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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

February 2017

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President's Message

The new year started out with no shortage of busy-ness. Our 2017 Winter Seminar had a great turnout from vendors, with guests from all around the state, great speakers and an amazing exchange of information for all who attended. This was only the beginning. We, other chapters, state councils, and AORN have a plethora of additional opportunities for education, information and networking this year.

On Monday January 30th there will be an AORN Webinar Reviewing Shining Star Rating System at 5p/ct, then on Tuesday February 21st AORN's Virtual Town Hall and Special Business Meeting at 6p/ct. Baton Rouge Chapter will be hosting a Product Awareness Fair at Women's Hospital on February 2, 2017 from 6-8p. Texas Council of periOperative Registered Nurses has a Seminar in Austin, Texas on Feb 11th 7a-5p. (www.tcorn.org). Then on Saturday April 1st, the "Chapters Leadership Workshop" also known as the Volunteer

Leadership Academy, will now be in conjunction with the SC&E. There will be a reception for all first time conference attendees later that night for an additional chance to mingle and network. 2017 has potential to be a great year for spiritual, intellectual, and legislative growth. Please be mindful of all that we can do to help heal and maintain healthy minds, bodies and spirits for us and our patients this year!

Best Wishes,

Ramie Miller
AORN of New Orleans –
Chapter 1902 President, CNOR
Coach



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2016-2017

Monthly Meeting Dates

March 22nd-Potluck, Ramie
April 26th-Ochsner Kenner
May 24th-Social
June 28th-Installation Dinner

Next Meeting

February 15th-Ochs Jeff Hwy
Cryolife Presentation for 1 CE

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

Upcoming Holidays:

February 28th- Mardi Gras

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo

When you attend the Global Surgical Conference & Expo this spring in Boston you'll have the opportunity to actively engage in the business of AORN by attending and participating in Congress, the annual member meetings of our Association. AORN is a membership organization, and governance works best to benefit our members and your patients when more members participate.

Here's How it Works

- There are two Forums you can attend where AORN members will be discussing recent initiatives, task force reports, and new AORN business in a casual setting. The Forums will take place on Saturday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 4 this year. A big change in the Forum agendas this year is that each Forum will include 15–30 minutes of continuing education credits for attendees.
- Members can also attend two House of Delegates sessions to hear the annual reports of AORN committees and departments, vote on proposed bylaws changes and any other official business before the House, learn the results of the annual Board and Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC) elections, and congratulate award winners.

All RN and retired RN members in good standing (good standing means your AORN dues are up-to-date) are automatically delegates for Congress (including Chapter delegates), which means you may vote on AORN business during the meeting.

Why Voting Matters

Each year, members also have the opportunity to vote for vacant positions on the Board of Directors and the NLDC. All members in good standing, regardless of conference attendance, can vote online for AORN's elected leadership. Members who attend the conference who have not already voted online can vote in person onsite. When you vote in the AORN elections this year, you'll influence safe perioperative practice, inter-professional collaboration, and the strategic direction of our professional association.

Online voting will open March 6 and run through midnight on April 4.

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Membership Information

Please remember to renew!

Total Members – 187

Standard – 121

Lifetime – 11

2/3yr - 18

Retired – 11

Associate – 3

Student Members – 23

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:

February

Michelle Blanke
Steve DeSalvo
Samantha
Eldridge
Abigail Francis
Cheryl Johnson
Linda O'Brien
Tammy Sill
Carrie Simpson
Rachel Williams

March

Judy Bauer
Jonathan Cox
Jill Donegan
Katherine Mohrmann
Vicky Seghers
Geri Tannehill
Karen Wiedeman

Member News

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



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

Meeting called to order at 18:56 PM by President Ramie Miller.

Quorum - Establish a Quorum

Re-Introduce Board Members:

Ramie Miller – President

Sharon Guardina – President/Elect, Host City -
Chair for AORN 2018 SC&E

Mary Anne Toledano – Vice President & Chapter
Rep. for Louisiana State Council of AORN Chapters

Sheila Ostrow – Treasurer

Dawn Boudreaux – Board

Christal Cook – Board

Susan Overman – Board

Guests – Melissa Guidry, Alicia Adams, Tom
Adams, Tammy Sill, Roxanne McNally

Delegate positions to be filled:

- Chapter has been allotted Nine (9)
Delegates for SC&E in Boston April 1-5, 2017
- Two (2) positions to be comped by AORN,
Two (2) Comps from Carrie, and One (1)
comp from Nathalie. Four (4) Delegates,
Christal, Roxanne, Sheila & Sharon have
already paid and will be reimbursed by the
Chapter @ \$560
- Delegates will be: Ramie Miller, Sharon
Guardina, Mary Anne Toledano, Sheila
Ostrow, Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Melissa
Guidry, Christal Cook, Frances Hughes and
Roxanne McNally

Treasurers Report: Sheila Ostrow, Treasurer, @
\$9,112.90

Winter Seminar Report:

Frances Hughes – Chair

Ramie Miller

Melissa Guidry

Nathalie Walker

Linda Levesque – Education Chair

Sharon Guardina – Ways & Means Chair, we had 8
vendors about 40 attendees and made
approximately \$3400. Lan Trahn was unable to
receive her “Equishield” items she shipped to the

hospital, so she will have a complimentary vendor
table at next year’s seminar.

New Business

- Foundation Donation \$200 Gift bought by
Mary Anne, and we will present \$200 check
for the Chapter Challenge, in Boston.
- Congress Updates for members from
Nathalie & Sharon: name change the
“Chapters Leadership Workshop” also known
as the Volunteer Leadership Academy, will
be in conjunction with the SC&E on the
Saturday April 1st.
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Webinar Reviewing Shining Star Rating
System at 5pct
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Hall and Special Business Meeting at 6p
- LA State Council has a Fundraising Table for
use by all State Chapters
- GOBOSTON Shuttle is available for \$14/\$29rt

Updated Calendar:

February 22 – Ochsner Main, Jefferson Hwy, “Cryo
Life” presentation

February 28 – Mardi Gras

March 22 – Potluck at Ramie’s House

April 1 – 5 AORN Surgical Conference & Expo -
BOSTON

April 26 – Post Congress meeting at Ochsner
Kenner

May 24 – SOCIAL

June 28 – INSTALLATION Dinner

LA State Council meetings:

- January 14th followed AORN of New Orleans
Winter Seminar:
- Will have Fundraising table at Boston. All
Chapters are welcome to utilize for local
fundraising
- Beach Seminar is temp. scheduled for October
28th, 2017. Potential conflict with Halloween
and Voodoo Fest.
- Feb 2 will be the Baton Rouge Vendor Fair
- Sunday April 2 6p in Boston at SC&E: - Next
Meeting will be Sunday 4/2/17 at “Row 34”

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Chapter 1902 Community Outreach Project:

Please bring non-perishable items, hotel shampoos, etc. to next meeting for the homeless shelter at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Tulane Avenue. Sharon Guardina will drop them off to the shelter.

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

Thank you!!!



Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, April 1, 2017, Boston, at the AORN Surgical Conference & Expo. Date and Place TBA

Saturday, July 15, 2017, Lafayette

Saturday October 14, 2017 Shreveport (Sam’s Town) in conjunction with North Louisiana’s Seminar



Meeting Minutes - Continued

- Saturday July 15, 2017 10a: Lafayette
- Saturday October 14, 2017: Sam’s Town, Shreveport, in conjunction with North Louisiana’s Seminar

Resources:

We generally meet the 4th Wednesday of each month rotating through area hospitals.

4:30 pm education/ 5:30 pm business meeting

Schedule and Monthly Updates are available on:

Facebook: AORNOFNewOrleansChapter1902

Twitter: AORNOFNewOrlean

Website: aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

If you have not done so already, please join us on

ORNurseLink:

<http://www.ornurselink.org/groups/home/170>

Bylaws:

<http://www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com/#!blank/cfvg>

Adjournment @ 2000

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, Continued

What are the Proposed Bylaw Changes?

This year, the AORN Bylaws Committee is [recommending two bylaws amendments](#), both stemming from charges received from the board of directors after the 2016 Congress business sessions. The proposed changes relate to the individual qualifications to serve in an elected position with AORN, and changing the responsibilities of the NLDC to reflect a more traditional nominating committee. Members will hear from the committee about the changes during the first Forum on Saturday, April 1, and will vote on the changes during the second House of Delegates session on Wednesday, April 5.

The changes will be printed in the January issue of the AORN Journal and will be discussed during the all member AORN Virtual Town Hall and Special Business Meeting on February 21 at 6pm Central. Pre-registration for the Town Hall is required; [please register here](#).

Final Forum and House of Delegates schedules will be printed in the February issue of the Journal and are available under the [Information and Schedule tab](#) on the Expo site.

It's essential that our members feel empowered to be involved with the business of AORN. Knowing how AORN Congress works is the first step to having your voice heard. Attending our Global Surgical Conference & Expo in Boston April 1- 5 armed with this important knowledge will not only benefit you but your entire team as well as your patients.

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Amy L. Hader, JD

AORN's General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs

Colleagues, as a perioperative nurse, you are at the forefront of health care delivery and you continue to provide high quality and individualized surgical care to each of your patients every day. While you are doing that, we will continue to evaluate the progress and keep you informed. Take a few minutes to [send a personalized letter to your legislators](#). Introduce yourself and offer them your knowledge as a perioperative expert.

Senator Cassidy has co-sponsored a bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act, although still unclear exactly what those changes may be. Please know that AORN is working collaboratively with health care colleagues, decision-makers and allied organizations to ensure proposed policy changes accurately reflect and consider the safety of patients and health care workers alike.

Nursing remains the most trusted profession in the U.S. Nurses have the power to influence the discussion, and now is the time to take action. [Reach out to your Senators and Representatives today](#) to share your story of how you and your patients experience the health care system, and what your legislator can do right now to help you improve health care delivery in your organizations.

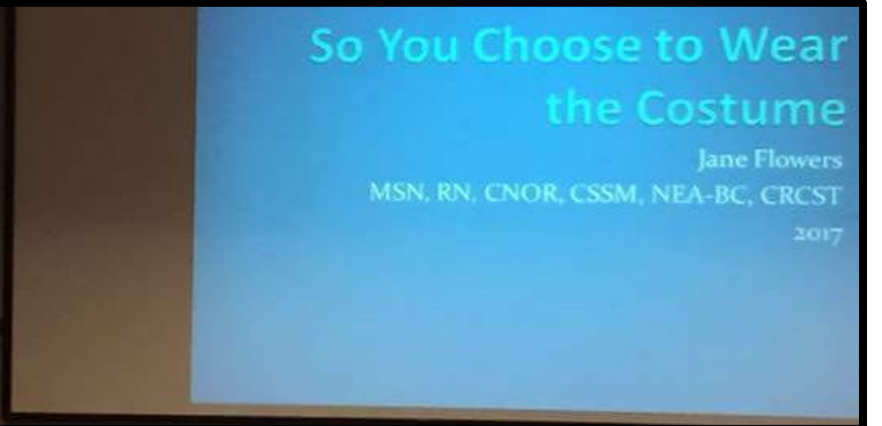
Information gleaned from a recent AORN email message.

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



Photos from our 2017 Winter Seminar

Thank you to all who contributed in helping make it a success!



WINTER SEMINAR / VENDOR FAIR REPORT - 1/14/17

ATTENDEES (37)	+ \$1315.96	(includes paypal fees)
VENDORS (8)	+ \$1587.80	(includes paypal fees, pending payment from two vendors)
SILENT AUCTION	+ \$366.50	
EXPENSES (refreshments)	- \$270.13	
TOTAL PROFIT	\$3000.13	



Virtual Town Hall and Special Business Meeting

Tuesday, 2/21/2017 | 4pm PST; 5pm MST; 6pm CT; 7pm EST

Under the AORN bylaws, a quorum of 100 members is needed for membership action between Congresses, with a minimum of at least ten members from each of five geographic regions. Because of this quorum requirement and the recently adopted resolution requiring membership approval of AORN position statements, the following procedures are necessary for participation in this virtual town hall and special business meeting of the members.

Please note:

Members must pre-register for the meeting with name, member ID, email address, state of residence, and phone number members **must attend via computer** in order to vote on the position statement

Agenda

- Proposed bylaws changes to be voted on during the 2017 Congress in Boston
- Member Approval of the AORN Position Statement on Responsibility for Mentoring
- Member Approval of the AORN Position Statement on Patient Safety
- Updates from the AORN Task Force on Processes Utilized in AORN Elections

Save the Date

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

8am until 1pm

Meyer Building

1919 S. Braeswood Blvd., Houston, TX 77030

FREE PARKING!



AORN of Greater Houston #4407

Presents

Leadership Symposium

'Nursing Leaders Emerging in a Changing Culture'

Vendors are Welcomed!

Application will be made for 4 CE's with the Association of perioperative Nurses, Inc. The Association of perioperative Nurses, Inc. is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.



Please come and join us... ASSOCIATION OF
PERIOPERATIVE NURSES INVITES YOU TO

2017 Product Awareness Fair

ON FEBRUARY 2, 2017

100 Womans Way
Baton Rouge, LA

On the corner of
Stumberg and Airline

Conference Room 1 & 2
6pm – 8pm

The AORN Chapter 1904 Product Awareness Fair has been designed to allow periOperative healthcare providers the opportunity to become familiar with the most recent developments and improvements of products being used in the peri- Operative setting.

Open to all nurses, surgical technologists, residents, students, surgeons and ancillary personnel. *For more info call: Cindy Thomas, RN, Committee Chair at 225-924-8166*



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FEBRUARY

7am-5pm

MEETING AGENDA

0700-0800 **REGISTRATION**

0800-0815 **OPENING: COLLABORATION**

Beverly Kirchner BSN, RN, CNOR, CASC - TCORN President & Chief Operating Officer, SurgeryDirect

0815-1015 **TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING UPDATE**

Kathy Thomas MN, RN, FAAN - Executive Director, Texas Board of Nursing

LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT FOR NURSING

Andrew Cates - General Counsel & Director of Government Affairs, Texas Nurses Association
TBD - Texas State Lobbyist

1015-1045 **VENDOR FAIR**

1045-1115 **TEXAS TEAM UPDATE**

Cindy Zolnierok PhD, RN - Executive Director, Texas Nurses Association & Texas Team Co-Lead

1115-1215 **DYNAMICS OF NURSING: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

Steve Cullen - Chief Operating Officer, King Aerospace

1215-1330 **LUNCH [VENDOR FAIR]**

1330-1500 **PERIOPERATIVE FORUM: CRAFTING A SHARED VISION**

1500-1515 **BREAK**

1515-1615 **THE EXPANDING ROLE OF OUTPATIENT SURGERY**

Debra Ledak BSN, RN - Vice President of Clinical Operations, United Surgical Partners International

1615-1700 **CLOSING: A PASSIONATE JOURNEY**

Yvian Watson RN - Inspirational Speaker & Author

WE'RE STEPPING OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE.

TCORN is stepping out of its comfort zone and taking new risks this year... starting with the annual meeting. This year's agenda explores new ways to share across our many teams building a vision with one voice. Together.



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Texas Collaboration of
periOperative Registered Nurses