



# PeriOperative Potpourri

## New Orleans - Chapter 1902

March 2017

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## President's Message

This month it's all about **Elections!** AORN's national ballot is ready and our local chapter is also gearing up to vote for next year's leaders. Additionally, "AORN wants to increase voter turnout in this year's election and is turning to Chapter Leaders for help, while providing some fun incentives to reward your participation."

"There will be 15 winners selected in a drawing of the Chapters that achieve the highest percentage turnout of voting members. **Chapters with the highest turnout have a chance to win one of five free Expo 2018 registrations, one of five free 1-year AORN memberships, or five winners for an e-subscription to Guidelines for Perioperative Practice 2017.** That's 15 chances to win!"

"Members in good standing (their dues are up to date) can vote online between March 6 and midnight, April 4, or you can host an election party at your March meeting. Either way they vote, their confidential ballot will be counted toward your Chapter total. To help you inspire participation and increase your Chapter's chance to win one of these great prizes, we've created Voting Matters party ideas for your March meeting."

In fact, we will be having an **election party** for March's meeting. Bring your smartphone, your computer, or tablet to my house on March 22, and we can review the National Candidates and vote. [Earn 0.5 CEs just for watching the Videos!](#) You can also bring your "Willingness to Serve" form and submit your name to any of our local officers for this year's open offices with AORN of New Orleans-Chapter 1902: President-Elect, Treasurer, or, one of the two open Board of Director's positions available.

Here is the link to review this year's National AORN Ballot:

[http://www.aorn.org/aorn-org/about-aorn/governance/voting-matters/2017-aorn-national-ballot?\\_ga=1.105622852.650541709.1484300219](http://www.aorn.org/aorn-org/about-aorn/governance/voting-matters/2017-aorn-national-ballot?_ga=1.105622852.650541709.1484300219)

See ya March 22nd!

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



# Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2016-2017

## Monthly Meeting Dates

April 26<sup>th</sup>-Ochsner Kenner  
May 24<sup>th</sup>-Social  
June 28<sup>th</sup>-Installation Dinner

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## Next Meeting

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March 22<sup>nd</sup>-Potluck, Ramie's house, 719 Haring Road in Metairie

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

### Upcoming Holidays:

February 28<sup>th</sup>- Mardi Gras

## Answers to the PeriOp Challenge

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- 2. D
- 3. C

# Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

## Nursing Infection Control Education Network



**Nursing Infection Control Education NETWORK**

ANA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recently partnered with 20 nursing specialty organizations to develop the Nursing Infection Control Education Network (NICE Network). The NICE network seeks to empower nurses to protect themselves and

their patients by providing real time infection prevention and control training to U.S. nurses. The goal of the training programs developed through the NICE Network is to improve adherence to infection prevention and control practices and enhance the confidence of nurses to care for patients with Ebola and other highly contagious diseases.

### Why is this Significant?

Nurses are the front-line of defense against infections spreading in U.S. healthcare facilities. Moreover, the increasing number of emerging diseases often forces nurses to take on roles outside of their normal duties. This includes but is not limited to roles in environmental cleaning and waste management. With the evolution of emerging threats and ongoing issues such as healthcare-associated infections, nurses need to be equipped to understand and follow infection control procedures to not only protect themselves, but also to protect their patients.

### Project Description

The purpose of the Enhancing Education and Training on Infection Control for U.S. Nurses project is to:

- 1. provide real-time, tailored infection control training to nurses,
- 2. improve adherence to infection prevention and control practices known to be effective in preventing exposure to Ebola virus disease and other emerging infectious diseases; and
- 3. enhance the confidence of nurses to care for patients with Ebola virus disease or other highly contagious diseases through effective education and training.

[Infection Control Resources](#)  
[In-Person Training Opportunities](#)  
[Webinars](#)

### Nursing Specialty Organizations

[Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses \(AMSUN\)](#) • [American Association of Colleges of Nursing \(AACN\)](#) • [American Association of Critical-Care Nurses \(AACN\)](#) • [American Association of Nurse Anesthetists \(AANA\)](#)

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## Membership Information

### Please remember to renew!

Total Members – 184

Standard – 118

Lifetime – 11

2/3yr - 20

Retired – 11

Associate – 3

Student Members – 21

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](http://www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx)

3M has upcoming webinars at which you can obtain free CEU's.

<https://promo.3m.com/rc/3MMEDICAL/ipeducatio nwebinarcalendar>



<https://twitter.com/AORNofNewOrlean>

(You are seeing it correctly; there is no “s”)

Chapter Webpage:

[www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com](http://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:

### March

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

### April

Shirley Broussard  
Caroline Conway  
Johanne Craighead  
Mary Jo D’Amico  
Rosalie Gonzales  
Mary Kay Harvey  
Susan McPherson  
Monica Molinaire

## Member News

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





## Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

### Chapter Meeting at Ochsner Medical Center New Orleans, February 15, 2017

- President Ramie Miller welcomed the group and introduced the guest speaker, Stephen Saussy, for the continuing education program, “Critical Knowledge for Sealants and Hemostat Use in the OR.” The booklet accompanying the program provided not only the visual presentation but also a very valuable resource for all perioperative staff.
- Stephen presented this very complex subject to the group and his message to “read the instructions for use” for each product was the most important message. The **manufacturer’s written instructions for use** will provide the information regarding the indications, precautions, warnings, and other information key for product use. It is important to be knowledgeable of the appropriateness of each hemostatic agent for the type of bleeding encountered.
- Methods to reduce intraoperative bleeding include mechanical, thermal, and topical hemostatic products. When standard surgical techniques are ineffective or impractical, the topical products may be used. The presentation focused on the topical hemostatic products.
- There are many different topical hemostatic products on the market today. It is important to understand the mechanism of action for each.
  - Hemostats may be animal-based (collagen, gelatin/thrombin) or plant-based (cellulose or polysaccharides). Be aware of the advantages and disadvantages of each type of hemostat! All are easy to use and biodegradable. Cellulose and gelatin require a functional coagulation cascade is required for action.
  - Sealants and adhesives are two different types of products and may be confused by some perioperative practitioners! Be sure to check the FDA indications for use for each type of product.
  - Sealants and adhesives include: fibrin sealants, synthetic hydrogel sealants, protein hydrogels and cyanoacrylates.
  - Preparation for use and storage of some of these products need to be considered.
- Considerations in choosing the most appropriate product in a specific clinical situation include: safety, clinically proven, value, ease of use, and versatility.
- To sum up the presentation, the final message was, “. . . perioperative personnel can meet the needs of their surgical patients by selecting safe and effective hemostatic products and sealants and ultimately promote positive patient outcomes.” (Moss R. Critical knowledge for sealants and hemostat use in the OR. Pfiedler Enterprises; 2016:41.)
- This program is available for presentation to staff at your facility. To find out more information, please contact Stephen Saussy: Customer Service (888-427-9654); Cell (504-232-6324); or email [saussy.stephen@cryolife.com](mailto:saussy.stephen@cryolife.com).
- Ramie thanked Stephen for the presentation, contact hours, and pizza!

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by President Ramie Miller.

- A quorum for the meeting was established by the Secretary, Mandy Martin-Sanchez.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Sheila Ostrow reported the following:
  - The gift for the Expo Silent Auction purchased from Amazon: \$205.19
  - The current balance in the chapter’s account: \$11,377.97
  - There will also be a \$200 donation to the Foundation Donation to be made at the Surgical Conference and Expo.

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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

## Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, Continued from page 2

[American Association of Occupational Health Nurses \(AAOHN\)](#) • [American Nephrology Nurses' Association \(ANNA\)](#) • [ANA / California](#) • [Association for Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses \(AWHONN\)](#) • [Association of periOperative Registered Nurses \(AORN\)](#) • [Association of Rehabilitation Nurses \(ARN\)](#) • [Emergency Nurses Association \(ENA\)](#) • [Infusion Nurses Society \(INS\)](#) • [National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists \(NACNS\)](#) • [National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration \(NADONA\)](#) • [National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners \(NAPNAP\)](#) • [National Association of Orthopedic Nurses \(NAON\)](#) • [National Association of School Nurses \(NASN\)](#) • [National Student Nurses Association \(NSNA\)](#) • [The New Jersey State Nurses Association \(NJSNA\)](#) • <https://www.ons.org/>

Attending "Congress" this year?  
If so, mark your calendar!

### **AORN 2017 LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION**

Saturday, April 1st from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Central Bistro, 34 Summer St, Boston, MA

**Hope to see you there!**

Respectfully Submitted by,

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





# AORN GLOBAL SURGICAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

## Chapter 1902 will send nine delegates to the 2017 Conference

- Ramie Miller
- Sharon Guardina
- Mary Anne Toledano
- Mandy Martin-Sanchez
- Melissa Guidry
- Sheila Ostrow
- Roxanne McNally
- Frances Hughes
- Christal Cook

## 2017 AORN National Ballot

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	STATE/COUNTRY
President-Elect (1 to be elected)	Stephanie S. Davis	TN
Treasurer (1 to be elected)	J. Stephen Balog	SC
	Jane Flowers	MD
Board of Directors (4 to be elected)	Vicki Barnett	GA
	James (Jay) Bowers	WV
	Vangie Dennis	GA
	Laura Gayton	MO
	Brenda G. Larkin	WI
	David Reinhart	GA
Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (2 to be elected)	Jean Yee	NY
	Elizabeth A. Austin	FL
	Stephen Born	AUS
	Nanette Hamley-Hanauer	FL
	Karen M. Knapp	MI
Shirley Pollard Ramsey	KY	
Nikki Washington	TX	



# Did You Know?

**AORN** has developed scenarios of high-priority topics with the goal of promoting and facilitating clinical learning through multidisciplinary simulation.

**Each scenario includes:**

- Overview of the situation involved
- Learning objectives for the simulation
- Information for participant preparation and set-up
- A sequence of simulated events with skills checklist
- Algorithm of actions to be taken during the event
- Debriefing questions and actions
- Additional resources specific to each scenario (pictures, test answers, etc)

**Simulation Scenarios:**

- Active Shooter within the Perioperative Environment
- Anaphylaxis and Anaphylactic Shock
- Difficult Airway
- Difficult Airway: Pediatric Patient
- Fire in the Operating Room
- Hemorrhage
- Malignant Hyperthermia
- Venous Air Embolism
- Create Your Own Simulation Scenario

This content is a member benefit. Here is the link <http://aorn.org/education/staff-development/simulation-scenarios>

Respectfully Submitted by,

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



# 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.



# POT LUCK

## “ELECTION PARTY”

# AORN CHAPTER 1902 MEETING



March's meeting will be an  
**ELECTION PARTY!**

Bring your smartphone, your computer, or tablet to Ramie's house, along with a dish, and we can review the National Candidates and vote. You can also bring your "Willingness to Serve" form and submit your name to any of our local officers for this year's open offices with AORN of New Orleans-Chapter 1902: President-Elect, Treasurer, or, one of the two open Board of Director's positions available.

**Earn 0.5 CEs just for watching the Videos!**

### WHERE:

**Ramie's House**  
719 Haring Road in  
Metairie near  
St. Martin's School

### WHEN:

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30-6:30 PM**

### Contact Info

**Ramie-201-681-4636**

**Bring your favorite dish!**



1. Amy, RN, has borrowed an instrument tray from another health care organization. The instrument tray arrives in a sterile package with a plastic dust cover. What is Amy's next step?

- A. Place the sterile package as delivered into the appropriate case cart.
- B. Remove the plastic dust cover and place the sterile package in the appropriate case cart.
- C. Unwrap the sterile tray and flash sterilize the tray.
- D. Unwrap the sterile tray and send it to the sterile processing department.

2. Which items will help decrease the chance of unplanned hypothermia during the perioperative period?

- A. Cotton blankets and impervious surgical drapes
- B. Forced air warming devices, circulating water garments, warmed IV fluids
- C. Warm blankets
- D. All of the above

3. Energy-generating devices have been identified as...

- A. Fuel
- B. Oxidizer
- C. Ignition Source
- D. None of the above

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**Did you know that you can donate to the AORN Foundation with every Amazon purchase without any extra cost to you?**

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- **Old Business:**

- The Delegates to the Surgical Conference and Expo are: Ramie Miller, Sharon Guardina, Melissa Guidry, Mary Anne Toledano, Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Roxanne McNally, Frances Hughes, Christal Cook and Sheila Ostrow.
- This year the registration fees for 5 of 9 delegates to Expo are complimentary! Thanks to Nathalie Walker for one complimentary registration and Carrie Simpson for two! The other two complimentary registrations are from AORN.

- **Announcements:**

- New Chapter Accountability Standards have been published. There is now a Chapter Rating Scale with a maximum rating of 5 stars. Our chapter achieved a 4-stars rating. The chapter did not achieve the full 5 stars due to limited chapter growth last year.
- **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be a Pot Luck on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ramie's House.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47PM.

## 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.



## Chapter Willingness-to-Serve Form (Sample)

Officer/Board/Delegate Willingness-to-Serve Form	
Chapter #	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am aware of the eligibility requirements and responsibilities for this position and I have received a copy of the job description.</li> </ul>	Indicate position:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am willing to serve the Chapter in the position indicated for the term indicated on this form.</li> </ul>	Indicate term of office:
<b>Eligibility requirements: (all requirements must be fulfilled)</b> 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	