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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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President's Message

It's FALL . . . but, of course, in New Orleans it's often difficult to tell! It is starting to get darker sooner . . . there are a few more mornings and evenings where you actually want to get outside because the weather is SOOO nice . . . but we are also moving into a very busy time of the year. Please make sure to include attending our Chapter meetings into your busy schedule! We need your input, knowledge, and experience to be shared with the rest of the members!

Let's get back to that great weather . . . does the weather ever dictate your mood or attitude? Doesn't it just make you so HAPPY and put you in a positive frame of mind when you walk outside and there is a little crispness to the air? When you start the day off in a positive way, doesn't the rest of the day seem to go so much smoother? Wouldn't you like to get a little more HAPPINESS into your day? Well, keep reading . . .

Our next meeting will be at East Jefferson General Hospital (October 28th) with a continuing nursing education presentation on "Happiness." This was one of the topics brought to the Board of Directors meeting as a possible chapter meeting program . . . and now it's almost here! If you

attended the presentation on "Broadcasting Happiness" at the 2015 AORN Surgical Conference and Expo, the topic might not seem so "different" and actually something that is quite exciting. Let's think about this for a minute or two. Have you ever heard the old saying, "If Mom's happy, everyone is happy"? Do you ever work with someone who always has a positive outlook on everything? The positive outlook and finding happiness in everyday life is contagious! There is lots of research on this topic and the potential for all of us to take this information and bring it into our lives on a daily basis is here! Now don't poo-poo this off! Be open to the EVIDENCE (isn't that how you practice?! Let's see how we can take what we learn about HAPPINESS at the October chapter meeting and make a difference in our own lives and see if we can be the carriers and infect those around us! I hope to see all of you at the October meeting!
Respectfully Submitted by,

Amanda "Mandy" Martin-Sanchez,
BSN, MEd, RN, CNOR



Chapter 1902 Calendar

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

**October 28th – EJGH, Esplanade
2, Happiness
Presentation for 1 CE
credit**

November 25th -

December no meeting

January 16th – Winter Seminar

January 27th - Ochsner Baptist

February 24th - not assigned

March 23rd - not assigned

**April 27th - University Med.
Center**

May 25th - Tulane

June 22nd - Installation Banquet

Legislative Report from Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Just a reminder for everyone to vote in our upcoming state election:

2015 elections and events in Louisiana.	
Voter registration deadline for primary election	September 23, 2015
Early voting begins for primary election	October 10, 2015
Early voting ends for primary election	October 17, 2015
Deadline to request mail-in ballot for primary election	October 20, 2015
Primary election mail-in ballots must be received by registrar	October 23, 2015
Primary election	October 24, 2015
Voter registration deadline for general election	October 21, 2015
Early voting begins for general election	November 7, 2015
Early voting ends	November 14, 2015
Deadline to request mail-in ballot for general election	November 17, 2015
General election Mail-in ballots must be received by registrar	November 20, 2015
General election	November 21, 2015

Call to Action

Perioperative Nurse Week

November 8-14, 2015

Perioperative Nurse Week is a time to recognize and honor perioperative nurses for their important role and commitment to safe patient care.

Educate Your Community and Representatives

- [Send a letter to your Elected Officials](#)
- [Send a letter to your Editor](#)

FYI:

I have submitted request for a 2015 Proclamation to both Governor Bobby Jindal and Mayor Mitch Landrieu recognizing Perioperative Nurses week. Will keep you post on outcome. Consider asking your Hospital Administrators to recognize Perioperative Nurses Nov 8- 14, 2015 week also.



**Respectfully Submitted by,
Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR
AORN of New Orleans BOD**



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

Mandy Martin-Sanchez called the September chapter meeting to order at 4:32 PM. Mandy welcomed attendees to Ochsner on Jefferson Highway and introduced the speaker, medical librarian Kristin Chapman, MLIS. She presented a program on how to use different databases to find the evidence needed to validate practices or make practice changes.

Literature searches don't have to be complicated. Most of the time the research question is ineffective. The question should be as specific as possible to get the best results. For example, the research question, "is dantrolene effective", is too broad. If you add more to it, for example, "is dantrolene effective for a malignant hyperthermia crisis" the results will be a lot less and more to the topic.

Google does not equal research! Google guesses what you want. PubMed is the best, it searches exactly how it should. It has search options to help find the correct information.

PICOT, an acronym, is used to help formulate a clinical question and guide the search for evidence. Using this format can help you find the best evidence available in a quicker, more efficient manner. The acronym stands for:

Population/ Patient Problem: Who is your patient?

(Disease or Health status, age, race, sex)

Intervention: What do you plan to do for the patient?

(Specific tests, therapies, medications)

Comparison: What is the alternative to your plan? (No treatment, different type of treatment, etc.)

Outcome: What outcome do you seek? (Less symptoms, no symptoms, full health, etc.)

Time: What is the time frame? (This element is not always included.)

With the question formulated in PICOT, the next step is to use a tool called MESH. It is used to determine if the search terms are correct. It will tell someone whether or not they are using the best subject descriptors, the best medical terms that will yield the needed research articles. Search for "mesh database 2015" on the Internet to find the site. Put in the search phrase you are checking and it will give some recommendations.

With the PICOT question formatted using the correct terminology, now the search begins. One important research option is to use Boolean operators. They connect various pieces of information and/or words together to either narrow or broaden your set of results. The three basic Boolean operators are: AND, OR, and NOT. The word "AND" is used to narrow your results. It tells the database that all search terms are to be present in the results. "OR" is used to connect two or more similar terms. This will broaden the results, telling the database that ANY of your search terms can be present in the resulting records. "NOT" is used to exclude words from the search. It will narrow the search, telling the database to ignore concepts that may be implied by the search terms.

Another search trick is using quotation marks. To narrow the search of a topic containing two words, put quotation marks around them. For example, if searching for the subject kidney failure, using quotation marks limits the search to any information that has the words "kidney failure" together, rather than research dealing with just the kidney and just failure.

When the search does not bring the full article, try contacting the librarian. An "Interlibrary Loan," called ILLiad, is a tool the librarian uses to get articles. Usually a library can get an article through ILLiad in three or four days. Most hospitals have a library that uses ILLiad. AORN has a librarian that can look things up for a small fee.

There are different levels of research. Once the research is collected, it's important to access the level of evidence. Not all research is created equal. When researching a topic, you will find different types of evidence such as systematic reviews, randomized controlled trials, clinical guidelines and opinion articles.

These resources will not all have the same "weight" in terms of reliability and trustworthiness. To assist someone in determining what is the most reliable, the levels of evidence hierarchies are a good guide. Level I gives evidence from a systematic review of all relevant randomized controlled trials (RCT's), or evidence-based clinical practice guidelines based on systematic reviews of RCT's. Level II contains evidence obtained from at least one well-designed "Randomized Controlled Trial," or RCT. Level III shows evidence

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Please remember to renew!

Total Members – 189

Standard - 96

Lifetime – 6

2/3yr - 23

Retired – 10

Associate – 4

Student Members - 50

PEP Tier 1 Large Hospital 2

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!



<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/ipeducationwebinarcalendar>



<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:

October

Sam Bell	Jennifer Martinsen
Michelle Benoit	Penny Menge
Jonelle Bershad	Darlene Russo
Patrick Beshears	Jennifer Ryan
Yasmin Cain	Joshua Samford
Linda Demoruelle	Ashlee Taravella
Chantal Dillon	Yolanda Washington
Kim Ferrer	
Maura Fuentes	
Nicole Hiltunen	
Fran Hughes	
Jeremy LoCicero	
Melissa Lorio	

Membership News

If you have news from
your facility
please send any updates to
Mary Anne Toledano
at
mstoledano@ejgh.org

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!!!

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.



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Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters News from Carrie Simpson

Beach Seminar . . . SAVE The DATE!!!

State Council is soliciting Soft Sand and a Seminar, soon!

We will be having our first annual beach seminar on Nov 14, 2015 in Orange Beach, Al. We have a great room rate of \$89 night. The room reservation directions are below and the seminar flyer will follow. You can go ahead and reserve your room. I have blocked 30 rooms. You will obtain 6 CE's. Contact me @ ksimmons10@cox.net with any questions.

A block of rooms have been reserved in the name of your group for November 13 –15, 2015: Please include the following information in all correspondence to your members.

Friday - Sunday

Date & Time: Saturday 14 November 2015 7:00 am

End Date & Time: Saturday 14 November 2015 1:00 pm

Address:

24700 Perdido Beach Blvd

Orange Beach, Al

Price \$40

Contact: Kristy Simmons or any of your LA State Council members for details and reservations!



- Need another reason to SAIL with LSNA? How about a retirement party! Click here for the news! LSNA CRUISE November 5, 2015. Cruise topic "Navigating the Issues: Nursing Care and Ethics". Cruise Speaker: Alice Battista <http://www.lsna.org/news.asp?intReleaseID=413&month=7&year=2015>
- CALL FOR NOMINATIONS! Vacancy on the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. Click here! <http://www.lsna.org/news.asp?intReleaseID=411&month=7&year=2015>
- VACANCY on the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners. Call for Applicants for RN Position. Click here for additional information. <http://www.lsna.org/news.asp?intReleaseID=409&month=7&year=2015>
- Louisiana State Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition VACANCY. Click here if you are interested. <http://www.lsna.org/news.asp?intReleaseID=406&month=7&year=2015>
- Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future. Click here to watch the new video. <https://www.discovernursing.com/nursesvital#.VHTKH9Zfny0>

Save the Date

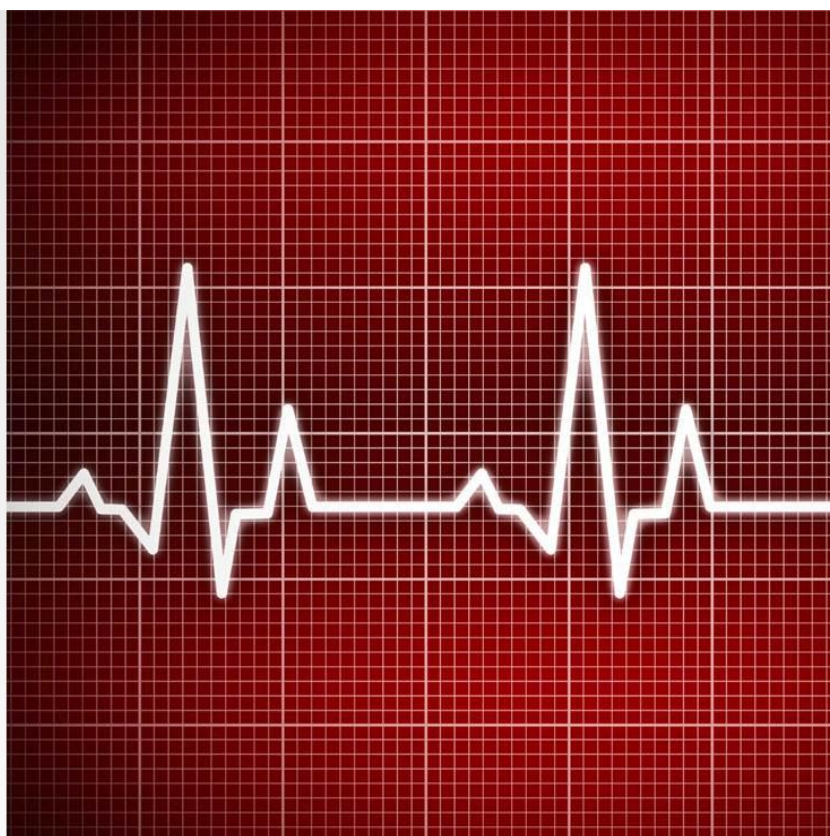
Trauma: Are YOU Ready?!?

May 14 - 15, 2016
7a - 3p

AORN N+O+T Specialty Assembly
Trauma Conference

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

NEW ORLEANS, LA



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.

My AORN Join AORN

My Account

Welcome Mary Anne Toledano
Member Number: 441983
Member Since: 5/15/2010
Paid Through: 4/30/2018
Email Address: mstoledano@ejgh.org

- [Change Login Information](#)
- [Update Profile](#)



LA State Council of AORN Chapters 1st Annual LA Beach Educational Seminar

Location:
Holiday Inn Express
24700 Perdido Beach Blvd.
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Date:
Saturday · November 14, 2015

Speakers:

Vivian Watson
Nurse Consultant/Author



Vivian is a retired RN who spent over 50 years in nursing practice, served on the AORN Board of Directors and as the AORN Ombudsman. She is an AORN recipient of the *Jerry G. Peers Award*, the *National Mentorship Award*, and recently published her biography *A Passionate Journey - Overcoming Adversity*.

Cheri Acker-Bur
Clinical Education Manager
MEDIVATORS



Cheri has 30+ years experience as a perioperative nurse, instructor and item writer for IAHCSMM courses and SPD certification, item writer for CNOR exam X2, CNOR since 1979, and presented numerous programs related to instrument processing, and published articles on low temperature sterilization.

Kristy Simmons MSN, RN, CNOR
Barbara Friscia BSN, RN, CNOR
2015 Louisiana State Council Officers



Seminar Schedule:

7:00 - 7:15am

Welcome/Introductions

7:15 - 8:45

Attitude: Do You Have One?
Vivian Watson

8:45 - 9:00

Break

9:00 - 11:00

Best Practices for Sterilization and HLD in Health Care Facilities
Cheri-Acker Bur

11:00—11:15

Break

11:15 - 12:15

Best Practices - continued
Cheri-Acker Bur

12:15 – 12:45

Lunch

12:45 - 2:15pm

What in the World is Going on in Your OR?
Kristy Simmons
Barbara Friscia

2:15pm

Evaluations & Certificates
Special book
signing by
Vivian Watson



For more information, e-mail:

ksimmons10@cox.net

carrie.thomson@lcmchealthn.com

OR

CEU Credits:

Approved for 6.0 CEUs for Perioperative nurses by the California Board of Registered (CBRN). Attendees must stay for entire Seminar to receive CEUs.

Hotel Information:

A block of rooms has been reserved under code AORN at a rate of \$89 night (King or 2 Queens) Friday-Sunday night at the Holiday Inn Express (251-974-1634). Reservations at this special rate must be made by October 12, 2015.

2015 Louisiana State Council

of AORN Chapters

Presents

Attitude: Do You Have One?

Best Practices for Sterilization

& HLD in Health Care Facilities and

What in the World is Going on in Your OR?

Saturday · November 14, 2015

Holiday Inn Express · Orange Beach, AL

Send completed Registration Form and check to:

LA State Council of AORN Chapters
c/o Kristy Simmons
18990 Magnolia Bend
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

Seminar Fee is \$40.00 per person in advance or \$50.00 at the door. Registration deadline is November 7, 2015. Seminar fee includes: Seminar, lunch, handouts and Certificate of Participation.

REGISTRATION FORM

(please print)

Name _____

Facility _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Ext _____

E-mail _____

Wanted: Recruitment Rewards Chapter Challenge Champions

What would your chapter do with \$1,000? Send delegates to Expo? Plan a chapter outing? Pay for student memberships? Organize education speakers?

Be the [Recruitment Rewards Chapter Challenge Champion](#)! It's easy to get started – each chapter will work as a team to recruit as many new members to AORN as they can between now and December 31, 2015! The chapter with the most new AORN recruits at the end of the year wins. The chapter Champion will receive a chapter prize of \$1,000 for your dedication and hard work, plus individual recruiters will still earn the standard Recruitment Reward.

Make a difference and help influence the future of AORN.

2016 AORN Individual Award Submissions

Do you work with or know of an AORN colleague who exemplifies the elements of one of AORN's [Individual Achievement Awards](#)? Or, perhaps it is time for recognition of your own outstanding perioperative accomplishments. AORN encourages you to take time to check out the [online application](#).

The online process includes sharing between a Nominator and Nominee or Self-Nominee and their Sponsor to complete the application; easy upload of a CV or Résumé; and email reminders if all elements of the application have not been submitted prior to the deadline. Each of the eight award categories has a page that provides further information of the award and required elements for completing the online application. Please take time to honor those perioperative colleagues you come in contact with each day. **Application deadline is Monday, November 23, 2015***.

We encourage everyone to participate. One lucky participant, self-nominee, or application sponsor, will be eligible for free registration to the 2016 AORN Surgical Conference & Expo in Denver. Please contact AORN Awards Committee Staff Liaison [Debbie Robichaud](#), with any questions regarding the awards process.

AORN Foundation Chapter Challenge 2015

There is still time to make your 2015 Chapter Challenge gift. All chapters participating in the Chapter Challenge by **December 31** will be entered into a drawing to receive one free registration to the AORN Surgical Conference & Expo 2016, in Anaheim, CA, through the Ruth P. Shumaker Endowment.

Special thanks to the all chapters who have already met the Challenge—you are impacting the future of perioperative nursing!

[Donate Now!](#)

What is Your Perioperative Nursing Story?

AORN President Renae Battié, MN, RN, CNOR, is challenging AORN members to help inspire new nurses to choose perioperative practice as their specialty. It's a [new video campaign and contest](#), "Behind the Double Doors," that asks for perioperative nursing stories to illustrate any experience that prompted an interest or even reinforced the commitment to work in the OR. The videos will then be put into a montage and distributed to nursing schools.

It's time to rally your chapter members to become involved in this nationwide recruitment effort. We're looking for all kinds of stories -- passionate, touching, creative, and of course, inspirational. You can enter as an individual or with a group. Multiple entries are welcome.

And... because it's a contest, there are prizes and member voting. Later, category winners will be announced and their videos will be presented at the AORN Surgical Conference & Expo 2016, in Anaheim. **Deadline for entries is October 31**. A sneak preview is planned during [Perioperative Nurse Week](#).



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

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obtained from well-designed controlled trials without randomization. Level IV contains evidence from well-designed case-control and cohort studies. Level V has evidence from a systematic review or meta-analysis and is the highest level of evidence. Mandy thanked Kristin for her presentation and continued with the meeting.

Treasury report: Sheila Ostrow reported that the chapter has \$6153.93. She asked if anyone had any questions. No one had questions so the report will be filed.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Mary Anne Toledano asked that members submit all information for the newsletter before the end of the month.

Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters: Carrie Simpson reported that there will be a meeting on Saturday, October 10th at 10 AM to 12 PM at University Medical Center, conference center rooms H and I. They are also be hosting a beach seminar on Saturday, November 14th. It's in Orange Beach, Alabama from 7:15 AM to 2:15 AM. The Holiday Inn Express is giving discounts on rooms, but you must book soon to get discount. See the flyer in the back of the newsletter.

Bylaws with Nathalie Walker: The chapter 1902 web page has had the bylaws posted for 45 days and they were also posted in the newsletter. Nathalie explained the bylaws changes for this year. Melissa Guidry made a motion to approve the bylaws changes, Ramie Miller accepted. Motion passed. To be in compliance with AORN national, our chapter needs to submit a code of ethics and conduct statement. Nathalie read the statement and discussed the reasons for it. Use of emails and phone numbers, addresses, etc. are prohibited. No officer has the right to give

out the personal information of its members. Any member can opt out of receiving information from AORN. Melissa approved the motion and Ramie seconded it.

Unfinished Business: Melissa Guidry is collecting photos and chapter activity information for the Chapter of Excellence Award. It's due mid November. Please send her anything you have to contribute.

Mary Anne Toledano reported that the October chapter meeting will be held at East Jefferson on October 28th in the Esplanade 2 conference center. There will be a presentation for one contact hour.

New Business:

Legislative Report: Nathalie Walker reported that South Dakota has passed a law with OR circulator language. This gives the USA 26 states with circulator language in laws. North Carolina is also working on passing a law also. Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey all have laws with language that requires instrument room (IR) staff to be certified. Nathalie will be talking to the Louisiana legislators soon about IR staff and certification.

Ramie Miller reported that University Medical Center will be hosting a trauma seminar on May 14th and 15th for the specialty assembly NOT (Neuro, Ortho, Trauma). Stay tuned for more details coming out soon.

Announcements:

The online Chapter Delegate Selection System will open in early October. The 2016 AORN Congress Chapter Delegate Counts and other Delegate information is already available on the Chapter Delegate web page and on the main Chapter webpage in the near future. If you are interested in being a delegate, complete the Delegate form and send it in to Mandy (asanchez@ochsner.org). Form will be sent out with the newsletter.

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AORN CHAPTER 1902 TREASURY STANDING POLICY

1. RECEIPTS REQUIRED FOR **ALL** EXPENSES BEFORE RE-IMBURSEMENT CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED
2. EXPENSES PRE-APPROVED INCLUDE:
\$100.00 OR < OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S GIFT.
ALL OTHER EVENT EXPENSES MUST BE DISCUSSED WITH BOARD MEMBERS and/or MEMBERSHIP AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD.
3. AIRFARE and HOTEL ROOM ONLY- FOR THE PRESIDENT-ELECT ELECTED IN MAY OF THAT YEAR TO ATTEND AORN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN DENVER. THE PERSON NEEDS TO BOOK THEIR AIRFARE IN ADVANCE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY HIGH FARES TO DENVER. HOTEL ROOM WILL BE BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.
4. BOARD MEETING AND CHAPTER MEETING EXPENSES ARE PAID FOR BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, REP'S OR THE HOSPITALS WHERE THE MEETINGS ARE HELD
5. ALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM EXPENSES ARE PAID FOR WITH THE FEES CHARGED INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION, REP'S DONATIONS and/or THROUGH CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL GRANTS
6. FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES NEED TO PRESENT A BUDGET WITH ESTIMATED EXPENSES AND PROFITS FOR MEMBERSHIP and/or BOARD APPROVAL
7. DELEGATES ATTENDING CONGRESS ARE ISSUED THEIR CHECKS PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR CONGRESS. (SEE POLICY ON DELEGATE SELECTION AND FUNDING).

AORN Chapter 1902 –New Orleans

Financial Statement- June 2014–June 2015

	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>
<u>BEGINNING BALANCE - \$3890.02</u>		
AORN FOUNDATION AUCTION (CONGRESS)	\$99.00	
AORN FOUNDATION CHAPTER DONATION	\$200.00	
AORN CONGRESS DELEGATES (CONGRESS)	\$3,794.99	
JUNE 2014 INSTALLATION (\$28.00 profit)	\$672.00	\$700.00
FREE AORN MEMBERSHIP (at Installation 2014)	\$125.00	
JUNE 2015 INSTALLATION	0	\$620.00
FREE AORN MEMBERSHIP (at Installation 2015)	\$125.00	
LA STATE COUNCIL for CONGRESS DELEGATES		\$250.00
JANUARY SEMINAR/VENDOR FAIR (\$2,156.44 profit)	\$236.26	\$2,392.70
LA. STATE COUNCIL DUES	\$50.00	
50/50 RAFFLES		\$93.50
NOVEMBER SOCIAL DINNER MEETING (\$0.16 profit)	\$424.84	\$425.00
NAT'L AORN MONTHLY DEPOSITS		\$3,193.37
OUTGOING PRESIDENT GIFT at INSTALLATION	\$100.00	
T SHIRT FUND RAISER (-\$14.25 loss)		\$40.00
AORN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (Pres-Elect airfare)	\$230.00	
<u>ENDING BALANCE - \$ 5,547.50</u>		

Sharon Guardina RN,BSN,CNOR

Treasurer AORN Chapter 1902

Carrie Simpson “Behind the Double Doors” is a new video campaign and contest that AORN President Renae Battié, MN, RN, CNOR, is challenging AORN members to help inspire new nurses to choose perioperative practice as their specialty. The campaign is asking perioperative nurses to submit video stories to illustrate any experiences that prompted you to be interested in the OR or that has reinforced the commitment to the perioperative area. The videos will then be put into a montage to be distributed to nursing schools. Group or individual entries are encouraged – and multiple entries will be accepted! The deadline for submission is [October 31, 2015]. The winners will be announced and their videos presented at the AORN Surgical Conference & Expo 2016.

It’s time to recognize an AORN Colleague who exemplifies the elements of one of AORN’s Individual Achievement Awards. This could be someone you work with or even time for recognition of your own outstanding perioperative accomplishments. The application is on the AORN website and it is easy to upload a CV or Résumé. There are eight award categories and each has a page that provides information about the award and required elements for completing the online application. Please take time to honor those perioperative colleagues you come in contact with each day. Application deadline is Monday, November 23, 2015. Please contact AORN Awards Committee Staff Liaison Debbie Robichaud (drobichaud@aorn.org), with any questions regarding the awards process.

The AORN Membership Committee is developing an “AORN Membership Tool Kit” that will be launched in the 2nd quarter of 2016. The focus will be on how to best get more perioperative nurses engaged and

creative ways to retain members. Different modules in the toolkit will address strategies, opportunities, roadblocks, pitfalls to recruitment and retention.

What is a CDC Advisory? A Health Advisory “provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.” “The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are alerting healthcare providers and facilities about the public health need to properly maintain, clean, and disinfect or sterilize reusable medical devices. Recent infection control lapses due to non-compliance with recommended reprocessing procedures highlight a critical gap in patient safety. Healthcare facilities (e.g., hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, clinics, and doctors’ offices) that utilize reusable medical devices are urged to immediately review current reprocessing practices at their facility to ensure they (1) are complying with all steps as directed by the device manufacturers, and (2) have in place appropriate policies and procedures that are consistent with current standards and guidelines.”

For more information:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00382.asp>

Nathalie Walker reported that AORN is offering seminars to help with guideline implementation. They are \$45 each. One regional workshop will take place on October 17th in Houston. Five different guidelines will be reviewed.

Ramie Miller reminded everyone to make sure they are registered to vote by October 24th to vote for governor.

Mandy asked if anyone had any other business. No one had any other business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 18:31.

