now CNOR certified!**

**If you have news from your facility  
 Please send any updates to  
 Mary Anne Toledano  
 at [mstoledano@ejgh.org](mailto:mstoledano@ejgh.org)**

## Need Volunteer Hours for Career Ladder?

The New Orleans Medical Mission needs volunteers. They meet at 625 Distributors Row on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9 am 1 pm. They pack inventory to get it ready for shipping to locations in need. If you need volunteer hours they would love your help. They also go on medical missions. They are collecting school uniforms and sports uniforms for Honduras. If anyone is interested in volunteering or have donations please contact Mary Morvant at [Robotqueen311@hotmail.com](mailto:Robotqueen311@hotmail.com).



### Nominating Committee Report: Chapter Ballot 2016-

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| President - Elect (1 to be elected)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramie Miller         |
| Vice-President (1 to be elected)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Anne Toledano   |
| Secretary (1 to be elected)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandy Martin Sanchez |
| Board of Directors (3 to be elected) | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Levesque       |
|                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Boudreaux       |
|                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant               |
| Nominating Committee                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant               |
|                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant               |

At our May meeting, if there are no nominations from the floor, a motion will be made to accept the ballot as published in this newsletter. All members in attendance will vote. If you are unable to attend the May meeting, print the ballot, place an X next to the member you are voting for and mail to me at 340 Aurora Ave, Metairie, LA 70005. I encourage all of you to review the ballot and attend our May meeting - be involved and have your voice heard. A special thank you to those members who have agreed to be placed on the ballot - our chapter is dependent on our members. Please note, after the elections, any vacant positions will be appointed by the Board.



Respectfully,  
Melissa Guidry,  
Nominating Committee Chair

EJGH

# Congratulations to East Jefferson Surgery Department for receiving the CCI designation

## CNOR STRONG

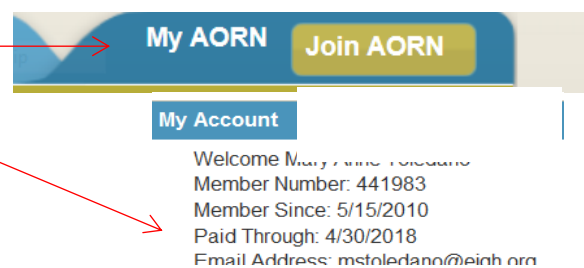
## Do you have what it takes?

Eligibility requirements to be considered CNOR Strong:

- At least 50% of eligible perioperative nursing is staff CNOR certified.
- Facility consistently recognizes and rewards nurses who become CNOR certified or recertified.

Have you updated your *personal profile* on the AORN website?

1. Log onto the AORN website and click on "My AORN"
2. Under "My Account", click on "Update Profile"
3. Update "User Profile" with current email address, employer, etc.







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State Council: Ramie Miller reported that the council has positions open for treasurer and state chair-elect. Nominations are now being accepted. The election will be in July at the Lake Charles meeting. They meet four times a year in July, October, January and April.

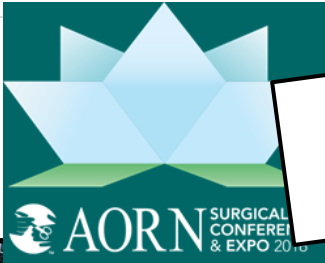
Nominating Committee: Melissa Guidry reported that the chapter has the following positions on the ballot for the upcoming year: President Elect, Vice President, Board Member x 3 and Nominating Committee X 2. Dawn Boudreaux and Linda Levesque are on the ballot for the board positions, but there is still one vacancy. It's not too late to turn in a "Willingness to Serve" form. Please contact Melissa if you are interested in running for office. Expo: Chapter 1902 won the Gold Chapter Excellence award for the intermediate sized chapter.

New Business: The annual winter seminar will be on January 14, 2017. Nathalie Walker has secured a room at EJGH. A committee will be formed to start working on securing speakers for the seminar. The chapter is looking for anyone who is interested in helping with the seminar. Please let Mandy know if you would like to help.

The AORN Leadership Academy is May 20th and 21st in Denver. The chapter traditionally sends the president-elect. With no president-elect, Christal Cook volunteered to attend the leadership academy.

Mandy asked is anyone had anything else to report. No one had anything so the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

# Expo Photos



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# AORN of New Orleans May 2016 Chapter Meeting

## Topic **Unintended Hypothermia: The Importance of Maintaining Normothermia,**

**presented by  
Christopher J. Huddins, BS, ASN, RN, CNOR  
For 1 contact hour**

When  
**Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM**  
Sponsored by 3M

### Where

EJGH, 4200 Houma Blvd, Metairie  
Esplanade 2 - Conference Center  
Parking - Complimentary parking ~  
Hudson garage. |

### More Information

Contact: Mary Anne Toledano  
504-503-4322 (W)  
[mstoledano@ejgh.org](mailto:mstoledano@ejgh.org)

# Delegate Information/Willingness-to-Serve Form

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Delegates shall represent the local Chapter at the annual National Conference meetings. The Chapter is entitled to elect at least one delegate and one alternate, based on total active membership. The alternate delegate has the same responsibilities as the delegate. An alternate delegate is one who shall be seated in the delegate section only in the absence of the delegate. Once an alternate has been moved up to delegate status, the status is maintained for the duration of the Conference. Total delegate numbers are determined by our National Association.

## Election of Delegates - Eligibility

1. A delegate and alternate delegate must be a current member of AORN. Delegates are chosen on a point system.
2. A delegate and alternate delegate should have attended at least six (6) general meetings the previous year, based on ten (10) meetings a year.
3. A delegate and alternate delegate must have active participation on a local AORN committee the previous year.
4. The President and President-elect are automatically delegates and the President-elect shall act as Chairman of Delegates. Other eligible members must fill out a "Willingness to Serve" form on or by the designated meeting.
5. The number of eligible persons receiving the highest number of points will be selected as delegates and the next number of highest points will be the alternate delegate.
6. Eligibility requirements may be waived in lieu of insufficient candidates.

## Provisions for Delegates

1. Delegates are required to fulfill all duties at the Conference. Failure to do so will result in the delegate returning a prorated amount of their funding to the Chapter. This amount is determined based on the number of mandatory delegate activities.
2. If an alternate is selected, they will be funded their Conference registration.
3. If the alternate needs to be seated as a delegate at the Conference, the alternate will be funded the prorated amount of the unseated delegates' funding.

## Credentials

1. Chosen delegates/alternate must indicate their status as either delegate or alternate on their Conference registration form.
2. Delegates shall register at delegates' booth with the following:
  - a. Current RN registration/licensure.
  - b. Current AORN membership card.
  - c. Official delegate authorization letter from National Headquarters.
3. Delegates are required to wear official badge at all business meetings of the Association.

## Responsibilities

1. Delegates and alternate delegate shall become familiar with and adhere to directions forwarded from National Headquarters, prior to attending the National Conference.
2. Attend all business sessions and special delegate activities at the Annual National Congress.
3. Delegates shall seek information on all issues under discussion, and act in the best interest of the Chapter.
4. Delegates are encouraged to vote as recommended by the Chapter on all issues and for National Officers.
5. Shall relate to members from other areas and evaluate them in light of their leadership potential so that the Chapter may submit names of prospective candidates for an elected national office.
6. Attend educational and scientific meetings and exhibits at the National Congress.
7. The Delegates Chairman shall give a meaningful report to the Chapter following attendance at the National Congress, and submit a written report for publication in the Chapter newsletter.
8. Delegates designated to any Annual Congress shall continue in their office as delegates for the purpose of any special meeting of the National Association that may be called until the delegates are duly designated for the next Annual Congress and likewise for the local Chapter that they may be called until the delegates are duly designated for the next Congress.
9. Delegates must attend pre-Congress Meetings, called by the Chairman.

## GUIDELINES FOR DELEGATE SELECTION

1. Chapter membership for a pre-determined time before Congress.
2. Attendance at a given number of monthly meetings for the year preceding.
3. Active participation in Chapter affairs, service on a committee, program participant, etc., for a year previous to selection.
4. The President and President-Elect are automatically delegates.
5. Assignments as a delegate may be an incentive award for a member other than an officer, if that person has contributed greatly to the functioning of the Chapter.
6. The amount of money that is available from the treasury will determine how the Chapter funds its delegates. Funds are distributed by the Treasurer prior to Congress.
7. Delegates are required to fulfill all duties at Congress. Failure to do so will result in the delegate returning a prorated portion of their funding to the Chapter. This amount is determined based on the number of mandatory delegate activities.
8. Any delegate/(s) failing to fulfill obligation in regard to voting and attendance at meetings may not serve as delegate for one year.
9. Headquarters recommends points system as the only fair way to choose delegates.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Our point system is based on:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - per meeting Chapter meetings
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - (active) Chapter officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4 - (active) Chapter Committee Chairperson
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 - (active) Chapter Committee person
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - per meeting Chapter sponsored workshop
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - per meeting Education presenter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - Publishing in Chapter Newsletter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - Publishing in AORN/professional journal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - State Council Officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - Specialty Assembly Officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - AORN National Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 - Officer in another Nursing Organization
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8 - AORN Elected Officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - Poster Presentation (Research)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 - Poster Presentation (Clinical)
- \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL POINTS





**AORN Neuro/Ortho/Trauma (N+O+T) Specialty Assembly invites you to  
Meet us in Historic New Orleans for a day of exciting Trauma education!**

**Saturday May 14, 2016      7a-3p      University Medical Center, New Orleans**

- Patrick Greiffenstein MD – University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA  
- **Approach to the Trauma Patient: The Order of Battle**
- Paul Gladden, MD – University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA  
- **Fracture Treatment in Poly Trauma**
- Dr. Kyle Dickson - Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX  
- **What I get out of bed for: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly of Orthopaedic Trauma**
- Dr. Rex Marco - Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX  
- **Reconstruction of large bone defects**
- Dr. Roberto Mario Vera, MD - Ben Taub Hospital, Houston, TX  
- **Hypotensive Trauma**
- Lance Stuke, MD, MPH, FACS - University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA  
- **Trauma Resuscitation**
- Darlene Murdock, BSN, BA, RN, CNOR – Hermann Memorial, Houston, TX  
- **Trauma: Are YOU Ready?**
- Debra Guidroz & Philip Peavey, Chaplains - University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA  
- **Death in the OR**

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(Presenters Subject to Change)