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President's Message

Fall is in full swing - church fairs, voodoo fest, football, beautiful weather and even Christmas is apparent in many retail stores. It is hard to believe there is only two months left in this year. Fall also is the time we celebrate Perioperative Nurses. Perioperative Nurse Week is planned for November 9-15. Please take the time to reflect on why you love what you do and the difference you make to each and every patient everyday - celebrate you!

We had a great meeting at East Jefferson. Many thanks to Darlene Russo for hosting our group. Also a special thank you to Louis Judson with Encision for presenting such an informative talk on Electrosurgical Safety. He also brought food for everyone to enjoy!

Our November 19th meeting will be a dinner held at Porter and Luke's located at 1517 Metairie Road. The menu is dinner salad, choice of entree (pecan catfish, veal parmigiana or chicken alfredo pasta), dessert and coffee/tea/soft drink. The cost is \$25 inclusive. A cash bar will be available starting at 530p and dinner will start at 6p. I am requesting you rsvp to me through my email at guidrymelissa@yahoo.com. Hope to see everyone there.

Mark your calendars for our seminar on January 17, 2015. The committee is organizing a great program on the Business of Nursing including Vendor participation and Silent Auction. As of this seminar is our only fundraiser

planned which supports ongoing Chapter activities and our goal of lifelong learning. I encourage you to participate and recruit Vendor representatives to be a part of the day. The seminar, as well as our monthly meetings, are a great way to network with your peers. A program will be forthcoming for posting at your individual facilities.

Our January meeting will be at Ochsner on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. Peter Graves will speak on "Combating Surgical Site Infections: A Surgical Approach". Peter is a nationally recognized speaker and a past AORN board member. Jeff Mandal, Regional Sales Manager with Irrisept is to be thanked for making these arrangements. The program is for 1.0 contact hours.

Please mark your calendars for all of our upcoming events - I hope to see many of you. Wishing you a great holiday season!

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Guidry



Chapter 1902 Calendar

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

**November 19th – Social at
Porter and Luke's, 1517
Metairie Road**

December - No Meeting

**January 28th – Ochsner
Jeff Hwy**

**February 25th – Pre-Expo
Potluck**

**March 7-11 – Expo in
Denver**

March 25th – ILH

**April 22nd – VA or
Children's**

**May 27th – VA or
Children's**


**June 24th – Installation
Banquet**


Other important dates:

March 7-11 - Surgical
Conference & Expo in Denver,
Colorado

Education

These Continuing Education programs are in the October AORN Journal – check them out . . .

2.6  Special Needs Populations: Perioperative Care of the Patient With Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease
MARK KARASIN, BSN, BA, RN

2.2  Strategies for Enhancing Perioperative Safety: Promoting Joy and Meaning in the Workforce
JULIANNE MORATH, MS, RN; RHONDA FILIPP, MPA, RN;
MICHAEL CULL, PhD, MSN

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Please begin your Perioperative Nurses Week activity now by taking action and sending emails to both your legislators and newspaper editors using the tools provided by AORN. Click on this link <http://capwiz.com/aorn/issues/alert/?alertid=63294381> and send your messages to legislators and editors about Perioperative Nurses Week today. I have sent my emails and hope you will do the same.

Stay Tuned! I have requested proclamations recognizing Perioperative Nurses Week from both Governor Bobby Jindal and Mayor Mitch Landrieu- both of their offices assured me we will be receiving them shortly.

By the way, Don't forget Election Day is Tuesday Nov 4, 2014. Not sure if you'll be able to vote on Tuesday- no problem- early voting is currently open and ends Oct 28, 2014. Please let your Voice be heard!

Have you ever wondered what your Louisiana Legislators did in this years 2014 Legislative Sessions? Click on this link <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/CitatorIndex.aspx?sid=14RS> for a complete summary.

And if you're interested in important dates and activities scheduled for the up coming 2015 Louisiana Session you will find that information at <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/home.aspx>



Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR
AORN of New Orleans, DOB
Legislative Chair

Community Outreach Project:

Sharon Guardina brings non-perishable items, hotel shampoos, etc. to the homeless shelter at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Tulane Avenue. Please bring any of the following items to the next meeting:

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

Thank you!

Current Membership

Please remember to renew!

Total Members – 185
 Lifetime – 5
 2/3yr - 24
 Retired – 7
 Associate – 4
 Student Members - 38
 APSNA – 1

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

Invite all Perioperative nurses to our meetings!

AORN 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/ipdeducationwebinarcaendar>



<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:

November

Lauren Damico
 Myra DiGange
 Sharon Findley
 Bill Ford
 Jodi Kennedy
 Stephanie Wall
 Gretchen Wyble
 Pamela Zimmerman

December

Tiffanie Bourgeois
 Faron Carpeneier
 Ramie Miller
 Gretchen Sagona

Membership News

Melissa Lorio is the new director of the surgery department at EJGH.

**If you have news from your facility
 please send any updates to**

mtoledano@ochsner.org

Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

PLEASE REVIEW OCTOBER Chapter MEETING MINUTES ON PAGES 4 & 5 for approval.

The meeting on 10/22 was called to order at 4:36 PM by Melissa Guidry, President. She introduced Louis Judson from Encision. Louis talked about monopolar electro-surgery. Monopolar has caused thermal burns in patients since it started being used in the 1930's to cut and coagulate to stop bleeding. In 1970, they created Isolated Circuitry to prevent burns. Patient safety was improved. Prior to 1980, grounding pad/return electrode was not monitored. The pad can peel off the patient and cause burns. If more than 50% of the pad comes off, the device will alarm. Minimally invasive surgery started in the 1990's. Internal burns from insulation failure and capacitive coupling were occurring without the surgeon's knowledge. The whole shaft is not visible to the surgeon, only the tip, which is only 10% of the instrument. Burns outside that field of view are not detected. Other organs/tissue can be burned without the knowledge of the surgeon. Omentum, adhesions and bowel tissue can be burned and cause perforations. Fecal peritonitis is a common complication. The burns were unrecognized at time of surgery. The complications manifested three to 10 days later. There is a 25% mortality rate from thermal burns.

After 1980, a grounding pad's contact with patient's skin was monitored by the generator. If 50% or more of the pad peels off the patient, the device will alarm and cut the power to the instrument. Patient safety was improved and there were less thermal burns reported.

Capacitive coupling is an effect that occurs at high frequencies when electrical current is transferred from an active electrode through intact insulation to tissue or another conductor. The integrity of the outer insulation is not compromised. This occurs because monopolar instruments are poorly designed.

AEM (Active Electrode Monitoring) technology was developed for burn protection. Instruments were constructed differently. It eliminated stray energy due to insulation failure and capacitive coupling during Old laparoscopic cases. They give a "hold harmless" guarantee to all staff involved in surgery. It shuts off the power to the instrument. AORN recommends the use of AEM technology. OR team should always keep the power source as low as possible with electro-surgery.

Melissa thanked Louis for his presentation and started the business portion of the meeting. She asked that everyone please sign the sign in sheet in the back of the room.

Welcome back Ross Cunningham and welcome Melissa Lorio and Sara Hunsucker.

Old Business:

Melissa asked if anyone had any changes to the meeting minutes from the October meeting that were posted in the newsletter. No one had any changes so the minutes were approved.

Financial Report – Sharon Guardina could not attend but she reported to Melissa that the current balance in the chapter's bank account is \$ 4499.14.

New Business: The chapter will begin delegate selection. We can send eight delegates to congress. Nathalie Walker is automatically going because she is on the national board. She can not be a delegate for our chapter. Mandy and Melissa are automatic delegates for our chapter. Anyone interested please fill out a willingness to serve form and return to Melissa. Scholarships for congress and expo will be available again this year through the foundation. Nathalie has one from National that she will give away. She plans to give it to a first time attendee.

True North Award – A program through CCI that awards facilities and chapters that guide nursing staff to become CNOR certified. The award is a plaque, five CNOR recertification vouchers, a \$1500.00 celebratory reception and a press release. The application is due December 1st. Ramie, Nathalie and Melissa are working on the application. If your hospital does something specific to promote CNOR certification, please let Melissa know.

Chapter Challenge: The AORN Foundation is trying to raise \$20,000 by December 31st. Each chapter is entered in a drawing. The winner gets one full registration to Congress in March. The chapter donated \$200 to AORN Foundation during 2014 Congress. She is contacting them to see if that counts for this challenge.

Peri-Operative Nurses Week- Nov 9-15, Nathalie Walker is working on getting a proclamation from Mayor and governor. New Orleans is working on the proclamation. Nathalie is trying to get the mayor to present it at an event. Anyone want to go to receive it contact Nathalie Walker. The chapter would have a photo op and have the photo put in the newspaper. The state has not confirmed yet.

National is having a recruitment award challenge. Chapters would be rewarded for adding the most new AORN members between now and December 31st. Melissa is checking to see if student memberships count. Ann Dieck has recruited many nursing students to our chapter.

The November 19th meeting scheduled to be a social at 5:30. Melissa is trying to get a dinner at a restaurant.

Meeting Minutes Continued:

Frances Hughes and Penny Menge were nominated and selected to be one of the Great 100 Nurses of New Orleans.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Brenda Falanga, no news

State: LSNA membership available to groups, chapters. We would be able to be on committees. group membership is \$200 a year.

Bylaws Committee: Nathalie Walker, no news.

Student Membership – Ann Dieck, nothing to report.

Newsletter – Mary Anne Toledano reported that the newsletter came out on the 6th of October. She asked if anyone had any corrections. No one had any corrections. If anyone has information for the newsletter please send it to Mary Anne.

Education:

The January 28th meeting at Ochsner Jefferson Highway is being organized by Mandy Martin-Sanchez. She is working on getting Peter Graves to speak to us on surgical site infections for one CE credit. He is an excellent speaker. The room will be announced soon.

The chapter's 3rd Annual Winter Seminar will be on January 17th at EJGH in Esplanade 1 & 2 from 8 am to 2 pm. This is the chapter's big fund raiser, vendor fair and silent auction. Ann Dieck and Michelle Delima will talk about research and evidence based practice. Linda Levesque's son Wes is an attorney and will discuss wills, financial planning, power of attorney, etc. Colleen Lemoine, an oncology nurse, is also one of the nurses in the American Nurse Project. She will be giving an inspirational talk about taking care of the nurse's soul. Nathalie Walker will discuss some legislative info at the end of the seminar. There will be a light breakfast and light lunch served. Vendors are still needed. Please let Sharon Guardina know if you have any vendor information. Ramie Miller is doing the silent auction again this year. Please contact Ramie with donations. We can seat 80 in the room so please spread the word. The cost will be similar to last year's prices. The flyer will be coming out soon.

Legislative Committee and State Council Meeting Report – Nathalie Walker: Absentee voting is now open for the November 4th election. There are 14 amendments that need to be read ahead of time. Nathalie will post the link in the legislative report in the newsletter.

LSNA: With AORN membership members get an ANA affiliate membership automatically. This enables members to go to Nursing World web site and get CE's.

There is also an LSNA affiliate membership with AORN for chapters for \$200. Chapter members could become LSNA members for one flat fee. This allows the chapter to have one member represent us in the House of Delegates for the business of the state. ANA has a legislative workshop in Washington D.C. that one member could attend. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

There are two vacancies on LSBN. Nominations are open now. Early nominations are open for the Nightingale awards. Nathalie Walker will send out the links.

LSNA: The Louisiana Student Nurses Association convention in Lafayette was attended by Carrie Thomson and Nathalie Walker. Carrie gave a presentation on OR nursing. A question and answer session followed the presentation. There were many nursing students interested in OR nursing.

AORN Announcement: AORN put out Ebola article. CDC and AORN have different ways of taking off PPE. CDC recommendations are specific for Ebola. (See article in newsletter.)

Mary Morvant works with the New Orleans Medical Mission. They meet at 625 Distributors Row on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9 am to 1 pm. They pack inventory to get it ready for shipping to locations in need. Honduras needs school uniforms or sports uniforms. If you need volunteer hours they would love your help. They are holding a golf tournament at Lakewood on General de Gaulle in Algiers on Monday, October 27th and need volunteers from 10 am to about 5 pm. They also go on medical missions. If anyone is interested contact Mary at Robotqueen311@hotmail.com.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.



Chapter 1902 is allotted 8 delegates for the 2015 Surgical Conference and Expo. The information has been listed in the newsletter and discussion occurred at the October meeting. The following members have submitted willingness-to-serve forms and have been approved as delegates by the Board.

Melissa Guidry - automatic
 Mandy Sanchez - automatic
 Sarah Hunsucker
 Sharon Guardina
 Linda Levesque
 France's Hughes
 Mary Anne Toledano
 Ramie Miller



AORN Ebola Recommendations

What precautions should the perioperative team take in the OR when caring for a patient with known or suspected Ebola?

Perioperative team members should take standard, contact, droplet, and airborne precautions when caring for a patient with known or suspected Ebola in the OR.

What PPE should sterile processing team members wear when decontaminating instruments used on patients with known or suspected Ebola?

- A fluid-resistant gown with sleeves
- Gloves (ie, general purpose utility gloves with a cuff that extends beyond the cuff of the gown)
- Mask
- Eye protection or a full face shield
- Shoe covers or boots designed for use as PPE

Why is the CDC recommendation for removal of gowns and gloves different from AORN's recommendations?

The CDC recommends that when removing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the contaminated gloves should be removed before the gown. This is contrary to long-standing perioperative practice related to sterile technique. When removing gown and gloves after participating in a sterile procedure, the gown is removed followed by the gloves. This is because the sterile gown has a Velcro seal at the back of the neck that can be released by the scrubbed person moving their shoulders forward. In this case, the surgical gown can be removed, and folded inside-out as it is removed, after which the gloves can be removed using a glove-to-glove then a skin-to-skin technique.

The CDC recommends removing the gloves before the gown because the unsterile gowns used as PPE have a string tie at the back of the neck. This tie cannot be removed by the team member moving their shoulders forward. In this case, the gloves have to be removed first so that the team member can safely untie the back of the neck with ungloved hands. In this scenario, the team member would first remove the gloves using a glove-to-glove and skin-to-skin technique, untie the string tie at the back of the neck, and then remove the gown. Whenever gown and gloves are removed, hand hygiene should be performed immediately after.

More Resources:

- CDC's [Information for Healthcare Workers and Settings](#)
- [CDC Taking Active Steps Related to Hospital Preparedness for Ebola Treatment](#)
- CDC's [poster on safely putting on and removing PPE](#) (PDF)
- WHO's [poster on safely putting on and taking off PPE](#) (PDF)
- [Preparing for Ebola: What U.S. Hospitals Can Learn From Emory Healthcare and Nebraska Medical Center](#)
- [OSHA's Ebola resources](#)
- [NIOSH's Ebola resources](#)



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Society of Urological Nursing Seminar

- Nov 8th at 8 am
- 15\$ for **3 CE credits** for non-members
- at Ochsner on Jefferson Highway on the third floor in cardiology conference room
- includes continental breakfast and a box lunch
- Dr. Cerniglia will talk about spina bifida
- Dr. Silversteen will give a testicular cancer overview.
- Ecoee Rooney will finish with a talk on self care, how to decrease compassion fatigue
- Vendor Fair
- There will be registration the day of the conference

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Great 100 Nurses Celebration of Louisiana



Congratulations Frances!

Frances Hughes was nominated and selected to be one of New Orleans Great 100 Nurses. The celebration took place on October 15th at the Pontchartrain Center.

Zander CNOR Prep

CNOR Exam Prep and Review Course

Crawford Conference Center
East Jefferson General Hospital
March 28-29, 2015

16.0 contact hours provided

Register online at:
www.periop-ed.com

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Need Volunteer Hours for Clinical Ladder?

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Happy Peri-Operative Nurses Week!



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