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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

May 2017

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President's Message

As we wind our business year down, we've happily left behind all of the April Showers, and look forward to a bunch of May flowers! This month we'll start with a wonderful celebration of nurses and nursing, during the National Nurses Week from May 6- 12th. Post your celebration photos to our Facebook page and show your colleagues all the fun ways we celebrate National Nurses Week here in New Orleans! AORN of New Orleans on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AORN-of-New-Orleans-Chapter-1902-267291809982320/>

May is also our traditional Social meeting. It was so well received the last time that we'll return to Zea's, in Metairie for Wed May 24th. We'll meet around 5p, so that more of our newer/younger/middle shifter members might be able to make it. It is early enough that we will have room at the bar area to order drinks and

appetizers. Later on, we can decide what size table we might need if anyone wants to sit down and eat a proper meal. Log onto their Website for more information:

<http://zearestaurants.com/locations/metairie/>

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Best Wishes,

*Ramie K. Miller, MSN, RN, CNOR
AORN of New Orleans Chapter
1902 - President
Louisiana Council of AORN
Chapters - Chair/Elect
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Ortho Special Edition*



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2016-2017

Next Meeting

May 24th
Zea's on Veterans,
5 PM

Monthly Meeting Dates

June 28th-Installation Dinner

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

Answers to the PeriOp Challenge from page 9

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- 2. B
- 3. B

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

National Legislative Forum

Publish Date: April 19, 2017

[Senate bill 643](#) was heard in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee last week where Rhode Island perioperative nurse, Theresa Plante, RN, BSN, CNOR, and AORN Government Affairs Manager, Danielle Glover, MPA, provided testimony on the need for surgical smoke evacuation policies. Committee members were very engaged in the testimony and asked thoughtful questions. The bill is being held in committee for further study. Last month, the House Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Committee heard the companion bill to S 643, [House bill 5324](#), which was also held for further study along with all bills heard that day in HEW. Senator Cynthia Coyne is the primary sponsor of S. 643. She is familiar with the roles of perioperative nurses as she sponsored the successful legislation last year requiring an RN Circulator in every OR. Representative Joseph McNamara, who toured the exhibit hall at the 2017 Global Surgical Conference and Expo in Boston earlier this month and chairs the HEW Committee, is the House bill sponsor. Raising awareness of the dangers of surgical smoke and the ease with which it can be evacuated is essential to pushing for the elimination of surgical smoke. AORN Government Affairs will continue to advocate for this legislation and provide updates on its progression. If you are interested in helping with this bill or want to learn how to become involved in legislative efforts in your state, please contact Danielle Glover at dglover@aorn.org.

State Links

- [State Board of Nursing](#)
- [Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [State Nurses Association](#)

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Membership Information

Please remember to renew!

- Total Members – 182
- Standard – 119
- Lifetime – 11
- 2/3yr - 20
- Retired – 11
- Associate – 2
- 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:

May

- Rosa Flores-Castellon
- Maura Fuentes
- Sharon Guardina
- Rebecca Harris
- Roxanne McNally
- Tracy Narcisse
- Lori Noel

June

- Ursula Allain
- Ann Dieck
- Brenda Falanga
- Amy Finnegan
- Rosa Flores-Castellon
- Justine Floret
- Ciera Helton
- Catherine Lahare
- Johana Norori
- Hubert Robottom
- Kevin Schabel-Bayhi
- Lynne Vega
- Brandie Ward
- Lindsay Zapalowski

Member News

Congratulations to our very own Nathalie Walker, the new AORN president!



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



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

April 26, 2017 - Chapter Meeting at Ochsner Medical Center – Kenner

President Ramie Miller welcomed the members and guests to the meeting and thanked Ochsner Kenner for hosting the meeting.

The Molnlycke representatives sponsoring the meeting were introduced: Stacy Spiers, Sheila Mays, Kim Balsler, Ami Sitar, and Weslee Sewell. Ramie expressed the gratitude for the support of Molnlycke for the continuing education presentation and the food provided. The continuing education credit is being provided by Pfiedler. A summary of the continuing education is included following the meeting minutes.

Ramie Miller called the Chapter Meeting to order at 4:45PM.

- A **quorum** was established by Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Secretary.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The exact balance was not available at the time of the meeting. Sharon Guardina reported that it was close to \$4000.

Business:

- Delegates form SC&E: Ramie Miller, Sharon Guardina, Melissa Guidry, Mary Anne Toledano, Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Roxanne McNally, Frances Hughes, Christal Cook, and Sheila Ostrow. A few delegates presented highlights of the conference. Check out the newsletter for lots of pictures. Ramie reviewed all of the ways to stay in touch with the chapter and Council.
- Foundation Donation: A \$200 donation made at the conference on behalf of the chapter.

New Business:

- **Nominating Committee:** The Committee continues to accept Willingness to Serve Forms for the following positions: President Elect, Treasurer, and Board of Directors (2). A ballot was not sent to the membership due to lack of receipt of Willingness to Serve forms returned. The open positions will be filled at the Board of Directors to be held in July. The following members have now volunteered to be considered for positions:
 - President Elect: Christal Cook
 - Treasurer: Sheila Ostrow and Melissa Guidry

- Board of Directors: Tammy Sill, Catherine Lapeze, Geri Tannehill (Susan Overman, Linda Levesque, and Dawn Boudreaux are in their second year of service)

If you would like to be considered for one of the positions, please email Mandy Martin-Sanchez or Ramie Miller.

Announcements:

- **Nathalie Walker**, President, AORN, Inc: There is a conference Call for Specialty Assemblies tonight; AORN is trying hard to embrace action (mind, body, spirit) to grow our chapters and specialty assemblies. Calls will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month with chapter leaders. Sharon Guardina will be the volunteer coordinator for 2018 AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.
- **Installation Dinner:** The probable location will be Quarter View on Clearview Parkway. Fish, chicken and a pasta option will be available along with soup, salad, and dessert for approximately \$30 (includes tax and tip). Reserve the 4th Wednesday in June for the dinner!
- **Information on volunteering at Expo** (March 2018 in New Orleans) has not been sent from AORN Inc. If you would like to volunteer for the conference, email Sharon Guardina (sguardina@att.ne). Sharon will be looking for volunteers from across the state so get your name in early!
- The next **State Council Meeting** is in Lafayette on July 15th in at 10AM. All members are invited to attend.
- The North Louisiana AORN chapter will be hosting a seminar on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at Sam's Town in Shreveport.
- The Medical Mission Gala will be held on Friday, June 23rd at Generations Hall, from 7PM-11PM. Tickets are \$75 per person. Contact Melissa Guidry for more information.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18PM

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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, July 15, 2017, Lafayette

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



Meeting at Salvatore's Saturday, April 1, 2017

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, Continued from page 2



Notice of Rulemaking Activity

The Act 376 of 1976 designated nine registered nurse members and two non-voting ex-officio physicians as the official board members of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN). The mission of LSBN has been and remains "To safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe". It is important to LSBN to protect the citizens of Louisiana, but also to give the citizens of Louisiana a vote on how we operate and manage the greater than 64,000 nurses in the state of Louisiana. The proposed rule changes the composition of the members of LSBN in accordance with Act 598 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, adding two public, consumer members to the nine professional nursing members of the board. In order to be in compliance, the Nurse Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations should have the same language, therefore we are adding additional language to the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 46 Professional and Occupational Standards Part XLVII. Nurses: Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses, Subpart 2. Registered Nurses. Chapter 31, section 3105.

The first step in the rulemaking process is the publication of the Board's Notice of Intent in the April edition of the *Louisiana Register*. As of April 20, 2017 you will be able to access the publication free of charge at the state register's website at <http://www.doa.la.gov/osr>. The Notice of Intent can be found [here](#).

The Board requests to receive written comments on the proposed revisions by May 10, 2017. Please direct all written communications regarding this proposal to my attention at the Board office. For the Board
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, RN, NEA
Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted by,

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





Meeting Minutes - Continued:

Continuing Education Summary:

“Latex or Synthetic Gloves? Risk Reduction Strategies”

presented by Sheila Mays

Overview of latex allergy:

- There is no rhyme or reason for the allergy. It is an acquired allergy (when body comes in contact with allergen, imprints and makes a memory; it is not something that a person is born with, rather it takes time to develop). There is no cure and no vaccine to prevent a latex allergy. Prevention is the only way to go, but it is impossible to have a world that is latex-free.
- In 1980’s, HIV changed the way we changed the way latex gloves were used. Many gloves that contained lots of latex proteins during this time of vastly increased glove use. Because of this, more allergies developed. Medical glove use has ballooned from approximately 800 million in the 1980’s to over 22 billion today. Gloves are now required in places where they were never used in the past such as airports, nail salons, delis and many others.
- Sensitivity comes initially with the development of an immunologic memory (IgE) to specific proteins; symptoms may or may not be experienced. The latency period ranges from several weeks to as long as 30 years.

Patients at increased risk:

- Spina bifida and congenital urogenital abnormalities have the highest prevalence of latex allergies (up to 75% for spina bifida); multiple surgeries and procedures during infancy/childhood; early or frequent mucosal contact with latex; atopic individuals (those with individuals with known food allergies); quadriplegics; pregnant women have a 3x higher risk than nulliparous women undergoing GYN surgery; cancer/chemo patients, asthma patients, transplant patients/organs; unconscious patient arriving in E.R. (can’t talk for themselves).
Persons with food allergies: approximately 30-50% of latex allergic patient have hypersensitivity to particular plant-derived foods (fruits [melons, apple, cherry, coconut apricot, strawberry, loquat, pear, peach tomato, papaya, kiwi, mango, passion fruit], veggies [celery]; plants and nuts [chestnuts, soybean, wheat, peanut, rye]).
- Healthcare workers (HCWs) have an increased risk of developing a latex allergy (rates between 2-17%). Those with atopy (multiple allergies) have up to 24% risk and OR personnel have a 33.5% prevalence of latex protein sensitization symptoms. The number of years worked in healthcare setting and wearing gloves > 1 hour/day increases risk of acquiring latex allergy; 1 out of 50 HCW become sensitized each year from latex gloves; 70% of all reported adverse events from latex allergies are from healthcare workers.

Role of Latex in Allergic reactions:

- Latex is a natural milky liquid substance from rubber

trees that mainly consists of a polymer providing strength and elasticity (also contains sugars, lipids, nucleic acids and highly allergenic proteins).

- Latex is contained in over 40,000 different household products and 17,600 medical devices (such as gloves, airways, IV tubing, syringes, stethoscopes, catheters, dressings and bandages).
- Routes of Latex Exposure include skin absorption, inhalation (powders or other way to aerosolize latex), ingestion, mucosal absorption (GYN exams, etc.), and intravenous.
- Types of reactions
 - Irritant contact dermatitis – not an allergy. Mechanical or thermal injury (like from powder rubbing between glove and skin); Onset: gradual over days or weeks; scaling, dry skin
 - Allergic contact dermatitis – chemical exposure, may occur after repeated exposure; onset begins 6-48 hours after exposure – need to get tested to get gloves made with
 - Immediate reaction hypersensitivity – exposure to latex proteins on glove surface or bound to powder in air or on objects; onset within minutes or up to 2 hours later

Consequences of Latex Allergy

- Anaphylaxis: latex is the 2nd leading cause of anaphylaxis in the OR; up to 6% of anaphylactic episodes end in death; half of all latex related allergic reactions occur during OB/GYN procedures.
- Career path alterations: Certain positions may need to be avoided due to the allergy. One study showed that HCW who changed jobs due to latex allergies experienced a 24% reduction in salary.
- Lifestyle adjustments: impacts the use of many household items
- Avoiding medical care: Due to fear of having a reaction
- Effective January 17, 2017, there is a ban on glove powder.

Management Strategies – Risk reduction of Latex Allergy

- Recommendations from AORN are geared to prevention (only 25% of HCW checked patients for latex allergies)
- Avoiding latex sources in the workplace: 90% of latex allergic HCWs reported resolution of work-related symptoms once switched to synthetic gloves (skin, respiratory, and systemic symptoms resolved)
- It is not enough to just ask, “Do you have a latex allergy?” Healthcare facilities may need to get a deeper dive to detect latex sensitivities.

When Policies and Procedures are not followed:

\$4.7 million awarded for wrongful death of a patient who experienced anaphylactic shock due to latex. The hospital failed to identify latex allergy and take appropriate precautions. The patient’s history form was not addressed (allergy to chestnut).

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Save the Date

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Meeting Minutes - Continued:

Latex allergies can have profound impact on hospital resources:

- Treating anaphylactic episode, workers compensation, OR teardown, idle OR time, time for staff to prep for latex-safe room, work productivity

FDA labeling of product – now must be called SYNTHETIC latex

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There is no cure:

- Symptoms may resolve quickly with latex avoidance therapy
- Switching to latex-free has been shown to decrease latex sensitization and allergy rates in patients



1. Which of the following complementary care interventions can help relieve a patient’s anxiety during surgical and other invasive procedures?

- A. Aromatherapy
- B. Massage therapy
- C. Music therapy
- D. All of the above

2. Compliance with hand hygiene in the perioperative setting should be measured by

- A. Automated hand hygiene monitors.
- B. Direct observation.
- C. Measuring product usage.
- D. Surveying staff

3. In addition to standard precautions, what precautions should a perioperative RN implement when caring for a patient who is diagnosed with *Clostridium difficile* disease?

- A. Airborne
- B. Contact
- C. Droplet
- D. Strict

Want to get more involved in the chapter? We are looking for volunteers!

Chapter 1902 has the following positions available:

- 1 President-Elect
- 1 Treasurer
- 2 Board Members

Please let Ramie Miller or Mandy Martin-Sanchez know if you are interested.



Congratulations to our Lake Charles Chapter 1903 for rocking the VOTE!

In the recent Voting Matters Campaign, Lake Charles achieved the highest percentage of votes for their chapter. The following chapters below also achieved a high percentage of votes in the AORN election:

- 4106 AORN Coastal South Carolina with 34% voter participation
- 1903 Southwest Louisiana with 33% voter participation
- 3704 Cherokee Strip Oklahoma with 29% voter participation
- 532 Sierra Tahoe California with 28% voter participation
- 4904 North Central West Virginia with 26% voter participation

These five Chapters have each won an AORN prize package that includes one free registration to the 2018 AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo in New Orleans, one standard 1 year AORN membership, and one e-subscription to AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice. These Chapters' leaders are being notified by email with contact information to redeem their prizes. Congratulations!

Chapter Willingness-to-Serve Form (Sample)

Officer/Board/Delegate Willingness-to-Serve Form	
Chapter #	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am aware of the eligibility requirements and responsibilities for this position and I have received a copy of the job description. 	Indicate position:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am willing to serve the Chapter in the position indicated for the term indicated on this form. 	Indicate term of office:
Eligibility requirements: (all requirements must be fulfilled) Place a check in the box to verify each requirement.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintained active membership status. (January – December of previous year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attended two meetings during fall of current year. (September, October, November)
<input type="checkbox"/> Attended at least six Chapter meetings. (January – December of previous year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Activity record is attached.
<input type="checkbox"/> Served on at least one committee. (January – December of previous year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Served on Board for one term. (Applies only to President, President-Elect, or Vice President)
Signature:	
Date:	
Name (please print):	
Address	
City	State Zip
Email:	
Work phone:	Home phone:
Return 'Willingness-to-Serve' form by _____ to	
_____ Nominating Committee Chair	



AORN GLOBAL SURGICAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

2017 National Election Voting Results

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Stephanie S. Davis, MSHA, RN, CNOR, CSSM

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James (Jay) Bowers, BSN, RN, CNOR, TNCC

Evangeline (Vangie) Dennis, BSN, RN, CNOR, CMLSO

Brenda G. Larkin, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CNS-CP, CNOR

Nominating Committee

Karen M. Knapp, BSN, RN, CNOR, CRNEA

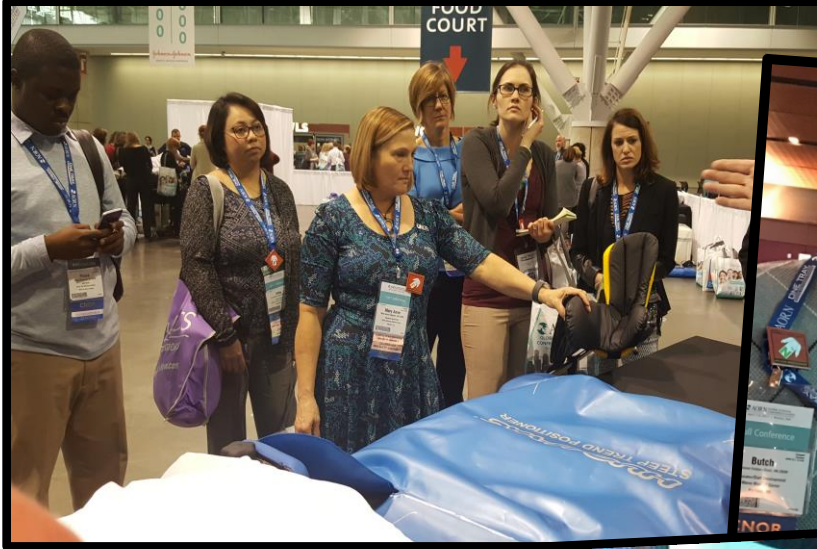
Nikki Washington, MSN, MBA-HCM, RN, CNOR

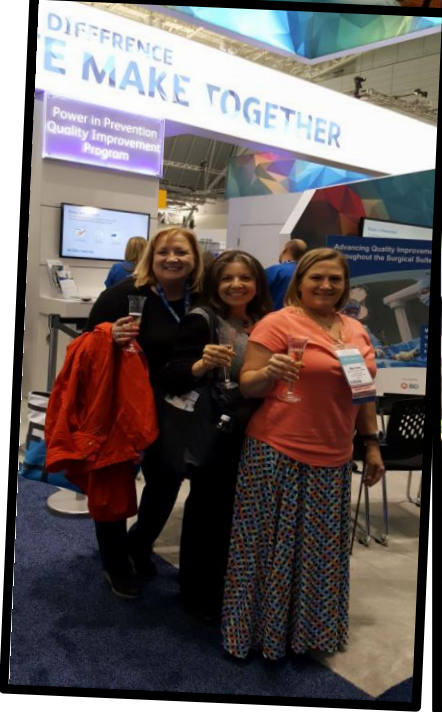
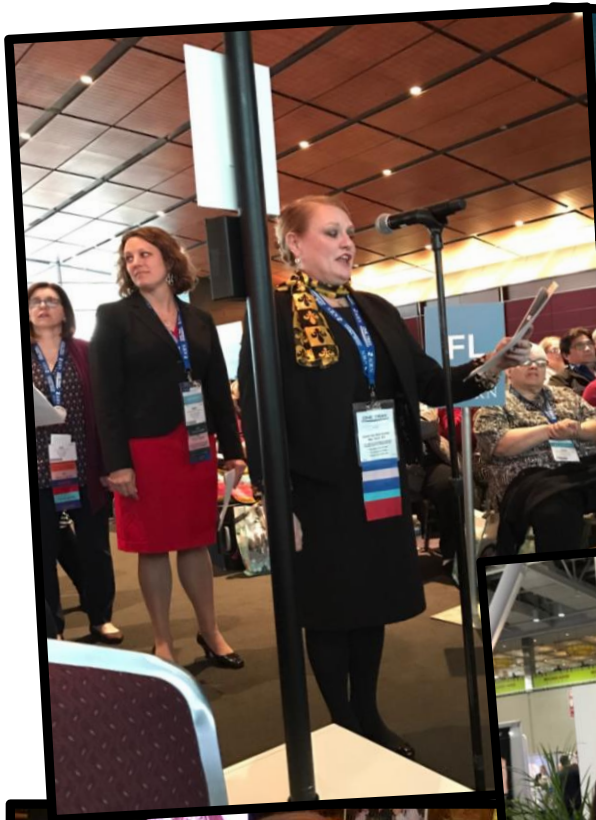


Chapter 1902 members donating \$200 to the AORN Foundation



Members, from left: Mary Anne Toledano, Ramie Miller, Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Melissa Guidry, Sheila Ostrow, Roxanne McNally and Christal Cook







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Finding the Power to Act

A conversation with

Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR



“I’ve always embraced the wisdom that leadership is action, not a position,” says AORN President Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR.

Last week at AORN’s annual conference, Walker stepped into the role of association President. Building from the work of AORN’s previous presidents who have inspired members to thrive through transformation and harness their power, Walker’s presidential theme will be to Embrace Action: Mind, Body, and Spirit.

“We take action with our mind by using our clinical guidelines and critical thinking skills in daily practice, we take action with our bodies by focusing on becoming healthier to model wellness for our patients, and we take action with our spirit of belonging to this association, collaborating with colleagues and reaching out into the community—we have to act with our entire being to effect true change,” Walker explains.

Walker has been a perioperative nurse for twenty-three years, with roles ranging from staff nurse, manager, and educator of perioperative services. Most recently she demonstrated her passion to act for nursing in her own community through her work as a member of the Louisiana Nursing Supply and Demand Commission, a subcommittee of the Health Works Commission of Louisiana. She has been an active member of AORN, joining in 1992 and serving on numerous association committees and also serving two terms on the AORN Board of Directors, and terms as AORN Treasurer and AORN Secretary. Along with her continued leadership involvement in AORN at a national level, Walker has also maintained an active voice in her local AORN chapter and grassroots legislative activities.

The Year Ahead

One of Walker’s primary goals for her presidency is to grow AORN membership and expand grassroots members’ involvement in the association through chapters, legislative activities and through a variety of micro-volunteering opportunities that will give busy nurses a chance to get involved and share their expertise in ways that don’t overtax their time. One example of this micro-volunteering would be to share comments when AORN posts a draft practice guideline for public review.

“Whether a perioperative nurse can share a few hours to review a guideline, a few days out of the year to participate in dialogue for a membership or legislative phone discussion, or time each month to advance the work of a committee or task force, the key is to help our members share their expertise in ways they can commit to,” Walker stresses. “Involvement is different for every nurse and I’m committed to providing various ways for more members to find their right level of involvement in the association.”

Walker is very passionate about the critical role involvement can play in an individual nurse’s career path, as well as the collective strength of the perioperative nursing community. “I’m motivated to energize people to take an active role in defining and achieving their goals,” she says. “Nothing is achieved in a vacuum—with energy comes creativity and commitment that inspires members to excel.”

In order to continue to develop the creative avenues for members and even non-members to access and engage with the association, Walker has shaped an ambitious set of committees and task forces for the year that address membership goals, as well as advancing nursing practice through education, technologies such as simulation, and legislative advocacy.

Members can learn about these action groups online and also fill out a very brief online application form to share their interest in participation.

“The power is within each of us to advocate for our patients and also advocate for ourselves,” Walker encourages. “We need to find our voice, we need to speak up and we need to share our enthusiasm for our professions whether we are speaking to each other, future nurses or legislators.”

She encourages every perioperative nurse to share to find their voice, share their passion for the profession, and strive every day to reach new levels of knowledge and understanding to continue advancing the profession and make a difference in the lives of patients and broader communities.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Find your voice and make the commitment to get involved with President Walker’s committees and task forces. Learn more and [get involved](#).

FOR MANAGERS

Learn more about Walker’s commitment to action in her President’s message in the April issue of [AORN Journal](#).



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



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Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$11,817.22

Deposits:

Vendor	+ 200.00
National dues	+ <u>331.50</u>
Total	\$531.50

Expenses:

Delegates	+8680.00
Foundation	+ <u>200.00</u>

April ending balance: \$3468.72

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Ostrow, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902



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