



# PeriOperative Potpourri

## New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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## President's Message

If you missed the February meeting, you missed an interesting time! There was a little mix-up at the restaurant and ended up sharing space with the St. Aloysius graduating class of 1962 (well, not the whole class but about 30 of them!!). It was noisy . . . the food was good . . . and we still got the business meeting in (probably the shortest one in our history!) and networked with other nurses from the chapter! The St. Aloysius men worked with us for a few "quiet" minutes for our meeting and then we worked with them for quiet time for saying grace. We accomplished all of the business we needed to and held a Board of Directors meeting before leaving the restaurant (see the minutes in the newsletter for details).

The March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting now has a location AND a continuing education program! The meeting will be at Ochsner Kenner in the Creole Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor) at 4:30PM. The speaker will be Vivian Stillwell, RN, CNOR, CRR, and the presentation will be on Reflexology and Aromatherapy in the Perioperative Setting. Vivian will show us how we can use these modalities not only for our patients but also for ourselves. Put this on your calendar NOW so that you will be able to attend. This will be a great follow-up to the Spring Seminar!

By the time you read this our Spring Seminar should be over and everyone will be RAVING about it (fingers crossed!). We need to start now and capture your great ideas for the next one! Please let me know what you thought went well and what we can change for next year. If you were not able to attend the seminar, please let us know if there was a particular reason (day, time, topic, or whatever). We need your feedback to assure the chapter is providing the content that you need or are interested in AND at a time/day that fits into your busy schedule.

The AORN Surgical Conference and Expo in Anaheim is right around the corner! The conference runs from April 2nd to April 6th. Although many of you are not able to attend the Expo, you can still participate in a very important aspect of AORN business – election of the leadership for the organization for the next year. I would like to encourage each of you to take advantage of your "one member-one vote" by reviewing the information on each candidate and actually CASTING YOUR VOTE ONLINE. The AORN website has all of the election information that includes the 2015-2016 AORN National Ballot, the candidate Q&A and a section where you can read about each candidate and their election statement. Please take a few minutes to read about each candidate so that you can help elect the best nurse for each of the national offices to be filled. Voting for the candidates will be open in early March (look for an email from AORN soon!). We will be asking all of you who attend the Expo to bring back information on what you found to be the best parts of the conference to you at a future chapter meeting...so take notes or save the info.

Last, but definitely not least, our own chapter will have elections in May. This newsletter has the Willingness to Serve form along with the offices to be filled this year. If you have thought about becoming more active in the chapter, here's your chance! WE NEED YOU! Please consider throwing your hat into the ring and help guide the chapter next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Martin-Sanchez, BSN, Med, RN, CNOR



# Chapter 1902 Calendar

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Ochsner  
Kenner

April 27<sup>th</sup> - University  
Medical Center

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Tulane

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Installation  
Banquet

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

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

### Virtual forum hall- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> report

Update given on AORN surgical Conference and Expo  
-1<sup>st</sup> 3 hour session will be Sunday 8A-11Am

### Activities

- Connection & Cocktails- Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7-8:30 pm-Marriott Hotel Lobby bar 8:30pm→till, D.J., name the drink contest
- Surf the Hall→ The “Shore” on the exhibit floor-take picture, enjoy music in the sand
- Monday individual awards will be presented
- Also at Mondays HOD→ Chapter awards and chapter of the year will be announced

\*Check out the AORN Conference App

**Quorum Established:** confirmed. Position Statement on Perioperative Nursing statement on Perioperative nursing certification was discussed and approved by a majority vote of town hall attendees.

### **Topic: Open Discussion of Clinical Issues-**

Topics Discussed Included: Guidelines on sterility, counts, skin preps, and pressure ulcers  
AORN’s nursing staff member served as a resource on the call

### **Topic: Contact hour approval update:**

Online process focused on making it easier to complete  
Best value is to complete application at least 40 days before event

### **Topic: Installment payment for dues no in place:**

Members can renew or join with a monthly or quarterly payment plan. Since it’s roll out on Feb 9, 2016 more than 200 members have opted to use the payment plan to pay dues

### **Election of AORN Board**

Voting opens March 7<sup>th</sup>- April 5, 2016. Every member should read candidates election statements and online Q&A and Vote

### **Legislative News**

~Presidential Primary  
Early voting 2/20/2016-2/27/2016  
March 5,2016

~Louisiana- Hose of Representatives and Senate→in session-video online  
~webpage: [www.legis.la.gov/legis/home.aspx](http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/home.aspx)



Respectfully Submitted by,  
Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR  
AORN of New Orleans BOD  
Chapter Bylaws and Policy Committee Chair



## Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

Mandy Martin-Sanchez called the February chapter meeting to order at 6:20 PM. Mandy welcomed attendees to Bistro Orleans.

Melissa Guidry and Ann Dieck worked on the chapter excellence award. Our chapter is in the running for chapter of the year at the 2016 Expo in Anaheim. The winner will be announced at one of the delegate sessions. Thank you to Melissa and Ann for putting together the application.

The ballot for AORN officers is posted on the AORN web site. Voting opens on March 7<sup>th</sup> and closes April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please go on the site to vote.

Expo News: There will be hourly prizes at the Expo with drawings for cash. A drink naming contest will take place called "Connection in Cocktails" where the attendees get to vote on the names of the drinks. The chapter will be sending seven or eight delegates to the conference this year. They are Melissa Guidry, Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Ann Dieck, Sharon Guardina, Angela Young, Carrie Simpson and Ramie Miller. If anyone would like to be a delegate this year please fill out a "Willingness to Serve" form and return to Mandy.

Officer reports were deferred at this meeting.

Nathalie Walker reported that voting for the U.S. presidential election is open now. March 5<sup>th</sup> is the presidential primary. Please don't forget to vote. AORN membership payment options have been enhanced. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, there is now an option to pay monthly or quarterly. Since rolling out, many members have taken advantage of this option.

Please don't forget to vote for your AORN national leaders.

Mandy asked if anyone had any new business. No one reported new business. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.



The AORN website has a lot of tools to help you do your job.

*Check these out!*

<http://www.aorn.org/toolkits/>

## Current Membership

### Please remember to renew!

Total Members – 194

Standard - 104

Lifetime – 6

2/3yr - 22

Retired – 11

Associate – 8

Student Members – 4

Group Mbr Level 4 - 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.



Please invite all  
*Perioperative Nurses*  
to our meetings!

## AORN 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/ipdeducationwebinarcalendar>



<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  
Trina Brinston  
Dana Delise  
Jill Donegan  
Wendy Durocher  
Martha Peltier  
Geri Tannehill  
Julio Teran

### April

Shirley Broussard  
Jarrod Cashe  
Caroline Conway  
Mary Jo D'Amico  
Katie Faciane  
Tracey Galassi  
Mary Kay Harvey  
Anita Jackson  
Amy Langlinais  
Susan McPherson  
Ann Moll  
Wanita Montreuil  
Donna Moore  
John Ostermann

## Membership News

### East Jefferson General Hospital:

Mary Anne Toledano received a Stryker grant to attend the AORN Conference in Anaheim, California.

### Ochsner:

Mandy Martin-Sanchez also received a grant to attend the AORN Conference in Anaheim, California.

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

# 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!!!***

## 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 [Robotqueen311@hotmail.com](mailto:Robotqueen311@hotmail.com).

## Looking for a few good members with new ideas to run for office 2016-2017....



Our chapter is establishing a ballot of officers for this next year. We are looking to fill President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Board of Directors x2 and Nominating Committee X2. In the past, the President-Elect candidate has attended the Leadership Academy scheduled for May in Denver. We are encouraging members to get involved and consider volunteering to fill one of these open positions. The willingness-to-serve form is located in this newsletter.

If interested, please email me at [guidrymelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:guidrymelissa@yahoo.com) or call me at 504-442-9747.

Respectfully,  
Melissa Guidry  
Nominating Committee Chair





## Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters News from Carrie Simpson



**There is a State Council meeting at the Expo in Anaheim, California on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 7 pm – 9 pm at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company, 321 W Katella Ave, Suite 101.**

We have the outdoor covered patio reserved for us and there will be appetizers available in a buffet-style like last year in Denver. You can order drinks and food from the menu at a discount – I believe it's 10%. If there is inclement weather, they will save us a section of tables inside. The manager says that we should be just fine outside as long as there isn't blowing rain. If there happens to be a cold spell, they have patio heaters. Hope to see everyone there!

# March 19<sup>th</sup> is Certified Nurses Day! Happy Certified Nurses Day!

Have you updated your ***personal profile*** on the AORN website?

1. Log onto the AORN website and click on "My AORN"
2. Under "My Account", click on "Update Profile"
3. Update "User Profile" with current email address, employer, etc.

My AORN [Join AORN](#)

My Account

Welcome Mary Anne Toledano  
Member Number: 441983  
Member Since: 5/15/2010  
Paid Through: 4/30/2018  
Email Address: mstoledano@ejgh.org

- [Change Login Information](#)
- [Update Profile](#)



## Delegates from Chapter 1902:

Melissa Guidry  
Mandy Martin-Sanchez  
Ann Dieck  
Sharon Guardina  
Angela Young  
Carrie Simpson  
Ramie Miller



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# 2015-2016 AORN National Ballot

**Voting opens on March 7th.  
Don't forget to vote!**



## **President-elect (1 to be elected)**

Callie Craig OK  
Nathalie Walke LA

## **Vice President (1 to be elected)**

Donna A. Ford MN  
Missi Merlino TX

## **Secretary (1 to be elected)**

Lady Sue Bell NC  
Holly S. Ervine GA

## **Board of Directors (3 to be elected)**

Vickie Barnett GA  
Rebecca Holland SC  
Donna Label CA  
Brenda G. Larkin WI  
Elizabeth S. Pincus NY  
Carrie Simpson Thomson LA  
Dawn Myers Yost WV

## **Nominating & Leadership Development Committee (3 to be elected)**

Elizabeth Austin CA  
Ruben Barrios TX  
Connie Garrett FL  
Tee G. Goyer VA  
Cheryl Langford MN  
Brandy Miller IN  
Ramie Miller LA



# Delegate Information/Willingness-to-Serve Form

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Delegates shall represent the local Chapter at the annual National Conference meetings. The Chapter is entitled to elect at least one delegate and one alternate, based on total active membership. The alternate delegate has the same responsibilities as the delegate. An alternate delegate is one who shall be seated in the delegate section only in the absence of the delegate. Once an alternate has been moved up to delegate status, the status is maintained for the duration of the Conference. Total delegate numbers are determined by our National Association.

## Election of Delegates - Eligibility

1. A delegate and alternate delegate must be a current member of AORN. Delegates are chosen on a point system.
2. A delegate and alternate delegate should have attended at least six (6) general meetings the previous year, based on ten (10) meetings a year.
3. A delegate and alternate 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. Other eligible members must fill out a "Willingness to Serve" form on or by the designated meeting.
5. The number of eligible persons receiving the highest number of points will be selected as delegates and the next number of highest points will be the alternate delegate.
6. Eligibility requirements may be waived in lieu of insufficient candidates.

## Provisions for Delegates

1. Delegates are required to fulfill all duties at the Conference. Failure to do so will result in the delegate returning a prorated amount of their funding to the Chapter. This amount is determined based on the number of mandatory delegate activities.
2. If an alternate is selected, they will be funded their Conference registration.
3. If the alternate needs to be seated as a delegate at the Conference, the alternate will be funded the prorated amount of the unseated delegates' funding.

## Credentials

1. Chosen delegates/alternate must indicate their status as either delegate or alternate on their Conference registration form.
2. Delegates shall register at delegates' booth with the following:
  - a. Current RN registration/licensure.
  - b. Current AORN membership card.
  - c. Official delegate authorization letter from National Headquarters.
3. Delegates are required to wear official badge at all business meetings of the Association.

## Responsibilities

1. Delegates and alternate delegate shall become familiar with and adhere to directions forwarded from National Headquarters, prior to attending the National Conference.
2. Attend all business sessions and special delegate activities at the Annual National Congress.
3. Delegates shall seek information on all issues under discussion, and act in the best interest of the Chapter.
4. Delegates are encouraged to vote as recommended by the Chapter on all issues and for National Officers.
5. Shall relate to members from other areas and evaluate them in light of their leadership potential so that the Chapter may submit names of prospective candidates for an elected national office.
6. Attend educational and scientific meetings and exhibits at the National Congress.
7. The Delegates Chairman shall give a meaningful report to the Chapter following attendance at the National Congress, and submit a written report for publication in the Chapter newsletter.
8. Delegates designated to any Annual Congress shall continue in their office as delegates for the purpose of any special meeting of the National Association that may be called until the delegates are duly designated for the next Annual Congress and likewise for the local Chapter that they may be called until the delegates are duly designated for the next Congress.
9. Delegates must attend pre-Congress Meetings, called by the Chairman.

## GUIDELINES FOR DELEGATE SELECTION

1. Chapter membership for a pre-determined time before Congress.
2. Attendance at a given number of monthly meetings for the year preceding.
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 Congress.
7. Delegates are required to fulfill all duties at Congress. 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. Headquarters recommends points system as the only fair way to choose delegates.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Our point system is based on:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - per meeting Chapter meetings
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - (active) Chapter officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4 - (active) Chapter Committee Chairperson
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 - (active) Chapter Committee person
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - per meeting Chapter sponsored workshop
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - per meeting Education presenter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - Publishing in Chapter Newsletter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - Publishing in AORN/professional journal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - State Council Officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - Specialty Assembly Officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - AORN National Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 - Officer in another Nursing Organization
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8 - AORN Elected Officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 - Poster Presentation (Research)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 - Poster Presentation (Clinical)
- \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL POINTS



**AORN Neuro/Ortho/Trauma (N+O+T) Specialty Assembly invites you to**  
*Meet us in Historic New Orleans for a day of exciting Trauma education!*  
**Saturday May 14, 2016      7a-3p      University Medical Center, New Orleans**

- Patrick Greiffenstein, MD – University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA  
- **Approach to the Trauma Patient: The Order of Battle**
- Paul Gladden, MD – University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA  
- **Fracture Treatment in Poly Trauma**
- Dr. Kyle Dickson - Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX  
- **What I get out of bed for: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly of Orthopaedic Trauma**
- Dr. Rex Marco - Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX  
- **Reconstruction of large bone defects**
- Dr. Roberto Mario Vera, MD - Ben Taub Hospital, Houston, TX  
- **Hypotensive Trauma**
- Lance Stuke, MD, MPH, FACS - University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA  
- **Trauma Resuscitation**
- Darlene Murdock, BSN, BA, RN, CNOR – Hermann Memorial, Houston, TX  
- **Trauma: Are YOU Ready?**
- Debra Guidroz & Philip Peavey, Chaplains - University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA  
- **Death in the OR**

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(Presenters Subject to Change)