



# PeriOperative Potpourri

## New Orleans - Chapter 1902

September 2018

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## President's Message

Hello Members,

Fall has arrived and it is time to look forward to spring.

We do not want to miss this time to stay in touch with you.

AORN and the AORN Foundation are working together to provide continued assistance and incentive to both the local chapters and the individual members to continue on the path to excellence.

Perioperative Nurses Week is fast approaching I look forward to celebrating our professionalism and the excellence we provide to our patients every day.

As we head into the end of the calendar year the officers and members of Chapter 1902 are working together to provide the necessary documentation of our chapters activities to maintain our Gold Chapter status we were able to achieve last year. The Chapter Accountability Standards as published on the web site provide verification we are striving towards providing our members the best services we can and recognize the member's needs.

Our upcoming November social provides opportunity for both social networking and forging new friendships with like-minded professionals. The Winter Seminar "OR Potpourri" will provide educational and networking opportunities as well. Additionally, the vendor fair is already ramping up to provide one-on-one discussion with the reps with their products on display and the chance to ask those pesky questions that arise when new products are implemented.

Then we will head into the spring and the annual EXPO which is being held in Nashville the premier place for CEU's, panel discussions, poster board presentations, inspiring guest speakers and so much more!

Please do not hesitate to review the Chapter 1902 newsletter, there are copies of our last business meeting minutes. Posting of upcoming contests and due dates for posting for Expo 2019 grant applications. Also, our newest feature the posting of 4 names per month for cash prizes. When the member who finds their name on the list attends the next chapter meeting they are eligible for the MONEY.

When you review the meeting minutes you will see the item reporting there are still open dates for your facility to host one of the spring chapter meetings. Some of them have been spoken for but they may adjust the date if your facility has a specific date of availability.

As always I count myself fortunate to be a part of this great organization. If I can be of service to you please just ask and contact me via my contact listed in this newsletter.

Respectively,

Christal Cook, MSN, RN, CNOR  
President- AORN of New Orleans,  
Chapter 1902



# Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2018-2019

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September 26, 2018 @ Ochsner  
(Jefferson Hwy)

## Monthly Meeting Dates

- October 24, 2018 @ Children’s Hospital – Tentatively (Pediatric Neurosurgeon)
- November 28, 2018 – Winter Social
- December - No meeting
- January 12, 2018 - Winter Seminar @ EJGH (1/2 day seminar; State Council meeting at @1:30PM)

*Per member request, we have a new meeting time:*

**5 PM**

*ALL meetings start at **5 PM** unless otherwise noted*

## Answers to the PeriOp Challenge

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

Click on this link and see what's happening in our state. <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/af070e90/uiWRtx-l6BG1m5mHlp85zA?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aorn.org%2Fgovernment-affairs%2Fmy-state>

If you want to be an advocate click here for more information: <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/c36d11a1/4HKRtx-l6BG1m5mHlp85zA?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aorn.org%2Fgovernment-affairs%2Fadvocacy-tools>

*Advocacy is the act or process of pleading for, supporting, or recommending a cause or course of action. Advocacy may be for persons (whether as an individual, group, population, or society) or for an issue, such as potable water or global health. (ANA Code of Ethics -2015)*

Every day, in countless large and small ways, you make the world a better place. These moments of **everyday advocacy** change lives by elevating the voices of vulnerable people, and improving conditions for those around you. As the largest group of health professionals in America, and consistently the highest ranked in terms of ethical behavior by the public, nurses are in a unique position to influence the direction of both the profession and healthcare.

**ANA has declared 2018 the Year of Advocacy, and throughout the year we'll be sharing stories of how nurses have used their influence to shape and bring about change, both at the #BedsideAndBeyond.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR  
AORN of New Orleans,  
Chapter 1902- Legislative Chair



## Membership Information

**Please remember to renew!**

Student Members – 207

Standard – 148

Lifetime – 15

2/3yr - 27

Retired – 7

Associate – 3

Total Members – 409

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!**

## Member Resources



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



Connecting the periOperative Community

[www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx](http://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](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:

### October

Rita Baroni  
Anissa Buras  
Kimberly Buras  
Jarrod Cashe  
Lauren duTreil  
Jasmine Evans  
Erin Gray  
Hazel Jones  
Kambi Cheye  
Lucy Kim  
Ciji Pena  
Mary Richard  
Janelle St Germain  
Sarah Verges  
Young Angela

### November

Jonelle Bershad  
Linda Demoruelle  
Kerry Douglas-Dupre  
Deborah Garbee  
Susie Hammant  
Tom Harvey  
Jamie Johnson  
Mary Ann Laforge  
Kathy Ledet  
Sally Pirfo  
Jodie Rodrigue  
Darlene Russo  
PK Scheerle  
Rhonda Wilson  
Scarlett Wise

## Meeting Attendance Award

The Board of Director voted to have a Meeting Attendance Award of \$40 for the first three months (August, September, October). The names of four current members (BoD members not eligible) will be listed in the newsletter. If the members listed in the newsletter under the Membership Attendance Award attend the meeting and bring the newsletter with them, they will split the \$40. The four names, randomly chosen from the chapter roster, are:

Jocelyn Amador (9)  
Christina Ramsey (299)  
Stephanie Valentino (379)  
Pam Zimmerman (409)

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



# Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

## AORN of New Orleans – Chapter 1902

Minutes of the Chapter Meeting

Date: September 26, 2018, Ochsner Medical Center

Submitted by Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Secretary

Susan Overman welcomed the group to Ochsner, thanked Mike Waguespack from Quick Clot for the dinner, and introduced the speaker for the CE presentation.

### Continuing Education Program: AAMI Levels and Surgical Gowns: Know if You're Protected

Presented by: Angela Maxwell (Cardinal Health)

Safety is the #1 goal in the OR. Choosing the right gown for the right procedure is essential for both the safety of the patient and perioperative staff members. She provided enlightening information about the testing of gowns for the different levels of protection.

The standards and guidelines for surgical gowns are established by a variety of governmental and professional organizations. One such standard is the ANSI/AAMI PB70 on Liquid Barrier Performance and Classification Protective Apparel and Drapes. Four levels of protection are described along with the level of testing that each level must achieve. Level 1 provides the least protection; Level 4 provides the greatest protection.

Gown selection criteria includes: barrier effectiveness, abrasion resistance, strength, comfort, flammability, lint generation, toxicity.

### Business Meeting

- President Christal Cook called the meeting to order at 6:10PM. Secretary Mandy Martin-Sanchez reported that a quorum present.
- A motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter was passed. The minutes will also be posted on OR Nurse Link.

### New Business

- Christal reported on the most recent Chapter Leader Webinar.
- Continue to enter the documentation required for the Chapter Accountability Standards into the site.
- In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, work will also be done to submit documentation for the Chapter Excellence Award.

- Please publicize that first time members to AORN are eligible to receive \$50 off their membership from a Foundation Grant through the end of September or until the funds run out.
- Expo 2019 in Nashville: The Chapter Leadership Workshop will be held on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Any chapter leaders who have not attended should plan on participating.
- Volunteers for the Silent Auction at Expo are needed.
- In previous years the chapter has made a donation to the Silent Auction. A motion was made and passed to use \$200 from chapter treasury for a donation to silent auction. A challenge will be made to all other AORN chapters to do the same. Please send any of the chapter officers your ideas of what can be purchased with our donation for the auction.
- The application process for grants for the Expo 2019 will open in early October. Anyone planning on attending Expo in Nashville should apply.
- Pictures will be taken after the meeting with the poster for Expo for 2019 and be posted on Instagram for a chance to win a free Expo registration!

### Officer Reports:

- Newsletter: Mary Anne asked for information for the next newsletter to be submitted by Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. There were 4 names listed in the newsletter for a share of a cash award for attending the meeting – but none of the 4 were present. The newsletter will also be posted on OR Nurse Link.
- Legislative: See the full Legislative report in this newsletter. Perioperative Nurses Week is rapidly approaching. Ramie and Nathalie are working on proclamations from the state and the city of New Orleans. Check the AORN website under legislative affairs.
- Treasury: Melissa reported that the balance in the treasury is \$6586.74.

### Old Business

**Chapter Bylaws:** The motion to accept the revisions to the chapter bylaws as posted on OR Nurse Link was accepted. Nathalie will upload into the portal. Although it is no longer a requirement to sign the ethical standards on an

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## Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

### Future Meeting Dates:

October 13th - Hammond (North Oaks) following All That Jazz seminar (See flyer on page 10)

January 12, 2019 (EJGH, Metairie) following Winter seminar

The flyer is a rectangular graphic with a white background and a green border. At the top, it says "SAVE THE DATE" in green. Below that, "HARMONIZED CARE" is written in large, bold, black letters, with a green treble clef symbol integrated into the letter "I". Underneath, "THE KEY TO SAFETY" is written in smaller black letters, flanked by two horizontal lines. The dates "APRIL 6 - 10, 2019" and the location "NASHVILLE, TN" are listed at the bottom. The entire flyer is framed by horizontal green and blue lines on the left and right sides. At the bottom of the flyer, there is a green banner with the AORN logo (a globe) and the text "AORN GLOBAL SURGICAL CONFERENCE & EXPO" in white.

SAVE THE DATE

**HARMONIZED CARE**

— THE KEY TO SAFETY —

APRIL 6 - 10, 2019      NASHVILLE, TN

 **AORN** GLOBAL SURGICAL  
CONFERENCE & EXPO

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## **Chapter 1902 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 foods items
- Eye glasses
- Socks

***Thank you!!!***



**1. Questionnaires, including STOP, STOP-Bang, Berlin, and Wisconsin, are examples of screening tools that can be used to assess patients for...**

- A. Level of consciousness
- B. Depth of sedation
- C. Obstructive sleep apnea
- D. Pain

**2. The degree of contamination with microorganisms and organic debris is known as...**

- A. Bioburden
  - B. Bioresistance
  - C. Bioshielding
  - D. Biostate
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# Meeting Minutes – Continued from page 4:

- annual basis, Nathalie stressed that the chapter protects the chapter members' email addresses and phone numbers and doesn't sell it to anyone.
- **Winter Seminar:** The winter seminar will be held on January 12, 2019, in the Conference Center at East Jefferson General Hospital. Vendor support is needed and the vendor information will continue to be included in to newsletter. Please copy and distribute this information to potential vendors for the seminar. If you identify speakers for the seminar, especially speakers with topics that are currently approved for contact hours, send the information to Linda Levesque.
- **Future Meetings:**
  - The October meeting will be held at Children's Hospital.
  - The meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> will again be at Martin's Wine Cellar. Nathalie and Geri will finalize the details. A motion was made to use \$200 of the chapter's funds for the social. The motion was passed. Nathalie will also submit an application for a grant for this event.
  - There are still locations needed for 2019. Please considering hosting a meeting at your facility.

- The chapter will continue to investigate the possibility of making the chapter meetings available via webinar. The chapters who are using this technology successfully have support from the IT department of the hospital where they are held.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56PM.

## Chapter 1902 Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by Christal Cook.

Treasurer Melissa Guidry wanted to keep the Board informed of the current challenges with the chapter's checking account due to recent fraudulent activity detected. All previous deductions for the checking account that were related to the fraudulent activity have been reversed. Melissa is waiting for final paperwork from the IRS to complete the process for the new checking account to be established.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.



# Treasurer's Report:

**Previous balance: \$6575.27**

Deposits:  
\$ 11.47

Expenses:  
0

**Ending balance: \$ 6586.74**

Form 990-N for exempt organizations filed on 7/13/2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Guidry, Treasurer  
AORN Chapter 1902



## \* Chapter Hospital Liaisons \*

**UMC-Elaine Stock**

**VA-Stephanie Walls**

**Tulane-Linda Levesque**

**Ochsner Main-Susan Overman**

**Lakeview-Christal Cook**

**East Jefferson-Alycia Adams**

**Children's-Judy Montello**

**Touro-Cheryl Johnson**

We would like to encourage a member from **Crescent City Surgical, West Jeff, Ochsner Westbank, Ochsner Kenner and Ochsner Baptist** to volunteer as a liaison from one of these facilities to assist with providing information to your peers. If you are interested, please email Melissa Guidry at [guidrymelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:guidrymelissa@yahoo.com) or call her at 504-442-9747.

Thanks to those members listed above who have volunteered - you are greatly appreciated.





**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** perioperative nurses specialize in the care of patients immediately before, during and after surgical and other invasive procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** serving in settings ranging from traditional hospital-based operating rooms to ambulatory surgery centers and physicians' offices, perioperative nurses work to provide the safest care possible for patients undergoing surgical and other invasive procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to and throughout the surgical or invasive experience, develop, implement and continuously evaluate a plan for the care of the patient, and prepare the operating room and patient for their procedure; and

**WHEREAS,** perioperative nurses are responsible for monitoring all aspects of the patient's condition for the duration of each procedure and, through professional and patient-centered expertise, are responsible for care coordination after the procedure; and

**WHEREAS,** patients undergoing surgery and other invasive procedures and their loved ones rely on the skills, knowledge and expertise of perioperative registered nurses, who uphold a long tradition of improving surgical safety and the quality of patient care; and

**WHEREAS,** Perioperative Nurse Week recognizes the contributions perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 11-17 2018 as

**PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK**  
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 11th day of November A.D., 2018.*

*John Bel Edwards*  
Governor of Louisiana

**NEW!**

2-Day Program  
17.4 Contact Hours

# PREP FOR CNOR LIVE



**SOME PEOPLE LEARN BETTER IN PERSON. IF THAT'S YOU, REGISTER TODAY.**

Learn test-taking strategies, create a study plan, & review CNOR® exam subject areas.

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

7:45 am – 4:30 pm

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

8:30am – 3:15pm

Hosted by  
Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center

Our Lady of the Lake  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Register online by Wednesday, December 12, 2018

[www.aorn.org/events/prep-for-cnor-live](http://www.aorn.org/events/prep-for-cnor-live)

**Special Introductory Pricing:**

\$155 – AORN Member

\$195 – Non-Members

**Registration includes:**

- 2018 edition of *AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* USB
- Two online assessments

## LEARNING OUTCOME

After completing this continuing nursing education (CNE) learning activity, the perioperative RN will have increased his/her knowledge of current, evidence-based perioperative practices and preparation strategies to successfully complete the CNOR® exam.

## OBJECTIVES:

1. Review evidence-based perioperative nursing principles and practices.
2. Discuss key components of the nursing process related to perioperative nursing care.
3. Examine test taking strategies to maximize performance on the CNOR® exam.
4. Develop a personal study plan for success.

\*After completing the online assessments, weekend event, and course evaluation, participants will be able to receive

**17.4**  
CNE CONTACT HOURS.

## ABOUT OUR PRESENTER:

Dr. Mary A. Hillanbrand, DNP, RN, CNOR, CCNS, CNS-CP is a perioperative education consultant and perioperative nursing expert. As the current Perioperative Director at Andrews Air Force Base, Dr. Hillanbrand will share her extensive knowledge of evidence-based perioperative practices with the attendees.

## PROGRAM AGENDA

### Day 1 - Saturday, December 15, 2018

7:45-8:00am	Registration
8:00-8:05am	Intro & Welcome
8:05-9:15am	Perioperative Nursing Process
9:15-10:15am	Aseptic Practices
10:15-10:30am	Break
10:30-11:30am	Principles of Anesthesia
11:30am-12:00pm	Lunch on your own
12:00-1:00pm	Critically Ill Patients in the OR
1:00-1:30pm	Key Points of the Guidelines
1:30-2:00pm	Quiz/ Material Review
2:00-2:15pm	Break
2:15-2:45pm	Specialty Equipment
2:45-3:15pm	Special Patient Populations
3:15-4:00pm	Patient and Worker Safety
4:00-4:30pm	Game/Review

### Day 2 - Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:30 - 9:15am	Safe Care of Patients
9:15-10:00am	Principles of Positioning
10-10:15am	Break
10:15-11:15am	Group review/Surgical Procedures
11:15am-12:30pm	Sterilization
12:30-1:00pm	Lunch on your own
1:00-1:30pm	Learning Styles
1:30-2:00pm	Test Taking Strategies
2:00-3:00pm	Pathway to Success
3:00-3:15pm	Wrap up and Distribution of Certificates

Note: Cancellation: AORN may cancel the event based on low registration. A minimum of 10 registrations is required 30 days prior to the event.

Accreditation: Association of perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is accredited with distinction as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

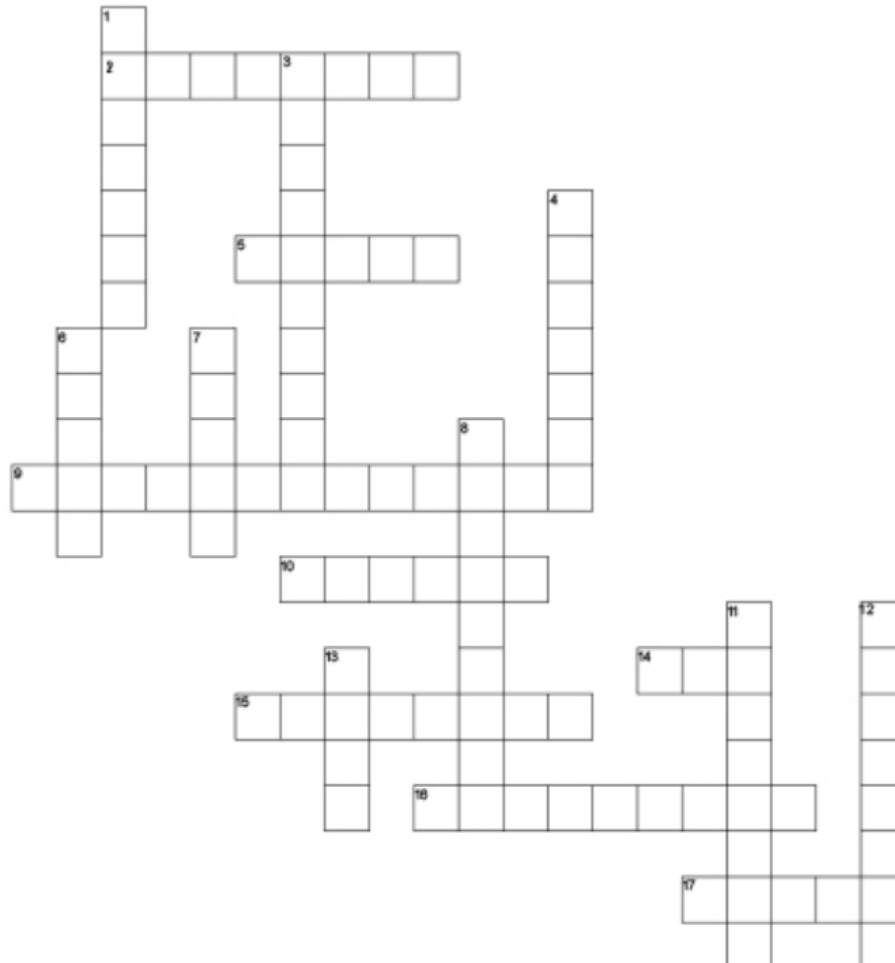
AORN is provider-approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP 13019. Check with your state board of nursing for acceptability of education sessions for re-licensure.

The Prep for CNOR Live program is designed strictly to be used as review and preparation for the CNOR exam. AORN does not administer the CNOR exam; the CNOR exam is administered by the Competency and Credentialing Institute. Candidates for the CNOR exam must meet the eligibility requirements as defined by the Competency and Credentialing Institute.

## Patient Safety and Risk Management

CW107

To complete this activity, the participant will need to access and read the Patient Safety and Risk Management chapter within the Alexander's Care of the Patient in Surgery textbook. Rothrock, J.C. (Ed.). (2019). *Alexander's care of the patient in surgery* (10th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier., p. 15-36.



### Across

2. When patients have the right to determine what happens to their body, they demonstrate:
5. The Joint Commission recommends consents be written at what grade reading level?
9. An unexpected situation that involves death or serious injury is known as a: (2 words)
10. \_\_\_\_\_, ignition, and fuel are parts of the fire triangle.
14. The health care organization created by the United Nations. (acronym)
15. Providing accurate information is known as:
16. Marking of the perioperative site is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ protocol.
17. Rules that limit the use of personal patient information are set by:

### Down

1. Sharing of patient information from one caregiver to the next is known as: (hyphenated)
3. Personal injury that occurs as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ by the professional performing the professional act is considered malpractice.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ must be performed before every procedure. (2 words)
6. Specimens for frozen sections are \_\_\_\_\_ placed in saline solution.
7. Another name for ESU.
8. Incorrect counts may result in the \_\_\_\_\_ of surgical items.
11. A frequently used preservative for specimens not immediately sent to the laboratory is:
12. Which type of burn typically occurs during or after a surgical prep?
13. If a count is "wrong", an \_\_\_\_\_ may be performed.

This is an example of a future points activity for recertification in collaboration with CCI.

\* Content reviewed by the CCI Nursing Education Department for alignment with clinical practice standards. CCI does not require, recommend, or endorse specific training programs in specialized practice areas for any of its exams.