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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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President's Message

Continuing this year's theme of Mindfulness, for August, I want to touch on Advocacy. Yes, you may say, as a surgical nurse I am always advocating for my patients, however, are you mindful of what else you can be doing to also advocate for your patients? Unless you have been working overseas, or just taking Call, you know that this is an election year. Not just any election year, but one that can change history. Let your voice be heard and VOTE.

Healthcare is on the table for electing officials from the most local levels to the national level. In February, Louisiana Gov. Bel Edwards stated that we were facing an estimated \$940 million shortfall in the budget. Proposed cuts were to higher education and healthcare, two of the largest areas of expenditure in the budget, which directly effects most of our hospitals state-wide. Does this effect you? Does this effect the care you give to your patients? You betcha. Did you write a Senator, a Representative, or any elected official to let them know where you stand?

Right now, we are finishing up the conventions to decide the two (or possibly more?) candidates that will be running in November for election as the next President of the United States. At the same time, Louisiana will also be filling a senate seat vacated by David Vitter. This election will have a record number of candidates vying for

election slated for Nov. 8, and a runoff, if needed, scheduled for Dec. 10. Do you know where they each stand on Healthcare? Now is the time to listen to each candidate. You may be saying to yourself, Self, why, in August, is Ramie talking about elections that are still months away? Because my friends, right now time is still on our side to get to know these candidates, make decisions on where they stand with healthcare, let our local leaders know how vital leaving adequate room in our budgets is for safe staffing levels, giving Advanced Practice Nurses the ability to practice to the full extent of their education, and leaving key hospitals in place to take care of our patients the safest and best ways that we possibly can.

Be mindful of all the issues. Be mindful of voting. Be mindful of how you vote. Be mindful that each vote really counts. To paraphrase an old saying, Mindfulness is a terrible things to waste.

Best Wishes,

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



Chapter 1902 Calendar 2016-2017

Monthly Meeting Dates

August 24th -Tulane
September 28th -Ochs Kenner
October 26th -EJGH
November 16th -Social
December –No Meeting
January 25th -Dinner Meeting
February 15th -Ochs Jeff Hwy
March 22nd -Potluck, Ramie
April 26th -Ochsner Kenner
May 24th -Social
June 28th -Installation Dinner

Special Events

October 20nd-23rd, LASN in
Shreveport

November 8th-14th,
PeriOperative Nurses Week

November 24th-
Thanksgiving

January 14th –Winter Seminar,
EJGH

February 28th - Mardi Gras

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

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

AORN's Legislative Priorities

The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses promotes and responds to legislative and policy issues that impact the practice of perioperative nursing and patient safety in the surgical environment. AORN works collaboratively with health care colleagues, organizations, and decision-makers to advance patient safety and health care improvements in all operative settings, but does not endorse specific candidates. The following are our current AORN legislative priorities information obtained from the [AORN Government Affair](#) webpage:

RN Circulator

AORN maintains that every surgical patient deserves a perioperative registered nurse for the duration of any operative or other invasive procedure and actively promotes laws and regulations to ensure the supervisory presence of the professional RN in the perioperative setting.

Did you know?

24 states have laws or regulations in place that require a registered nurse to serve as the circulator in hospitals, and 16 states have similar language for ambulatory surgical centers. Although not as comprehensive as the AORN legislative priority, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) also has regulations and guidance addressing the RN Circulator.

Professional Practice

AORN protects the perioperative registered nurse's scope of practice and patient safety by engaging in legislative, regulatory, agency, and other stakeholder approaches to RN education, certification, supervision, roles, competencies, and duties.

Did you know?

Allied health care providers and support personnel contribute to optimal patient care processes in a variety of ways. Concern for public safety mandates that the perioperative RN examine and understand the roles and responsibilities for appropriate delegation to and supervision of these individuals and the delegated nursing tasks they perform.

Allied health care providers demonstrate competency through demonstration, testing, and participation of credentialing systems approved for their discipline. A range of functions specific to any allied health care provider or support person may be identified

Membership Information

Please remember to renew!

- Total Members – 190
- Standard – 115
- Lifetime – 8
- 2/3yr - 19
- Retired – 11
- Associate – 5
- Student Members – 38

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

- Kimberly Andrews
- Brittany Barbeta
- Amanda Barron
- Heather Billiot
- Jessica Dehghanpir
- Patrick Dowd
- Shannon Flowers
- Christine Gottbrath
- Lindsey Gumpert
- Kelli Hagan
- Cassandra Langevin
- Jenna Lascala
- Ashley Manzur
- Amanda Mitzel

September

- Julie Bourque
- Darnell Caldwell
- Ann Cantrell
- Leslie Frazier
- Michelle DeLima
- Aimee Falgout
- Jamie Johnson
- Svitlana Koncha
- Victoria Leitis
- Jill Lusignan
- Carly Metzner
- Susan Overman
- Kathy Pratt
- Anthony Woods
- Pam Zimmerman

Member News

If you have news from
your facility
Please send any updates to
Mary Anne Toledano
at mstoledano@ejgh.org



Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

- Saturday, October 8, 2016, Baton Rouge
- Saturday, November 12, 2016, Beach Seminar
- Saturday, January 14, 2017, Metairie
- Saturday, April 1, 2017, Boston
- Saturday, July 15, 2017, Shreveport



WHAT: AORN Chapter 1902 Winter Seminar

WHEN: January 14, 2017 (Saturday)

WHERE: EJ Conference Center, Metairie, LA

More Info Coming Soon

Need Volunteer Hours for Career Ladder?

The New Orleans Medical Mission needs volunteers. They meet at 625 Distributors Row on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9 am 1 pm. They pack inventory to get it ready for shipping to locations in need. If you need volunteer hours they would love your help. They also go on medical missions. They are collecting school uniforms and sports uniforms for Honduras. If anyone is interested in volunteering or have donations please contact Mary Morvant at

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Workplace Safety and Patient Safety Initiatives

AORN supports legislative and regulatory initiatives for safe perioperative work environments and accountable patient safety cultures. AORN's affiliation with the American Nurses Association (ANA) allows AORN members to connect with the resources and advocacy activities of ANA and the broader nursing community.

Registered Nurse First Assistant

The registered nurse first assistant (RNFA) is a perioperative registered nurse who functions in an expanded role, working in collaboration with the surgeon and health care team members to achieve optimal patient outcomes. Intraoperatively, the RNFA practices at the direction of the surgeon and does not concurrently function as a scrub nurse.

Patient Safety Culture

AORN encourages legislative and regulatory efforts to establish an accountable, trusting patient safety culture in the perioperative setting, such as robust whistleblower protections for health care providers and mandatory reporting on safe surgery checklist use.

Health System Improvements

AORN promotes the role of the perioperative registered nurse in achieving the reform goals of cost containment and improved patient experiences and outcomes. Health care system reform efforts should recognize the contributions of the perioperative registered nurse in improving patient outcomes. AORN also promotes standardized data collection and analysis to advance improvements in patient safety and care quality.

Did you Know?

AORN's Government Affairs department supports advocacy on behalf of perioperative nurses before legislative and regulatory bodies at both the state and federal levels. Based on recommendations from the AORN membership and the AORN Headquarters staff each year the AORN Board of Directors reviews and approves our legislative priorities for the Government Affairs department to pursue in legislative and regulatory arenas nationwide.

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



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!!!



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

The AORN of New Orleans, Chapter 1902, held a Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at the home of Ramie Miller.

The meeting was called to order by Ramie Miller, President at 11:35AM.

- A quorum was present, in according to the Bylaws. In addition to the chapter officers, the following members were in attendance: Carrie Simpson, Nathalie Walker, Geri Tannehill, Ann Dieck.
- Officers for the 2016 – 2017 year were introduced:
 - **President:** Ramie Miller
 - **President-Elect:** Sharon Guardina; Sharon will be the Volunteer Coordinator for Expo 2018
 - **Vice-President:** Mary Anne Toledano; Mary Anne is also the editor of the chapter newsletter and will serve as the LA State Council chapter representative;
 - **Secretary:** Mandy Martin-Sanchez; Mandy is also chair of the Nominating Committee;
 - **Treasurer:** Sheila Ostrow;
 - **Board Members:**
 - Dawn Boudreaux
 - Christal Cook
 - Sarah Hunsucker
 - Linda Levesque
 - Susan Overman

positions. Ann Dieck and Nathalie Walker volunteered to fill those positions. The motion to appoint Ann and Nathalie to the positions was made and passed.

- **Chapter Communication and Resources:** Mary Anne is editor of the newsletter and Frances is the assistant editor. Please get any information to be included in the newsletter in to Mary Anne as soon after the chapter meeting as possible. The newsletter goes out at the beginning of the month. Please send information pertaining to staff news of hires, promotions, special life events, hospital and community events and volunteer opportunities.

Ramie is the administrator for the chapter Facebook and Website. The newsletter and other chapter information will be included on these sites. Please refer to the following resources for chapter information:

- Facebook: AORNofNewOrleansChapter1902
- Twitter: AORNofNewOrleans
- Website: aornofneworleanschapter1902.com
- OR Nurse Link: <http://www.ornurselink.org/groups/home/170>
- Bylaws: <http://www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com/#!blank/cfvg>

- **National Communication:** Nathalie Walker, President-Elect for AORN, Inc., is inviting ideas to engage people for brief periods of time in committees and task forces. The work of the committees and task forces could be presented to the membership via a webinar or other communication vehicle.
 - Every month Martha Stratton (AORN President) hosts a National Legislative Forum and would like to engage all interested members. Nathalie will keep us informed about how to participate in these calls. If you are interested in participating, please contact dglover@aorn.org to find out more information and have your name put on the email for the National Legislative Forum. Please include your name, chapter, email address in the communication.
 - The initiatives are being written for the charges for the 2017-2018 committees. If you are interested in participating in a committee or task force, the process for volunteering has changed. The charges of the committees and task forces will be publicized and members will then apply for the one(s) of interest. This will enable shorter commitments of time and focus on topics of interest.
 - **Winter Seminar** –Frances will be the chairperson for the seminar that will be held on January 14, 2017, at EJGH. Committee members include Ramie, Melissa, Nathalie, and Sharon. Speaker volunteers and recommendations include: Vangie Dennis (leadership), Jay Bowers (history of men in nursing), and Ann Dieck and Michelle DeLima (introduction to team STEPPS). The CDC will be coming out with a new Endoscopy Cleaning Process; this may be a topic for the seminar. Potential speakers for this topic could be Chuck Hughes or a vendor-provided educator.
 - The LA State Council meeting will be held on the same day after the seminar (3P-5p). This plan will allow the State Council members to attend the seminar! Tulane will provide the contact hours for the seminar.
 - Sharon will coordinate a Vendor Fair as part of the Seminar.
 - Please communicate the date to co-
 - that they can “save the date” well in advance! This is a major fundraiser for the chapter!
 - **Treasurers Report:** Sheila Ostrow reported that the chapter has \$8,085.24 in the bank account. Fundraising will be needed this year because Boston (the site of the 2017 Expo) is very expensive.
 - Discussion regarding delegate selection and funding for Expo was held. The chapter utilizes a points system because the people who are active deserve to attend Expo as delegates. If there are not enough volunteers to fill the delegate seats, then the chapter leadership looks to the members with chapter leadership potential as an investment in our future. The chapter has been successful with this and it helps with succession planning.
 - Additional plans are being made to use chapter funds to host activities that would be of interest to the entire membership and help to form connections among the members. Suggestions of social activities, such as dances, picnics, etc., were discussed. Send your suggestions to one of the board members.
 - A celebration for the Chapter Excellence Gold Award will also be planned. Ideas for this celebration were discussed (such as a “spa day”). Send your ideas to a board member!
 - **Community Event:** The New Orleans Medical Mission is selling tickets for a drawing to be held on August 25th. Tickets are \$20 each. Check the Facebook and the chapter website for additional details.
- New Business**
- **Membership Committee:** Ramie appointed Sarah and Christal to co-chair this committee. Their charge is to work together to engage members who are no longer active.
 - **Student Membership:** Ann Dieck is the chairperson. She teaches at Delgado. She goes out and speaks to student nurses about the OR and arranges OR tours. During the tour, Ann teaches them to scrub and gown to give them a feel for the OR. Ann would like to expand this

- program and will provide other volunteers with the information and resources that she has already developed. UMC (Christal and Carrie) and Mary Anne Toledano (EJGH) have volunteered to work with their hospitals to participate in the student tours. Hospitals will be asked to provide OR, scrubs, gowns, gloves, a basic instrument set, and one regular pack.
 - The tour generally include 1-8 students per group and usually takes about 3 hours.
 - If you are interested in bringing this program to your facility, send your name, email and contact information to Ann Dieck.
- **Ways and Means Committee:** Sharon will continue to fill the chairperson position.
- **Education Committee:** Ramie will speak to Linda or Frances about being co-chairs for this committee.
- **2016-2017 Meeting Agenda: Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the Month, unless otherwise indicated due to holidays or other events.**
 - August 24th: **Tulane**
 - September 28th: **Ochsner Kenner**
 - *October 20-23 LASN in Shreveport (Student Nurses Convention)*
 - October 26th: **EJGH**
 - November 16th: Celebration for Gold Chapter Social – Do something fun for the chapter (*Ethicon – Sharon will check with them*)
 - *November Periop Nurses Week – November 8th – 14th*

- December: No meeting – could have holiday party
- January 14th: **Winter Seminar – EJGH /LA State Council Meeting**
- January 25th: “Wine-Down Wednesday” **Dinner Meeting – need Restaurant (could go to Porter and Luke’s) Ramie and Sharon to investigate**
- February 15th: **Ochsner Jefferson Highway**
- *February 28 Mardi Gras*
- March 22nd: **Potluck in preparation for Expo – Ramie will host**
- *April 1st : Surgical Conference and Expo in Boston*
- April 26th: Post-Congress – newbie will do presentation. **Ochsner Kenner**
- May 24th: Social with Business Meeting – election of new officers; Ramie and Mary Anne looking at City Park
- June 28th: Installation Dinner
- **2016-2017 LA State Council Meetings: Carrie Simpson, State Council Chair announced the following:**
 - October 8th in Baton Rouge 10AM
 - November 12th – LA State Council Seminar in Orange Beach
 - January 14th (following the Winter Seminar)
 - April 2nd in Boston at SC & E

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1340.