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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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President's Message

Proclamations by the governor, perioperative nursing week, good food, great friends all the necessities for a great time at our recent AORN 1902 social. Check out the pictures of yourself and others present on our FB page. Thank you to AORN Inc for sponsoring our event.

Thank you to Natalie Walker for your work as our Legislative Chair for your diligence to negotiate the recognition by our own Governor John Bell Edwards. The proclamation recognizes the impact PeriOperative Nurses provide to the health and welfare of our patients and our communities here in Louisiana.

In response to our mission to provide quality educational activities we are finalizing the details for our annual winter seminar. The flyer with details for pre-registration has been sent out and we are looking forward to seeing you there. The winter seminar will be held on January 12, 2019, in the Conference Center at East Jefferson General Hospital. Our theme this year is "OR POTPOURRI" topics include strategies for safe instrumentation, safe patient outcomes, safety of surgical professionals. This event will include vendor representatives and a silent auction. The flyer was sent to everyone recently. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

You should also see in your mailboxes the call for applications for delegate willingness to serve as a delegate designee for Chapter 2019. The board will be reviewing those applications and determining our members who will be representing us at our annual Surgical Expo in Nashville Tennessee.

Please also remember your right and responsibility to our organization. AORN is a member-driven professional organization our officers are made up of members just like you. Elections will be

finalized at the Expo, in recognition of our far flung and diverse membership AORN has implemented changes to our election process.

Who can vote? ALL OF YOU!!! All RNs that are members in good standing of AORN! Dues paid up to date.

Why vote? To engage in your professional organization. To be part of the bigger picture in leadership. To develop professionally. To improve your profession. To affect the future of periop nursing. To make a difference!

New Format - What should you do? Review the 2019 Ballot (Online). Read the Candidates' Election statements and Bio information, currently Online & January issue- AORN Journal. Plan to attend the Candidate Speech

Webinars;

Tuesday, January 29th @ 5PM MST – Nominating Committee Candidates

Wednesday, February 6th @ 5PM MST – Board of Director Candidates

Wednesday, February 13th @ 5PM MST – Treasurer and President-Elect Candidates

Attend the Candidates' Q&A at Expo/review online.

Active, engaged members keep AORN relevant! Respectively,

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



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2018-2019

January 12, 2018 - Winter Seminar @ EJGH (1/2 day seminar; State Council meeting at @1:30PM)

Monthly Meeting Dates
TBA

Per member request, we have a new meeting time:
5 PM
ALL meetings start at 5 PM unless otherwise noted

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Congress Forum 2019 topics:

Planning is well underway for the 2019 Global Surgical Conference and Expo in Nashville, TN. We are currently looking for any “hot topics” that we might want to explore during the forums, where we have members from all over the country (and the world). It’s a great arena to discuss important issues and leave with some new ways to address day to day challenges in perioperative nursing. If you have any suggestions, please share them with any member of the Board or you can email Lisa Wyant at lwyant@aorn.org.

2019 Expo Foundation Grants:

The Foundation offers professional development grants to help nurses maintain competency and to ensure safe and high-quality care. Applications will be accepted from **October 4 – December 3, 2018.**

For more information or to begin the application:

<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/8c56fe2e/llmHACDt6BGiS1L5hns0Mg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aorn.org%2Faorn-foundation%2Fscholarships-available>

SAVE THE DATES!! Voting Matters – AORN National Ballot

This year, there will be changes to how the candidate’s speeches are presented- they will be in a webinar format. Speeches will be presented according to the schedule below and will be placed on the website where they can be replayed at your convenience. Candidate Q&A will be presented live at Expo in Nashville and will also be available for replay. To review the ballot:

<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/db7b5255/XKuHACDt6BGiS1L5hns0Mg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aorn.org%2Fabout-aorn%2Fgovernance%2Fvoting-matters>

The webinar schedule is:

- Nominating Committee candidates
 - Tuesday January 29th @ 5pm Mountain Time (4pm Pacific; 5pm Mountain; 6pm Central; 7pm Eastern)
- Board of Directors candidates
 - Wednesday February 6th @ 5pm Mountain Time (4pm Pacific; 5pm Mountain; 6pm Central; 7pm Eastern)
- Treasurer & President-elect candidates
 - Wednesday February 13th @ 5pm Mountain Time (4pm Pacific; 5pm Mountain; 6pm Central; 7pm Eastern)

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Membership Information

Student Members – 206

Standard – 154

Lifetime – 17

2/3yr - 28

Retired – 7

Associate – 3

Total Members – 416

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

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:

December

Kelly Acosta
Alycia Adams
Julie Borchers
Trina Brinston
Eddie Graebert
Sharon Jordan
Cheryl Martinez
Desiree Munster
Denise Pappas
Brandie Ward
Sheila Yehl

January

Mary Arlt
Emma Bastian
Gwendolyn Billiot
Nicole Bordelon
Jeisha Collins
Ross Cunningham
Rachel deMahy
Ryan Dozar
Catherine Lapeze
Catelyn Matherne
Robbin Nunnery
Linda O'Brien
Michelle Schlafly
Stephanie Talbot
Rob Villio

Meeting Attendance Award

The Board of Directors 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:

Keonka Ambrose (12)
Catherine W. Lapeze (212)
Erin Roberts (311)
Justina Woodside (411)

to Mary Anne Toledano
at: matoledano@outlook.com



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

Minutes of the Chapter Meeting and Social

Date: November 28, 2018 at Martin’s Wine Cellar

Submitted by Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Secretary

Chapter Secretary Mandy Martin-Sanchez welcomed the group to the meeting, and offered all to enjoy the hors d’oeuvres provided by the chapter for the social event.

Business Meeting

- Chapter Secretary Mandy Martin-Sanchez called the meeting to order at 5:15PM.
- A quorum was present for business to be conducted, as needed.
- 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

- **Perioperative Nurses Week:** The proclamation for Perioperative Nurses Week from Mayor LaToya Cantrell was displayed. Please send any pictures from Periop Nurses Week at your facility to Mary Anne for publication in the newsletter.
- **The Chapter Officer Town Hall Webinar:** The webinar broadcast took place at 6PM this evening. It was made available by computer and phone to interested members. Nathalie and Mandy participated for the chapter.
- **Chapter Delegates for Expo 2019 in Nashville:**

The chapter will have nine delegate seats available at the conference April 6-11, 2019. Any member planning on attending the conference, please consider submitting your application to serve as a chapter delegate. A “point” system is used for delegate selection, as recommended by AORN, Inc. The delegate application in this newsletter includes the points assigned to each activity. Submit your application before the January chapter meeting.

- **TJC Standard on RN Circulators:** The 2019 standard contains language that conflicts with CMS guidelines regarding the RN circulator. TJC has informed AORN of their intention to revise and update the language. The updated language will not be available online or in print until July, 2019. Please continue to follow the CMS guidelines requiring the circulating nurse in hospital ORs to be an RN.

Officer Reports:

- Newsletter: Please send any information for the newsletter to Mary Anne Toledano as soon as possible.
- Legislative: See the full Legislative report in this newsletter.
- Treasury: Melissa reported that the balance in the treasury is \$6586.74.

Old Business

Winter Seminar: The winter seminar will be held on January 12, 2019, in the

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Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

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

* Chapter Hospital Liaisons *

UMC-Elaine Stock

VA-Stephanie Walls

Tulane-Linda Levesque

Ochsner Main-Susan Overman

Lakeview-Christal Cook

Children's-Judy Montello

Touro-Cheryl Johnson

We would like to encourage a member from **Crescent City Surgical, East Jefferson, 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 or call her at 504-442-9747.

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



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Prevention of Perioperative Hypothermia: Implementation Strategies

Speaker: Victoria M. Steelman, PhD, RN, CNOR, FAAN

November 29, 2018 @ 2pm Mountain Time (1pm Pacific; 2pm Mountain; 3pm Central; 4pm Eastern). This presentation will review the importance of prevention of perioperative hypothermia and discuss specific strategies for implementation of evidence-based strategies found within the Prevention of Perioperative Hypothermia Tool Kit.

Guideline Update: Transmission-Based Precautions

Speaker: Amber Wood, MSN, RN, CNOR, CIC, FAPIC

December 5, 2018 @ 10am Mountain Time (9am Pacific; 10am Mountain; 11am Central; 12pm Eastern).

The rapidly changing health care environment presents perioperative personnel with continual challenges in the form of newly recognized pathogens and well-known microorganisms that have become more resistant to today's therapeutic modalities. Protecting patients and personnel from transmission of potentially infectious agents continues to be a primary focus for perioperative RNs. This webinar will review the recently updated AORN Guideline for Transmission-Based Precautions (formerly titled "Prevention of Transmissible Infections"), which provides evidence-based guidance for nursing practice.

For more information and to register:

<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/76d3ed4f/xMD5WyDt6BGWBhywKuAQAw?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aorn.org%2Fevents%2Fupcoming-webinars>

***Don't forget: ALL webinars are available for CEs via replay for one year!!! If you missed one of the recent offerings, it's not too late!!*

Respectfully Submitted by,

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



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!!!



Did you know that you can donate to the AORN Foundation with every Amazon purchase without any extra cost to you?

AmazonSmile. You shop. Amazon gives.

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
 - AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/>
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Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$ 6586.74

Deposits:
\$ 0

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



Meeting Minutes - Continued

Conference Center at East Jefferson General Hospital. A few vendors have committed their support. Please copy and distribute the vendor forms to potential vendors for the seminar.

- **Chapter Accountability Standards:** Continue to enter the documentation required for the Chapter Accountability Standards into the site. The accountability period is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. All entries must be completed by January 31, 2019.

- **Future Meetings:**
 - o There are still locations needed for 2019. Please considering hosting a meeting at your facility.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM.

CORRECTION ANTICIPATED FROM JOINT COMMISSION ON NOTE REGARDING RN CIRCULATORS

AORN recommends hospitals continue following CMS guidelines

In an AORN review of the latest Joint Commission standards, now available in electronic form and due for print release in January 2019, the association observed a misleading new Note regarding RN circulators in hospital operating rooms. The new Note reads as follows:

January 2019

PC.03.01.01: The hospital plans operative or other high-risk procedures, including those that require the administration of moderate or deep sedation or anesthesia.

EP 5: A registered nurse supervises perioperative nursing care.

New: A qualified registered nurse who is immediately available to respond to emergencies may delegate circulatory duties to licensed practical nurses and surgical technologists in accordance with law and regulation and hospital policy.

After hearing AORN's concerns that this new language conflicts with CMS guidelines and accepted best practices, the Joint Commission has informed AORN of its intention to revise and update the Note to accurately reflect CMS guidelines in both electronic and print standards. The update will not be available online or in print until July 2019.

In July, 2019, the revised Note will read:

Note: PC.03.01.01, EP 5: Note: Qualified registered nurses may perform circulating duties in the operating room. In accordance with state law and regulation and hospital policy, licensed practical nurses and surgical technologists may assist the circulating registered nurse in performing circulatory duties as long as the registered nurse supervises these staff and is immediately available to respond to emergencies.

In the interim, AORN advises hospitals to continue following clear CMS guidelines requiring the circulating nurse in hospital ORs to be an RN.

Background

This new Note regarding operating room circulators was first published without public comment on September 24, 2018 in a Joint Commission *Prepublication Requirements* bulletin, available [here](#).

As written, the new EP 5 Note implies that the circulating RN may delegate his/her circulating duties to an LPN or ST, inaccurately paraphrasing the CMS interpretive guidelines regarding circulating duties in the operating room. The CMS interpretive guidelines for hospitals for §482.51(a)(3) are clear: "**The circulating nurse must be an RN.**"

CMS does allow for LPNs and STs to *assist* the circulating RN in circulating duties. But, full delegation of circulating duties by an RN to a non-RN contravenes AORN guidelines, the standard of care nationwide, and many states' nurse practice act provisions on delegation.

RN Circulator – Every Patient, Every Time.

34 states address the registered nurse circulator in hospital laws and regulations in a manner more stringent than CMS. Familiarize yourself with the law in your state [here](#). If your state does not currently address RN circulators, now is the perfect time to adopt and implement a hospital-wide policy clearly requiring a registered nurse circulator to be present for the duration of each procedure for every patient, every time.

Full text of CMS hospital regulation and surveyor instructions:

Following is the full text of the CMS regulation and surveyor instructions on the topic of RN circulators and operating room safety.

42 CFR §482.51(a)(3) - Qualified registered nurses may perform circulating duties in the operating room. In accordance with applicable State laws and approved medical staff policies and procedures, LPNs and surgical technologists may assist in circulatory duties under the supervision of a qualified registered nurse who is immediately available to respond to emergencies.

CMS Instructions to Surveyors: Interpretive Guidelines §482.51(a)(3): The circulating nurse *must* be an RN. An LPN or surgical technologist may assist an RN in carrying out circulatory duties (in accordance with applicable State laws and medical-staff approved hospital policy) but the LPN or surgical technologist must be under the supervision of the circulating RN who is in the operating suite and who is available to immediately and physically respond/intervene to provide necessary interventions in emergencies. The supervising RN would not be considered immediately available if the RN was located outside the operating suite or engaged in other activities/duties which prevent the RN from immediately intervening and assuming whatever circulating activities/duties that were being provided by the LPN or surgical technologist. The hospital, in accordance with State law and acceptable standards of practice, must establish the qualifications required for RNs who perform circulating duties and LPNs and surgical technologists who assist with circulating duties.

If you experience issues surrounding this topic during a Joint Commission survey or otherwise need to add clarification to the operating room safety policies and procedures in your hospital, please reach out to AORN General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs, Amy Hader, at ahader@aorn.org or (303) 338-4891.

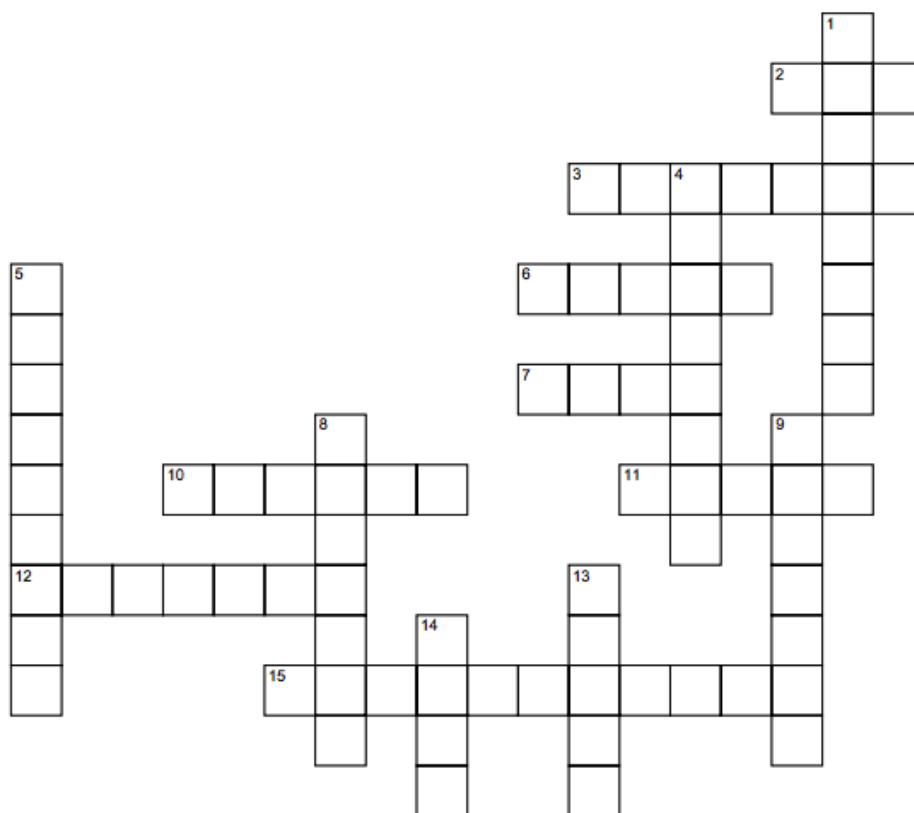


Content reviewed by CCI's Education Department*

Radiation Safety

CW116

To complete this activity, the participant will need to access and read the Radiation Safety section within the 2018 AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice. AORN. (2018). Radiation Safety. In Guidelines for perioperative practice (pp. 331-363). Denver, CO: AORN.



ACROSS

2. The recommended distance in which radiation is considered to be at a safe level is _____ feet.
3. Radiation that is reflected off the patient, table or shielding material.
6. When radioactive seeds are removed, they should be recorded in the sponge, instrument and sharps _____.
7. The agency that requires annual reporting of radiation exposure to the individual.
10. Protective _____ should be worn by all personnel when the radiation source is activated.
11. The acronym used by radiology to reflect the level of exposure that is as low as reasonably achievable.
12. The _____ shield should be worn by all personnel present during fluoroscopy cases.
15. During the use of fluoroscopy, the patient should be closer to the image _____ side of the fluoroscopy unit.

DOWN

1. The length of time a healthcare facility must keep their dosimetry reports for an individual.
4. Radiation safety programs must be reviewed at least _____.
5. Another name for the radiation monitor worn by staff.
8. By _____ a lead apron, there is an increased risk of cracks which can reduce the apron's effectiveness.
9. The type of radiation that is emitted directly from the source.
13. Personnel who are pregnant should wear radiation monitors at this level.
14. Shielding devices are often composed of this material.

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

DELEGATE POLICY

Delegates shall represent the local Chapter at the annual AORN Surgical Conference and Expo. The Chapter is entitled to elect at least one delegate based on total active membership. Total delegate numbers are determined by AORN, Inc.

Election of Delegates - Eligibility

1. A delegate must be a current voting member of AORN. Delegates are chosen on a point system.
2. A delegate should have attended at least six (6) general meetings the previous year, based on ten (10) meetings a year.
3. A 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.
5. The number of eligible persons receiving the highest number of points will be selected as delegates.
6. Eligibility requirements may be waived in lieu of insufficient candidates.

Provisions for Delegates

1. Delegates are required to fulfill all duties at AORN's Surgical Conference and Expo. 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.

Credentials

1. Chosen delegates must indicate their status as delegate on their Congress 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 AORN, Inc.
3. Delegates are required to wear official badge at all business meetings of the Association.

Responsibilities

1. Delegates shall become familiar with and adhere to directions forwarded from AORN, Inc. prior to attending the annual AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.
2. Attend all business sessions and special delegate activities at the Annual AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.
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 AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.
7. The Delegates Chairman shall give a meaningful report to the Chapter following attendance at the AORN Surgical Conference and Expo, and submit a written report for publication in

Chapter newsletter.

8. Delegates designated for AORN Surgical Conference and Expo shall continue in their office as delegates for the purpose of any special meeting of the AORN, Inc. that may be called until the delegates are duly designated for the next AORN Surgical Conference and Expo 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 chapter meetings called by the Chairman prior to the AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.

GUIDELINES FOR DELEGATE SELECTION

1. Chapter membership for a pre-determined time (one year) before AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.
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 AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.
7. Delegates are required to fulfill all duties at AORN Surgical Conference and Expo. 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. Our point system is based annually on:

1	per meeting	Chapter meetings
5	(active)	Chapter officers and Board of Directors
4	(active)	Chapter Committee Chairperson and Nominating Committee Members
2	(active)	Chapter Committee people
1	per meeting	Chapter sponsored workshop
5	per meeting	Education presenter
1		Publishing in Chapter Newsletter
5		Publishing in AORN or other professional journal
5		State Council Officer
5		Specialty Assembly Officer
5		AORN National Committee
3		Officer in another Nursing Organization
8		AORN Elected Officer

Chapter 1902 By Laws and Policies Reviewed September 2016nwalker rn



AORN Chapter 1902 Annual Winter Seminar January 12, 2019



Agenda

- 6:45 - 7:00 Registration; Breakfast Bites
- 7:00-8:00 Combating SSI: A Surgical Approach*
Carolyn L. Twomey BSN, RN*
- 8:00-9:00 Antibiotic Resistance*
Carolyn L. Twomey BSN, RN*
- 9:00-10:00 CJD – Are you prepared, really? *
Bob Marrs, BA, CRCST, CIS, CHL *
- 10:00-11:00 Loaner Instrumentation:
Today's Issue; Tomorrow's Solution*
Bob Marrs, BA, CRCST, CIS, CHL *
- 11:00-12:00 Light Lunch & Vendor Fair
- 12:00 -1:00 Talk is Cheap: Clinical Practice to Prevent STI's
Christine Brennan, PhD, RN, NP-BC
- 1:00 -2:15 "Your experience in an act of violence
in the perioperative setting" **
Craig Pond, JPSO Police Academy Instructor
- 2:15-2:45 Evaluation/Certificate/Raffle

Registration	before 1/5	on site
AORN Member	\$35	\$45
Non-Member	\$45	\$55
Nursing Student	\$25	\$25

Registration:

Registration by PayPal is preferred:
aornofneworleanschapter1902.com or

Registration by check can be mailed to:
Melissa Guidry
340 Aurora Ave.
Metairie, LA 70005

CE credits (6.0):

*Indicates Pfiedler Enterprises – provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP 14944. ** indicates Tulane Medical Center Education Resource Center -provider approved by Louisiana State Board of Nursing, CE Provider # 5. The California Board of Registered Nursing and LSBN are accredited as a providers of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC). contact hours, 1 CE provided by TMC Education Resource Center
Individual certificate & CE info provided for "Talk is Cheap: Clinical Practice to Prevent STI's"
Participant must attend the entire event, to receive credits

Special thanks to Sponsors & Vendors

Speaker Information

Bob Marrs, BA, CRCST, CIS, CHL *

Bob is the Director of Consulting Services/Field Operations Aesculap, Inc. He has 24 years of Perioperative experience, including Certified Surgical Technologist and Sterile Processing Management at all levels. He is also a certified instructor through IAHCSSM. Bob served as the President of the Texas State Association of Central Service Professionals and as an IAHCSSM Executive Board member.

Carolyn L. Twomey, BSN, RN*

Carolyn has over 25 years of experience including critical care, peri-anesthesia and perioperative nursing management, education, and medical industry executive leadership. She is the vice President of Clinical Research and Regulatory for IrriMax Corp. In her role, she serves as a subject matter specialist for clinicians and the IrriMax sales team.

Christine Brennan, PhD, RN, NP-BC

As a nurse practitioner with over 25 years of practice in HIV treatment, research and clinical education, Dr. Brennan is the Director of the LSU Health site of the South Central AIDS Education and Training Center (SCAETC @ LSU Health). She is active in training all level of providers regarding HIV prevention, testing and treatment. She is active in policy development regarding the testing and treatment of HIV and has authored numerous publications.

Craig Ponds, MBA

Craig is a JPSO Sergeant, an instructor at JPSO Police Academy, and is an ALERT (Advanced Law Enforcement Readiness Training) certified instructor. His background includes homicide investigation, emergency management, physical security, and dignity protection.

* Pfiedler speaker

Purpose

The objective of this educational offering is to enable the RN to increase his/her awareness of options and opportunities available to improve professional awareness. Being proactive is essential to provide safe, optimal patient care.

Location:

East Jefferson General Hospital
4600 Houma Blvd, Conference Center
Metairie, LA 70002

Parking

Hudson Garage - Look for signs

November Social at Martin Wine Cellar

