

PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans - Chapter 1902

August 2017



2017 – 2018 Officers

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President's Message

To the AORN Chapter 1902 Board Members and Committee Members.
YOU ROCK!!!!!!

We the Board Members and Committees are committed to you, the members, and we want to hear from you with any suggestions or comments that will make our Chapter grow and meet the needs of the members. The Board Member's emails are to the left of this page. Feel free to contact us. Chapter 1902 – New Orleans Board of Directors and Committees had our 1st official Board Meeting for the 2017-2018 term at the Sheraton Galleria in Metairie on Saturday. We had an awesome turnout that included members as well. We had a lot to discuss and exciting activities are being planned for the Chapter this year. Some of the highlights include:

1. The launching of the AORN 2017 Chapter Challenge to recruit new members, (starting now) where new members or members whose membership has lapsed more than 6 months having an opportunity to join or re-join for \$80.00. That's Right!!!! **\$80.00.** But this opportunity won't last long. It's only until August 31, 2017 and it's on a first come basis. For more information on this, contact any Board Member on the left.
2. Our Annual Winter Seminar/ Vendor Fair with a Silent Auction has been set for January 13, 2018 at EJGH. Speakers and Vendors are already being lined up. You can receive at least 4.5 contact hours in this half day program.
3. A Social Event is being planned for November 15, 2017 for members and new recruits.
4. **Monthly meetings will still be the 4th Wednesday of the month, BUT with a NEW start time of 5:00 pm and will include an AORN Guideline Spotlight section.**
5. Teleconference Monthly Meetings with contact hours are being investigated by the Board.
6. An exciting and FUN Community Service

activity is being planned for November 2017. Stay tuned for this one!

7. A showing of the American Nurse Project's documentary film, "Defining Hope" will be shown across the country on November 1, 2017 (Hospice and Palliative Care Month) to celebrate Nursing and our Chapter will be hosting this in New Orleans on November 1, 2017. More details to follow in upcoming Newsletters.
8. The **HIGHLIGHT** of this year is the **Surgical Conference and Expo in New Orleans** from March 24, 2018 to March 28, 2018. You don't want to miss this one. Volunteers are needed to help during the Expo in New Orleans. Come one, Come all!!! See how to Volunteer for Expo in this newsletter.
9. **READ** our Chapter Newsletter every month for all the upcoming events and activities. **SHARE** our Chapter Newsletter with co-workers (members and non-members). **EMBRACE ACTION** and get involved. Don't get left out.
10. There will be so much going on this year, we want everyone to stay in "the loop" and be connected and informed. If you are interested in being your facility's liaison to our chapter for disseminating Chapter information to your facility, please contact Melissa Guidry.

I slept and dreamt that life was joy;
I awoke and saw that life was service;
I acted and behold, service was joy!
(Tagore)

Respectively,

Sharon Guardina RN, BSN, CNOR
President- AORN of New Orleans
Chapter 1902



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2017-2018

Next Meeting:

August 23rd – Ochsner
Kenner, Emergency
Preparedness for 1 CE

Monthly Meeting Dates

Sept 27th-Ochsner Jeff Hwy
October 25th-Children’s
November 15th-TBA
January 13th-Winter Seminar
February 28th-Tulane
April 25th-Ochsner Kenner
May 23rd-WJMC
June 27th-Installation Banq.

*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

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. C

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Legislative information from ANA website:

For decades, the American Nurses Association has been advocating for health care reforms that would guarantee access to high-quality health care for all. With the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), millions of people have greater protection against losing or being denied health insurance coverage, and better access to primary and preventive services. ANA recognizes the debate of health care is ongoing, and the organization remains committed to educating the nursing public about how the changing system impacts our lives and our profession.

ANA continues to deliver nursing's message, provide resources, develop solutions and take action to ensure the successful implementation of health reform while continuing to represent the interests of the nation's nurses and patients.

To keep abreast of ANA's efforts, [join the Capitol Beat blog](#) and for additional details about ANA's federal legislative agenda and /or to get involved, [sign up at www.rnaction.org](#).

In December 2016, we delivered a [letter](#) to then President-elect Trump outlining [ANA's Principles for Health System Transformation](#).

ANA's Principles for Health System Transformation 2016

The system must: **Ensure universal access to a standard package of essential health care services for all citizens and residents.**

This includes:

- An essential benefits package that provides access to comprehensive services, including mental health services.
- Prohibition of the denial of coverage because of a pre-existing condition.
- Inclusion of children on parent's health insurance coverage until age 26.
- Expansion of Medicaid as a safety net for the most vulnerable, including the chronically ill, elderly and poor.

Optimize primary, community-based and preventive services while supporting the cost-effective use of innovative, technology-driven, acute, hospital-based services. This includes:

- Primary health care that is focused on developing an engaged partnership with the patient.
- Primary health care that includes preventive, curative, and rehabilitative services delivered in a coordinated manner by members of the health care team.
- Removing barriers and restrictions that prevent RNs and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) from contributing fully to patient care in all communities.
- Care coordination services that reduce costs and improve outcomes with consistent payment for all qualified health professionals delivering such services, including nurses.

Encourage mechanisms to stimulate economical use of health care services while supporting those who do not have the means to share in costs. This includes:

- A partnership between the government and private sector to bear health care costs.
- Payment systems that reward quality and the appropriate, effective use of resources.
- Beneficiaries paying for a portion of their care to provide an incentive for the efficient use of services while ensuring that deductibles and co-payments are not a barrier to receiving care.
- Elimination of lifetime caps or annual limits on coverage.
- Federal subsidies based on an income-based sliding scale to assist individuals to purchase insurance coverage.

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Membership Information

Please remember to renew!

Total Members – 196

Standard – 126

Lifetime – 11

2/3yr - 23

Retired – 12

Associate – 5

Student Members – 19

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>



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:

August

Brittany Barbetta
Brandi Elghorayeby
Roxane Elliott
Donna Fitzgerald
Rene Francis
Christiane Gottbrath
Lauren Griffin
Kristen Guidry
Tanya Hoke
Sarah Hunsucker
Norman Norris
Anar Pavlov
Jessica Sciambra
Brittany Smith
Karen Webre
Kathryn Wittkamp

September

Nicole Borne
Melanie Buras
Eric Cooper
Wendy Durocher
Aimee Falgout
Zina Jaffe
Jamie Johnson
Abbey Kieffer
Daralyn Lee
Kevin Maes
Judith Montello
Ashley Ory
Susan Overman
Martha Peltier
Kathy Pratt
Brittany Wiley
Shannen Winfield
Pam Zimmerman

Member News



Please see the last page for information concerning your RN license renewal, or click this link to open The Examiner Issue No 2 2017

<https://www.lsbns.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/Examiners/ExaminerNo32017.pdf>

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



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

The first board meeting of the 2017-2018 year was held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at the Sheraton Hotel in Metairie, LA. Called to order at 12:52 PM by President Sharon Guardina.

Attendees:

Sharon Guardina, Nathalie Walker (member), Elaine Stock (member), Gloria Mejia (member), Geri Tannehill, Tammy Sill, Catherine Lapeze, Dawn Boudreaux, Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Susan Overman, Mary Anne Toledano, Ramie Miller, Melissa Guidry, Christal Cook, Linda Levesque (absent)

A quorum was determined to be present by Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Secretary.

Meeting documents distributed by Sharon Guardina:

Demographic info, volunteer information for Expo, Meeting Agenda, Expo Silent Auction information, Chapter Grant application, Chapter Leader Town Hall from July, Chapter Accountability Standards, Chapter Challenge

Introduction of the 2017-2018 Board of Directors and Committee Members:

- **President:** Sharon Guardina
- **President-Elect:** Christal Cook
- **Vice President:** Mary Anne Toledano
- **Secretary:** Mandy Martin-Sanchez
- **Treasurer:** Melissa Guidry
- **Board of Directors:** Dawn Boudreaux, Linda Levesque, Susan Overman, Tammy Sill, Geri Tannehill
- **Nominating Committee:** Ramie Miller, Catherine Lapeze
- **LA State Council Liaison:** Mary Anne Toledano
- **Newsletter Editor:** Mary Anne Toledano
- **Assistant Editor:** Frances Hughes
- **Webmaster:** Ramie Miller

Treasurer's Report: Melissa gave the following report:

- Account Balance: \$3,819.88

Old Business:

- **Bylaws Update:** The chapter bylaws are current; the next update will be due in 2018.
- **The Code of Ethics** will need to be completed this year and annually.

New Business:

- **Surgical Conference and Expo**
 - **Volunteer Coordinator Update:** Sharon is the volunteer coordinator. A flyer was distributed for copying and distribution to each facility. Additional information will be sent out as it is received from national AORN. Do the volunteers need to be AORN members? Nathalie will find out and let Sharon know.
 - **Foundation Silent Auction Donations Letter:** A letter was distributed that can be presented to the community if someone has a service or product that can be used for the silent auction for the AORN Foundation. Please consider anyone who may be willing to donate to the Foundation. Nathalie will send an electronic version to the Board for individualization of the letter.
 - **Chapter Accountability Standards:** the Chapter 1902 status was reviewed. Member growth and retention is the issue for the chapter. See the Chapter Challenge information as a way to promote chapter growth.
 - **Chapter Grant Application:** The chapter can apply for a grant because we are a 3 star rating on the Accountability Standards.

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Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday October 14, 2017 in Shreveport

Saturday, January 13th, Metairie, after the Winter Seminar

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. An intervention to help prevent retained surgical items is for perioperative team members to:**
 - A. Expedite manual counting methods to improve physician satisfaction.
 - B. Participate in team training.
 - C. Replace the manual counting method with FDA approved sponge detection devices.
 - D. Revise the count procedure to allow the RN circulator to independently count instruments, thus freeing up the scrub person to assist the surgeon.

- 2. The MRI area is usually divided into four zones - I, II, III, IV. Patients and personnel should first pass an MRI safety screening process before entering which zone?**
 - A. Zone I
 - B. Zone II
 - C. Zone III
 - D. Zone IV

- 3. A circulator was interrupted during the surgical count while he and the scrub person were counting needles. To restart the surgical count after the interruption, they should:**
 - A. Recount everything with the scrub person, including sponges and instruments.
 - B. Let the nurse recount the needles
 - C. Recount the needles with the scrub person and then continue the remainder of the count

Answers on page 2



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/>



Meeting Minutes – Continued from page 4:

- If awarded one of the grants, the chapter could receive between \$500-\$1000 to recruit new members and retain current ones. Sharon asked Nathalie to apply for the grant for the Chapter. The goal would be to use the funds for a social for ALL of the members to participate and invite new/potential members.
- **Chapter Challenge**
 - **Chapter Challenge:** Through the end of August, 2017, there is an \$80 discount on new memberships. Lapsed members can be counted as new members if their membership has lapsed more than 6 months. There is a limited amount of money available from AORN. Christal Cook volunteered to review the current and past chapter rosters (by the first weekend in August) to identify lapsed members. Sharon will contact them to let them know about this opportunity. See the information in the documents distributed at the meeting. A motion was made to earmark \$400 (a max of 5 members at \$80 each) to be paid to the joining member IF THE MONEY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FOUNDATION up to the end of the chapter challenge. The motion was approved by the Board.
 - **Membership Chair** (contact person from each hospital): A member liaison is needed from each hospital/ facility. Potential liaisons include:
 - Elaine Stock: University Medical Center
 - Christal: Lakeview Regional
 - Susan Overman: Ochsner Jefferson Highway
 - Gloria Mejia: Ochsner Kenner
 - (Mary Anne will send name): West Jefferson
 - Sara or Alicia Adams (East Jefferson)
 - Amy Falgout (Touro)
 - Frances Hughes (Tulane)
 - Judy (Children's)
 - Stephanie Wall (VA)
 - Sherry Harvey (Crescent Surgical Center)
 - Andrea Matthews (Ochsner West Bank)
 - Dianne Taylor (Ochsner Baptist)
 - **Winter Seminar** (January 13, 2018 at East Jefferson General Hospital): Vendors are needed to participate at the seminar. Recommendations for topics and speakers that have already been approved for contact hours are being sought. Christal has a speaker possibility for malignant hyperthermia, Mary Anne has a program, Sharon has two, and a few others. Submit any recommendations to Sharon.
 - **LASN Convention** – October 5-8 in Baton Rouge (more info at <http://www.lasn.org/>): FYI.

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Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$3114.72

Deposits:

Chapter Dues + \$912.16

Expenses:

\$ 0

July ending balance: \$ 4026.88

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Guidry, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902



It's not too early to start thinking about signing up to **volunteer** for the 2018 AORN Surgical Conference and Expo in New Orleans from 3/24/18 to 3/28/18.

As I receive the volunteering needs from Nat'l AORN, I will relay this information to all volunteers who signed up, so you can decide on what volunteering activity works best for you.

Please send your name and contact information (your personal email address and cell phone #.... please) via email to Sharon Guardina (Volunteer Coordinator) at sguardina@att.net (You do not need to be an AORN member to volunteer.)





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- **Chapter Leader Town Hall Meetings** (next meeting is Wednesday, August 16, 2017): FYI – try to participate on the call @5PM CST. Registration information was included in the documents provided at the meeting. Consider registering for the meeting even if you may not be able to call in. If you don't make the Town Hall Meeting but have registered, you will be sent access for the recording.
- **Monthly meeting** 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:00 (proposed change)
 - AORN Guideline Review at each meeting – roughly 15 minutes – to spotlight the guideline.
 - Teleconference meetings (proposed and to be investigated)(phone or online) for members who cannot attend in person. Code word given to the member attending via phone or online plus phone number used to access the meeting would be used to verify attendance. Sharon would like to try this at one meeting soon.

Other Business:

- **Committee Reports**
 - **Newsletter** – Mary Anne would like everyone to verify name, credentials and email address. Would like to get submissions to her ASAP after monthly meeting so that the newsletter can go out to the membership by the 1st of the month. Send info on vendor seminars, new CNORs, pictures, new periop nurses, etc. Info from every facility is encouraged. Flyers for the next meeting to get the word out (if can't do the flyer, let Mary Anne know – include details of location, parking, etc.).
 - **State Council** – Ramie reported on the quarterly meeting held in Lafayette. We will be supporting the SC&E with a table – a member will donate scrub caps for profits (give her a tax form).
 - **Legislative** – Nathalie reported that healthcare is in turmoil at the present time. Now is the perfect time to build relationships with your legislators. See the AORN web page. There is a legislative forum through AORN monthly. Send an email to dglover@aorn.org and she will add

you to the invitation list. It is very informative. The hot item now is mandatory smoke evacuation in the OR. November 6-12th is Perioperative Nurses' Week.

- **Webmaster** (aornofneworleanschapter1902.com) – backs up Mary Anne. Newsletter goes out and is also posted on Facebook page (chapter and LA State Council). Continuing education opportunities will be posted. Shreveport seminar for October was cancelled. Next meeting in October in Shreveport.
 - Nathalie reported that Louisiana Council has an endowed scholarship with the AORN Foundation. Get the word out that there is a scholarship that must go to a member who lives in Louisiana. If there is no one applying that year, it will carry over to the next year. If you donate to the AORN Foundation, it can be earmarked for the LA endowed scholarship to help grow ours (BSN, MSN, PhD, etc.). The scholarship can be between \$1000-\$3000. Deadline is usually in June. Check the AORN web page under scholarship.
 - **Community Services** – Sharon reported that the chapter will continue to collect toiletries and eyeglasses for the homeless (items are brought to an area behind St. Joseph's Church). Think about a food drive – it gets cumbersome to bring them to the meeting so if want to donate to the food drive, save the receipt so that we can put it into the community resources; bring the receipt with highlighted items to the meeting or scan and email to Sharon.
- As a potential for a community activity, Nathalie Walker presented a recommendation to have the chapter pay \$175 fee for the film rights for the national screening of "Defining Hope" by filmmaker Carolyn Jones. The screening would be November 1, 2017 (Wednesday). The motion was passed to secure the screening rights for the film.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Using an electrosurgery device on 1 gram of tissue = inhaling the smoke from 6 unfiltered cigarettes in 15 minutes.



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Meeting Minutes – Continued from page 8:

- **Chapter Monthly meetings and programs:**

- August 23, 2017 – Sharon Guardina will present “Emergency Preparedness” at Ochsner Kenner. Geri will arrange for room, set-up and refreshments.
- September 27, 2017 – 3M representative (Leslie Coco-Fraiser) “Managing the Risk of Surgical Site Infections” at Ochsner Main Campus
- October 25, 2017 – Children’s Hospital
- November 15, 2017 – Social (may include CE program)
- January 13, 2018 (Winter Seminar)

- February 28, 2018: Possibly Tulane
- March 24-28, 2018 (Surgical Conference and Expo)
- April 25, 2018: Ochsner Kenner
- May 23, 2018: Ochsner Jefferson Highway (Susan Overman) or West Jefferson Hospital (Mary Anne Toledano on Malignant Hyperthermia)
- June 27, 2018 (Installation Banquet)
- Please respond to emails sent in a timely manner so that plans can be made.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:53PM.

SAVE THE DATE

 **AORN** GLOBAL SURGICAL
CONFERENCE & EXPO

March 24-28, 2018 | New Orleans, LA

AORN Challenge Recruitment Contest

Calling all AORN of New Orleans Chapter 1902 members
to help us grow our chapter.

Please share this information with your colleagues.

This year's annual Chapter Challenge is underway now. The AORN Foundation is offering grants.

For RN's to take advantage of the grant opportunity they go to

Step 1. [AORN Foundation Membership Grant: Chapter Challenge Survey](#) and fill out the form.

Tell them to mark that they would be paying the \$80 for their membership.

Step 2. The Foundation will review the application

Step 3. If the application is approved, AORN will email the individual with instructions for redeeming the special half price membership (only \$80.) via a unique online code

Step 4. Complete ASAP, this is only good till August 31, 2017

This offer excludes students and retired memberships.

In addition our local chapter has set aside funds to assist new members interested in being active in chapter activities. Please contact Sharon Guardina, Chapter 1902 President, if you are interested in more details on how to apply for this.

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR, Continued from page 2

Ensure a sufficient supply of a skilled workforce dedicated to providing high quality health care services. This includes:

- An adequate supply of well-educated, well-distributed, and well-utilized registered nurses.
- Increased funding, whether grant or loan repayment based, for programs and services focused on increasing the primary care workforce.
- Funding to elevate support for increasing nursing faculty and workforce diversity.

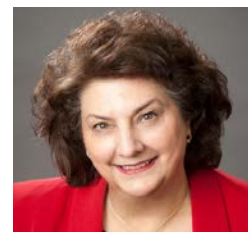
"Skinny repeal" fails in early-morning vote

The health care debate, mixed with a hearty dose of politics, has been nothing short of a wild ride. However, in an unexpected turn of events, **the attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act failed** in a Senate vote of 49 – 51, early this morning. Three GOP senators, Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski and John McCain, voted against the "skinny repeal" plan, as did all 48 Democrats. Thank you to the nurses who spoke out; your advocacy and commitment makes all the difference to patients in need of access to health care. ANA will remain vigilant in our fight to protect our patients' right to better health care.

**Anyone interested in connecting with the
AORN Legislative Forum please send an email request to receive
information to Danielle Glover at dglover@aorn.org**

Respectfully Submitted by,

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



AORN Meeting

New Orleans Chapter 1902

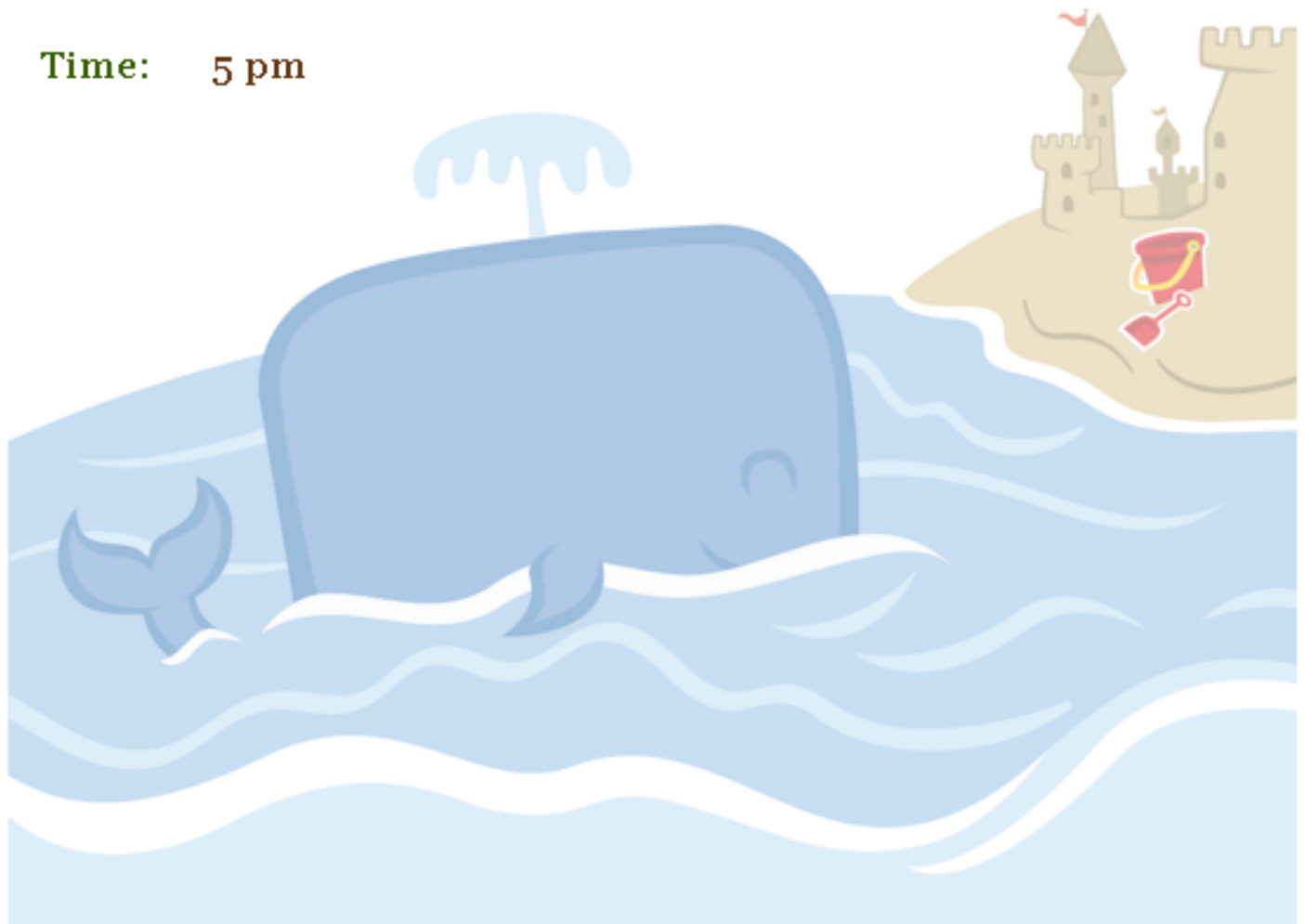
1 CE being provided

Topic: Emergency Preparedness

Where: Ochsner Medical Center Kenner
7th floor Medical Office Building Auditorium
Come in the MOB facing Loyola-There will be signs

When: August 23, 2017

Time: 5 pm





Association of periOperative Registered Nurses

Training Webinars

AORN has updated ORNurseLink and training sessions are planned to help you get the most out of the new format. This training will help you connect and network with other AORN member groups and individuals.

The following dates for the ORNurseLink Training webinars:

- Training for Group Leaders (this includes chapter, SA and State Council leaders)
July 5, July 19, August 2, August 23, September 13
- Training for Members (all)
July 6, July 20, August 1, August 21, September 14

These webinars are scheduled from 5-6pm Mountain Time (6pm our time). If you are interested in any of these training webinars, be sure to register at: www.ornurselink.org/events



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, October 7, 2017

7:45 am – 4:30 pm

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:30am – 3:15pm

Hosted by
University Medical Center New Orleans

University Medical Center New Orleans
Conference Center, First Floor
2000 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70112

Room J

Register online by Wednesday, October 4, 2017

www.aorn.org/events/prep-for-cnor-live

Special Introductory Pricing:

\$155 – AORN Member

\$195 – Non-Members

Registration includes:

- 2017 edition of *AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* USB (a \$265 value)
- Two online assessments

Link to register --- http://www.aorn.org/member_apps/Product/Detail?productID=9971

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, October 7, 2017

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, October 8, 2017

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

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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.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2-YEAR BIENNIAL LICENSURE RENEWAL IS COMING IN 2017 FOR YOUR 2018 RN/APRN LICENSE.

I am very pleased to report that Louisiana is moving to biennial licensure that will allow RNs and APRNs to renew their licenses for two (2) years. This transition becomes effective with the license renewal period beginning

October 1, 2017 for your 2018 active license. The LSBN Board approved the plan at the April 20, 2017 board meeting. We will join the 45 other states who currently have biennial licensure. Only Connecticut, Kentucky, Washington and West Virginia will remain as single year license states. Iowa has 3 year licensure and Arizona has 4 year licensure. The original plan was to have license renewal on birthdays, but in response to concerns voiced by our nursing organization partners throughout the state, we have decided to maintain our current policy of renewing licenses beginning October 1st of each year and continuing through December 31st. January is provided as a 'grace period' for late renewals and renewal during this month will continue to include a late renewal fee along with the regular license fees. The driving forces behind the change are to eliminate the onerous task of RNs and APRNs having to renew their license annually and to assist LSBN in providing improved and timely service to our constituents. Not only will this plan provide you better customer service during renewal season, it will allow LSBN to allocate greater resources to improving professional practice in the state and collaborating with our community partners on nursing workforce development. We will be using a graduated system to move all licensees to the new biennial system. Licensees whose last name begins with the letters A-M will renew during the 2018 renewal season and will be renewing their licenses for a 2-year period. Such biennial licenses will be active from January 1, 2018 and expire on December 31, 2019. Licensees whose last name begins with the letters N-Z will renew during the 2018 renewal season and will be renewing each of their licenses for a 1-year period with renewed licenses active from January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018. Licensees whose last name begins with the letters N-Z will begin biennial renewal processes next year during the 2019 renewal season that begins in October 2018. Using this method, by renewal year 2019, we will be renewing half of our licensees each year

for a 2-year cycle. LSBN will be developing a **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** sheet in the near future to address all the questions and concerns that will come with our new process. This will be distributed to all RNs and APRNs in Louisiana through your email on file with the agency and through communications in *The Examiner* and on our website. We promise to keep you posted and to work with all our constituents as we implement this new process.

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. Following is a summary of the legislative action that occurred in the 2017 session that had implications for LSBN:

- SB75 authored by Senator Mills provided relative to the health profession licensing boards created within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and would have provided increased oversight of the health profession licensing boards by the Department of Health. The bill would have increased the responsibility of LDH to provide greater oversight of the licensing, education preparation and regulatory activities of each of the licensing boards including greater fiscal oversight. The bill also would have required that each health licensing board have at least one (1) consumer member, an action that LSBN had already taken in 2016 with the change to our Nurse Practice Act requiring two (2) consumer members of the board. The most concerning change to licensing board regulation would have been in the area of board hearings, which would have been transferred to the sole jurisdiction of an administrative law judge. It was readily acknowledged by the health licensing boards that administrative law judges were experts in criminal and civil law and legal proceedings under the administrative procedures act. There was concern, however, that these judges would have less expertise than discipline-specific board members in the complexities of each of the health disciplines. The bill was defeated in House Health & Welfare Committee.
- HB490 authored by Representative Walt Leger and sponsored by Senator Mills creates the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education within the Drug Policy Board; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to require an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan; to provide for

