



PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans ~ Chapter 1902

August 2021

2021 – 2022 Officers

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President's Message

Hello Members,

The heat is on! Summer is in full swing, but sadly, so is the Delta variant. The AORN Surgical Conference and Expo in Orlando has gone virtual due to the rise in COVID rates. Our chapter will still participate, and the following delegates will attend the conference virtually: Sharon Guardina, Nathalie Walker, Melissa Guidry, Roxanne McNally, Christian Assaf, Kim Conway, Judy Montello, Kristi Guillot, Carrie Simpson (alternate), and myself. Members can join the conference virtually for \$99. I encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity.

The board of directors met on July 17th to plan the chapter activities for the year. The meeting dates are listed on page three of this newsletter. It was agreed that Zoom meetings should continue. With the Delta variant of COVID hitting us hard, Zoom could be our only option. And it worked well for so many members that we agreed it was here to stay.

Other topics discussed were community service projects, fundraisers and committees. There were suggestions for some community service projects that will be discussed further at the

next meeting. With my theme this year being “**Stronger Together**” we will work on increasing membership. There will be a membership committee formed to work on bringing in new members and getting lapsed members to rejoin. I hope to get our chapter liaisons to assist with this committee.

Fundraising is always a topic discussed at BOD meetings. We all agreed that the Rada Kitchen Store will continue to be our main fundraising project, but we need to continue looking for other ways to raise money. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Our **August** meeting will take place at **Vincent's** in Metairie on the 25th for 5 PM. To register, you can click [HERE](#) and use the event ID 5259, by emailing crsreservation@pvaluecomm.com or calling 866-782-5830 There will not be a CE with this meeting, but we will all get a chance to see everyone and have a delicious meal.

Hope to see you at Vincent's!

Mary Anne



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2021-2022

August 25th- at Vincent's in Metairie, sponsored by Scot Poucher from Pacira.

Sept. 22nd- tentatively at Children's Hospital

October 27th- tentatively at Ochsner Elmwood

December 15th-Community Outreach

January 8th-Annual Winter Seminar at EJGH

February 16th-tentatively at Ochsner Kenner

March 19-26- Expo in New Orleans

April 27th – tentatively at Ochsner Jeff Hwy

May 25th – @ Baptist or Crescent City Surgical

Per member request,
meetings start
at 5 PM,
unless otherwise noted.

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for Chapter Web Site



August 25th Meeting at Vincent's Restaurant 4411 Chastant Street in Metairie Join us for the Leading Education for Advanced Pain Solutions (LEAPS) Workshop

The LEAPS program focuses on educating and engaging multidisciplinary team members in the acute pain management space. This interactive workshop is designed to ensure full engagement and active participation from attendees.

The workshop will focus on:

- Outlining the multidimensional nature of pain and pain pathways
- Discussing the value of pain assessment and thorough patient education
- Managing pain in challenging patients
- Reviewing regional anesthesia options as an opioid-minimizing strategy
- Optimizing the potential impact of enhanced recovery and multimodal approaches

Scot Poucher
Clinical Education Manager
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
Registration: 5:00 PM Central
Dinner/Discussion: 5:15 PM Central
Vincent's Italian Cuisine
(504) 885-2984

Click [HERE](#) to register using
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Membership Information

Total Members – 231

Student Members – 1

Standard – 155

Lifetime – 24

2/3yr – 28

Retired – 9

Associate – 3

When you renew, please check your membership status on “My AORN” to see that it states “Chapter 1902”.

And bring a new nurse to the chapter meetings. We are always recruiting new members to our chapter.

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:

June

Elise Bourgeois
Ann Burghardt-Dieck
Jacob Doll
Fran Eppinette
Alexi Felmlee
Amanda Parenti
Marilyn Puerto
Kourtney Shelby
Sarah Smith
Amanda Talbott
Shannon Watson
Madeline Wiche

July

Angela Bye
Jamie Conzelmann
Rebecca Frey
Kristi Guillot
Shirley Himel
Nancy Iovino
Johana Lagos
Phylis Panquerne
Dianne Taylor

August

Amy Deli
Terri Kinler
Robin Malach
Aejay Pecquet

September

Chantel Allen
Kathleen Blanchard
Candi Blandin
Kay Bourg
Roxane Elliott
Michelle Haydel
Angela Howell
Katherine Jones
Ashley Kelley
Haley LeBlanc
Doreen Lentz
Victoria Mons
Judith Montello
Martha Peltier
Gretchen Sagona
Allison Schutz
Tracey Tonsmeire



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

AORN of New Orleans – Chapter 1902 Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, July 17, 2021 @ Ochsner
Call to Order at 1025 by Mary Anne Toledano

Quorum established per Article V, B. 3 of the Bylaws.

Introduction of 2021-2022 Board members and Committee members present and picture of those in attendance taken for newsletter.



AORN Web Site – Mary Anne demonstrated the website to group and reviewed information available to officers and board members. Reminder to members to update their AORN profile. Chapter 1902 website is

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com. Our webmaster is Ramie Miller. Roxanne McNally suggested we have a secondary member to provide coverage in case Ramie is not available – further discussion to occur. The website is managed by Wix.com and the chapter pays a fee for this coverage.

Newsletter Ads – discussions as to placement of ads in the monthly newsletter. Currently two hospital systems are interested in placing ads. In the past, the costs was \$25 for business card size, \$50 ½ page and \$100 for full page. This pricing will need to be updated. Sharon will check with Kerilyn Vox Johnson at headquarters to see if there is any

restriction with advertising for hospital systems in our chapter newsletters or Facebook page.

Old Business – By laws updated in 2020 – Next update will be in 2022. No other outstanding old business.

New Business

a. Communication

1. Email – list distributed for those in attendance to verify current email
2. Group me – Mary Anne has created a group me text for concise way to communicate with officers and board members. She confirmed that everyone was okay with the process. Sharon asked that the text is used for pertinent business only.

b. Bylaws – update due 2022 – there were no discussions for any updates

c. Getting the vote out – open discussion as to how to encourage members to vote for national officers. There were slightly over 1400 votes cast for this years national ballot.

d. SC&E (8/7-8/10) – Orlando

1. No silent auction this year
2. Delegates can Zoom the session - more information to follow
3. Delegates – Our chapter has 9 plus 1 alternate. Sharon is delegate chair. She will setup a group text to use as a communication tool for the delegates for this year at Expo. There will be a ZOOM call planned to review delegate responsibilities and answer any questions.
4. Future sites of SC&E
 - a. New Orleans – March 19-23, 2022 – Ramie Miller is Volunteer Coordinator
 - b. San Antonio – April 1-5, 2023

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Trea\$urer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$10,077.83

Deposits: \$ 0

Expenses: \$ 2,910.00 (AORN Expo Registrations)

Ending balance: \$ 7,167.83

Respectfully submitted,

**Bobbi Carew, BSN, RN
Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902**



Special thanks to Melissa Guidry, our outgoing treasurer.

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AORN Foundation

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Committee Opportunities:
Let Mary Anne know if you want to be part of a committee!



Community Service Committee Members

Chair:
Roxanne McNally
Elaine Stock

Social Committee Members

Chair:
Roxanne McNally
Elaine Stock

Membership Committee Member

Chair:
Roxanne McNally
Elaine Stock

Fundraising Committee Members

Chair:
Nora Lambert



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – continued

e. Membership Committee

Discussions as to how to get members involved and stay engaged. For example, Past officers – communicate to them inviting them to comeback! Recommend interaction with designated liaisons at each hospital – ask them to post information or decorate a bulletin board about what is going on in the chapter, list benefits of membership. One Idea was to get leaders involved – invite them to the November social.

e. Winter Seminar – January 8, 2022

Nathalie has requested room for January 8th at EJ . This is the same date as the LA State Council meeting. She will also request an AORN board member visit. Responsibilities will be Mary Anne, education; Sharon, food; Nathalie, silent auction.

f. Lunch –

Lunch was ordered and paid for by Bobbie Carew. Sharon Guardina made motion that chapter reimburse Bobbie for lunch, Nathalie seconded and all approved.

g. Chapter Leader Town Hall meeting

Nathalie Walker reviewed what was discussed at most recent town hall meeting held on July 15th.

1. Aug 7th at SC&E, 7-930 is Summit Leadership at Hilton. Must preregister to attend. Breakfast at 645, 1 contact hour, drawing for congress in New Orleans.
2. AORN Membership hub – 2 or 3 photo hub, lifetime members to pickup items
3. \$149 virtual passes, July 23rd early bird registration
4. Joint Commission Accreditation Assistance Guidelines plus package available
5. Fire in OR package
6. Pressure in OR

7. Hot topic virtual forum

8. Encourage to donate to Backpack for Kids in Orlando
9. Portal for Chapter accountability standards in now open – Diversity, equity and inclusion has now been added to the CAS
10. Sept 22nd and Nov 4th are future dates for Town halls.

i. **Monthly Meetings** – will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month starting at 5pm with both virtual and in person options. Plan is to have an AORN Guidelines Review at each meeting starting in September. Mary Anne requested for someone to monitor the Chat box during the virtual meetings. Mandy is the backup to Mary Anne for the ZOOM log in meetings – She will ask Mandy to monitor.

Committees – Definitions and responsibilities can be found in Chapter 1902 Policy Manual

- a. **Newsletter** – Mary Anne will send out between the 1st and the 5th of the month. She will need submissions no later than the 25th of the previous month. Late submissions may not make it in the newsletter.
- b. **State Council** – As Vice-President, Sharon will represent chapter at meetings.
- c. **Legislative** – Nathalie
- d. **Social** –
- e. **Webmaster** – aornofneworleanschapter1902.com – Ramie Miller
- f. **Membership (Hospitality)**
- g. **Education and Seminar** – also known as Winter Seminar
- h. **Nursing Research** – Sharon is going to reach out to Mandy to see if she might be interested and Roxanne will reach out to Michelle DeLima

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – continued

- i. **Ways and Means** – Bobbie – The Chapter members can still order from RADA and will just need to pay shipping and the Chapter will receive a portion of the sale.

Special Committees

- a. **Perioperative Nurse week** – 11/14/21 – 11/20/21 – Nathalie will contact Governor’s office and Mayor’s office to obtain proclamation for Perioperative Nurse Week.
- b. **Community Service Projects** – Several ideas for projects to get members involved
 1. Second Harvest Food Bank
 2. New Orleans Medical Mission
 3. Adopt a nursing home resident during the holidays
- c. **Membership**

Officer Duties and Task assignments – Definitions and responsibilities can be found in Chapter 1902 Policy Manual. Mary Anne will make assignments and divide committees by the September meeting. if Board and/or Officers have a preference, let Mary Anne know. The goal is to have a report prepared for the monthly meetings.

National AORN News (Chapter Challenges, Grants, Town Halls, CNOR, etc) – The \$150 grant for social event with pictures is continuing for this year. Grants are closed until 2022 – A reminder when the grant process reopens, the process is simple to do. It is a one paragraph and must meet the deadline.

Treasury Standing Guidelines – reviewed. Motion by Sharon to add these guidelines to the Chapter 1902 Policy Manual after approval. Seconded by Nathalie Walker and approved by those in attendance. One addition to the guidelines is to give a \$200 stipend to the President- Elect for attending the Leadership Summit at Expo. After discussion, a motion was made by Nora, for the \$200 stipend to be paid to Mary Anne for attendance at the Leadership Summit on August 7th in Orlando.

Seconded by Nathalie Walker, approved by those in attendance.

Chapter Monthly meetings and programs

2021 – 2022

July 17	BOD Meeting
August 25	Pacira Education - Dinner meeting - Vincent’s
September 22	Children’s
October 27	Nakeisha Archer/Darlene Murdock – Ochsner Diversity/Equality/Inclusion
December 15	Community Outreach
January 8	Winter Seminar
January 26	None
February 16	Kenner
March 19-23	Expo – New Orleans
March 23	None
April 27	Elmwood
May 25	TBD – Possibly Baptist/Crescent City

Adjournment – No other business or discussion meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.