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President's Message

Can you believe it is already August? Saints are in training camp and those last few vacations are being enjoyed before school starts. When some of you receive this newsletter, school may have already started! I am not sure where the time goes - I know it is ticking the same as it has since the beginning of time but it sure seems to move faster.

Our Officers and Board met in July to discuss plans for the 2014 - 2015 year. A special thank you to the officers and board members who were able to attend. Your input, enthusiasm and participation is greatly appreciated. The minutes from our meeting can be found in this newsletter. We have several educational opportunities planned for you to use in your daily practice plus some topics to help you in your personal life. I hope you find the time in your schedule to attend our monthly meetings. They are a great place to network and develop friendships.

We will be seating 8 delegates for the AORN Surgical Conference and Expo to be held March 7 - 11, 2015 in Denver, CO. Selection is based on

a point system which includes points for attendance at monthly meetings, chapter sponsored seminars and functions. Information for delegate selection will be published in a future newsletter. Information for delegate selection will be published in a future newsletter.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at Tulane University Hospital. Lindsey K with Cardinal Health will provide an educational opportunity. The meeting will be in Room 1114 and parking will be validated. I hope to see everyone.

Melissa Guidry, RN, BSN, MPH, CNOR



Chapter 1902 Calendar

Meetings start at 4:30 PM
unless otherwise noted

August 27th - at Tulane
Sponsored by Cardinal Health

September 24th - Delgado

October 22nd - at EJ

November 19th - Social

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

Education

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

- 1.5  Back to Basics: Preventing Surgical Site Infections
LISA SPRUCE, DNP, RN, ACNS, ACNP, ANP, CNOR
- 2.2  Understanding Medication Compounding Issues
RODNEY W. HICKS, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP



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Current Membership

Please remember to renew!

Total Members - 174
Members - 105
Lifetime – 5
2/3yr - 24
Retired – 7
Associate – 4
Student Members - 27
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/ipdeducationwebinarcalear>



<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
 Christine Boudet
 Sharon Burel-Hawthorne
 Avis Burnette
 Vance Cayburn
 Jennifer Gray
 Kathe Haase
 Lori Noel
 James Pace
 Elise Vincent

September

Alaina Duncan
 Alicia Grisaffi
 Jamie Johnson
 Brooke Landry
 Courtney Lehman
 Judith Montello
 Minerva Muller
 Sheila Ostrow
 Tayna Perkins
 Kathy Pratt
 Ronald Prybylowski
 Stacey Spiers

Membership News

If you have news from
 your facility please send any
 updates to
mtoledano@ochsner.org

Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

PLEASE REVIEW AUGUST Board of Directors MEETING MINUTES ON PAGES 4, 5, 6 & 7 for approval

The first Board of Directors meeting took place on July 16, 2014 at Melissa Guidry's house. Melissa, President, called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Attendees: Melissa Guidry, Ramie Miller, Nathalie Walker, Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Sharon Guardina, Brenda Falanga, Mary Anne Toledano, Darlene Russo, Ann Burghardt-Deick, Frances Hughes and Linda Levesque. Carrie Thomson joined the group later.

Old Business: The chapter needs more fund raisers. Selling calendars was discussed at previous meetings. It was decided that calendars would not a good fund raiser because they would have to be sold for \$15.00 in order to make a profit. Frances suggested 50/50 like at the meetings, but on a larger scale. Baton Rouge sells t-shirts associated with Susan G. Komen. The t-shirts are pre ordered and delivered. They have a more active chapter with interesting topics at meetings, for example, a rape crisis presentation. This chapter needs non-clinical topics for meetings. Frances suggested having a financial adviser speak about retirement savings, finance counseling, estate planning, etc. Ramie suggested someone discuss the business of nursing. Nathalie suggested they come speak at our seminar. She needs to get the information for the speakers that will be coming for our January seminar at EJ as soon as possible. The seminar will be January 10th or 17th. Nathalie will try to get AORN treasurer Martha Stratton to speak about OR finances at the seminar. The seminar title could be "Taking Care of Business." Frances volunteered to do the flyer for the January seminar. Donations will be accepted for the silent auction.

New Business: The meeting schedule for the next year will be as follows:

August 27th, September 24th, October 22nd, November 19th, December-no meeting, January 28th, February 25th, March 25th, April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th. Each facility representative will be responsible to secure a room for the meeting that will accommodate about 50 people. The facility representative will also coordinate/update the Education Chairperson (Mandy) with the plans for



Is your facility CNOR Strong?

There are a couple criteria your facility must meet in order to become *CNOR Strong*:

1. Have at least 50% of its eligible OR nursing staff CNOR certified.
2. Provide means to recognize and reward nurses who become certified or recertified.

Check out this web site:

<http://www.cc-institute.org/cnor/cnor-strong>

the continuing education program at a minimum of 45 days prior to the meeting date. The facility representative will also be responsible to coordinate the refreshments for the meeting (either through their facility or secure vendor support). Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month EXCEPT in months when the meeting date would conflict with Congress or local holidays (such as Mardi Gras). Meeting and Proposed Event Dates:

August 27th - Tulane (Linda Levesque, Cardinal Health)

September 24th – Delgado (Ann Burghardt-Deick, sponsor)

October 22nd – EJ

November 19th -Social

December – no meeting

January 10th or 17th – Seminar/Vendor Fair

January 28th - Ochsner New Orleans (Mandy Martin-Sanchez)

February 25th – Pre-Congress Pot Luck, place TBA

March 7-11 - Congress in Denver

March 25 – ILH, Congress Review (Ramie)

April 22 – VA or Children's

May 27 - VA or Children's

June 24 – Installation Dinner, location TBA

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TRIVA CORNER FROM THE

PERIOP INSIDER

weekly newsletter



What is the recommended relative humidity range in a restricted area?

The relative humidity in a restricted area should be maintained within a range of 20% to 60%.

When should hair at the surgical site be removed?

If the presence of hair will interfere with the surgical procedure and removal is in the best interest of the patient, the following precautions should be taken:

- Hair removal should be performed the day of the surgery, in a location outside the operating or procedure room.
- Only hair interfering with the surgical procedure should be removed.
- Hair should be clipped using a single-use electric or battery-operated clipper, or clipper with a reusable head that can be disinfected between patients

Where should the chemical indicators be placed in instrument sets for sterilization?

Chemical indicators (CI) should be placed in an area within the package that presents a challenge for air removal and sterilant contact. When there is a question concerning the appropriate number and placement of internal CIs, the CI manufacturer, the device manufacturer, and the containment device manufacturer should be consulted for additional information.

The number and placement of internal CIs may be affected by the contents of the package, the configuration of the items within the set, and the packaging or containment device.

BoD Meeting Minutes Continued:

October 9-12 is the LASN Convention in Lafayette
November 1st - Louisiana State Council of AORN
Chapters Symposium is at Women's in Baton Rouge.

All current Committees will remain, and not listed was Sharon Guardina "Ways & Means" and "Community Outreach"

Membership: Brenda Falanga
Education: Mandy Martin-Sanchez
Webmaster: Ramie Miller
Legislative: Nathalie Walker
Newsletter: Mary Anne Toledano
Student Membership: Ann Burghardt-Deitz
Young Professionals: Carrie Thomson

Ways and Means: Sharon Guardina
Community Outreach: Sharon Guardina
Bylaws Chair: Nathalie Walker

Ways and means: Expo is March 7-11 in Denver and the chapter can send eight delegates. Fund raisers are going to be necessary to send eight delegates. Melissa suggested that the chapter work on the January seminar and silent auction to increase funds. Nathalie reminded attendees that we need big ticket items donated for the silent auction and/or raffle. Bunco is another option for a fund raiser. Sharon suggested a \$10,000 raffle but said that it was hard to sell tickets in the past. Nathalie suggested renting a street car in December. We could sell tickets to get on and have Santa Clause and refreshments. Linda

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BoD Meeting Minutes Continued:

remembers that it was expensive in the past.

Committee services/events: Rock and bowl is a possibility for educational scholarship fund raiser or donate a percentage to a non-profit. Sharon suggested donating to New Orleans Archdiocese homeless shelter at St. Joseph Church near Delgado and LSU for community involvement. Habitat for Humanity is another possibility. Nathalie stated that if you buy from Amazon.com there is a way to donate 1% of your purchase to the AORN Foundation with Amazon Smile. Nursing Student Convention in Lafayette on October 9th-12th. Ramie said last year the State Council had a table. This year they want to present instead.

State Council Treasurer, Ramie Miller, announced that Carrie Thomson is the new Chair Elect for the Louisiana Council of AORN chapters. Barbara Friscia is the new secretary for State Council.

Ballot for AORN congress 2015 can be found on the AORN website.

Treasury Report: \$4000.00 in account, \$3000 from memberships

By Laws Chair: Nathalie Walker discussed Chapter By laws and Policies related to Chapter Delegates. The following changes are proposed and will be open for discussion at the Sept 22, 2014 chapter meeting.

Current Bylaw: No proposed change

ARTICLE VIII

Chapter Delegates

A. Eligibility

1. Delegates to the annual AORN Surgical Conference and Expo must have current membership status in the Chapter 1902 to receive funds from the chapter.
2. Representation
 - a. The delegate count is allocated annually to chapters by National based upon the ratio of total chapter membership as of June 30, with

each chapter having a minimum of one (1) delegate.

- b. AORN of New Orleans may choose to seat delegates from another chapter to fill open delegate slots, if needed.

**Current Policy with proposed changes in red
DELEGATE POLICY**

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

Election of Delegates - Eligibility

1. A delegate must be a current voting member of AORN. Delegates are chosen on a point system.
2. A delegate should have attended at least six (6) general meetings the previous year, based on ten (10) meetings a year.
3. A delegate must have active participation on a local AORN committee the previous year.
4. The President and President-elect are automatically delegates and the President-elect shall act as Chairman of Delegates. All other eligible members **that wish to serve as a delegate** must fill out a "Willingness to Serve" form on or by the October meeting (form to be published in the September and October newsletter).
5. The ~~number of~~ eligible **members'** persons receiving the highest number of points will be selected as delegates **by the AORN of New Orleans Board.**
6. Eligibility requirements may be waived in lieu of insufficient candidates.

Provisions for Delegates

1. Delegates are required to fulfill all delegate duties **during** at the Congress at the AORN's Surgical Conference and Expo. This **includes but is not limited** to all scheduled Forums and House of Delegate meeting held during the annual Congress meeting.
2. Chapter Delegate funding is determined annually based on chapter resources.

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BoD Meeting Minutes Continued:

Acceptance of funds by chapter delegate is based on the premises that they attend **All** the mandatory delegate activities during Congress. Failure to do so will result in the delegate returning a prorated portion of their funding **back** to the Chapter.

GUIDELINES FOR DELEGATE SELECTION

1. Chapter membership for a pre-determined time **(one year)** before AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.
2. Attendance at a given number of monthly meetings/activities for the year preceding **(6)**.
3. Active participation in Chapter affairs, service on a committee, program participant, etc., for a year previous to selection.
4. The President and President-Elect are **automatically** delegates.
5. Assignments as a delegate may be an incentive award for a member other than an officer, if that person has contributed greatly to the functioning of the Chapter.
6. The amount of money that is available from the treasury will determine how the Chapter funds its delegates. Funds are distributed by the Treasurer prior to AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.
7. Delegates are required to fulfill all duties at AORN Surgical Conference and Expo. Failure to do so will result in the delegate returning a prorated portion of their funding to the Chapter. This amount is determined based on the number of mandatory delegate activities.
8. Any delegate/(s) failing to fulfill obligation in regard to ~~voting and~~ attendance at meetings may not serve as delegate for one year.
9. AORN, Inc (Headquarters) recommends points system as the only fair way to choose delegates. Our point system is based annually (September 1 to August 31) on:
10. Member is responsible to turn in their points on an **AORN of New Orleans Chapter**

Delegate Application Form: to the Chapter President to be considered as a potential Delegate. (see below)

AORN of New Orleans Chapter Delegate Application Form: Please complete and submit to Chapter President prior to the published deadline to be considered.

Activity	Points	Total
Chapter officers and Board of Directors	5 (active)	
Chapter Committee Chairperson and Nominating Committee Members	4 (active)	
Chapter Committee member	2 (active)	
Chapter sponsored workshop attendance	1 per meeting	
Education presenter	5 per presentation	
Publishing in Chapter Newsletter	1 per article	
Publishing in AORN or other professional journal	5 per article	
Poster Presentation (Research)	5 points	
Poster presentation (Clinical Innovation)	3 points	
Louisiana State Council Officer	5 points	
AORN Specialty Assembly Officer	5 points	
AORN National Committee	5points per committee	
Officer in another Nusing Organization	3 points	
AORN National Elected Officer	8 points	
Other activity for consideration (list here)	To be determined	
		Total Points

Respectfully Submitted by,
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AORN of New Orleans BOD
Chapter Bylaws and Policy Committee Chair



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