

PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans - Chapter 1902

June 2018

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President's Message

I end my last newsletter with the words that I began my President's term in my first newsletter last year.... **We ARE AORN of New Orleans Chapter 1902.**

It was an honor to serve as your president. I hope all of you benefited in some way this term year from our chapter's events, educational offerings, newsletters, and the AORN Guideline Spotlight section at our monthly meetings AND have grown in your professionalism through these opportunities.

I would like to offer a **BIG Thank You to all my Board Members and Committee Members** who were active in helping our chapter grow and succeed and achieve our chapter's 5 STAR rating. You, the members, are also very important to the chapter and without you and your continued support of the chapter's mission, we would not be a chapter. To you, the members, also goes a **BIG Thank You !!!** As I mentioned in the last newsletter, let's keep the momentum going. The continued success of any chapter depends upon a concerted effort by **EVERYONE.**

CONGRATULATIONS to our new and returning chapter Board Members !!!

Let's get the "momentum rolling" by showing our support of our newly elected chapter officers (see inside newsletter for the list of the new and returning officers for 2018-2019) by attending the INSTALLATION banquet/ceremony on June 27, 2018 at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie (see inside newsletter for flyer).

SAVE THE DATE: Our first chapter Board Meeting is being scheduled for Saturday July 7, 2018 (place and time to be announced at the Installation banquet/ceremony on June 27th). All are welcome to the Board Meeting in July to help plan our chapter's "moving forward" events for 2018-2019. Come share your thoughts, suggestions, expectations, and knowledge on incentives, recruitment, leadership and mentoring, chapter planning activities and educational opportunities. Personally get involved in **your chapter** and be more active in your professional organization. Becoming involved, even in small ways, can make a difference.

Be Proactive !! Only through the support and cooperation of all of the membership can AORN of New Orleans achieve its goals. Remember: This is not just about us individually. It's about how we, as a chapter, can make a difference.

Chapter information:

Earn up to 36 FREE CHs through the [2018 AORN conference posters](#), now included in your membership - FREE for members only for a limited time.

Posters are created by your perioperative peers and colleagues and focus on clinical improvement and innovation, research, evidence-based practice, and design/concept. View posters [online](#) or through the AORN Posters app ([Google Play](#) and [iTunes](#)). Your access to the 2018 poster CNE evaluations expires April 5, 2019. (YES, that's right 2019)

The Chapter Accountability Standards (CAS) have been REVISED. Attend the next Chapter Town Hall Meeting webinar on June 14, 2018 and see how these revisions will affect local chapters. Visit AORN.org to register.

SC&E in Nashville (April 6-10, 2019). Start saving and planning NOW. Hotel booking for Nashville is OPEN. Reserve room(s) at AORN.org

SEE inside this newsletter for available CE seminars in our area.

State Council Meeting on July 14, 2018 at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge. See inside newsletter for further details.

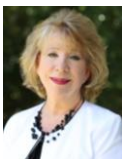
PREP for CNOR seminar coming back to New Orleans at Children's Hospital on August 25-26, 2018. Visit AORN.org for further registration information and/or see flyer in this newsletter.

NATIONAL TIME OUT DAY – JUNE 13, 2018

I slept and dreamt that life was joy;
I awoke and saw that life was service;
I acted and behold, service was joy!
(Tagore)

Respectively,

Sharon Guardina RN, BSN, CNOR
President- AORN of New Orleans
Chapter 1902



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2017-2018

Monthly Meeting Dates

June 27th – 5 PM
Installation Banquet at
Andrea’s, 3100 19th Street,
Metairie

*Per member request,
we have
a new meeting time:*

5 PM

*ALL meetings start at
5 PM unless otherwise noted*

Answers to the PeriOp Challenge

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2. D
3. A

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

At our chapters May meeting I shared some very important information and ask each of you to take time to check out our AORN Government Affairs News <https://www.aorn.org/about-aorn/aorn-newsroom/health-policy-news> in addition it time to Embrace Action. Make plans to celebrate National Time Out Day, June 13, 2018 at you facility, take pictures and share them with me or post them on OR Nurselink yourself. Contact your Legislator and send a personal story about Time Out Day to your newspaper Editor. Click here to use the AORN tool to help you <https://www.aorn.org/government-affairs/take-action>.

AORN Policy Agenda [We Fight for What Matters](#)

Each year the AORN board of directors establishes a policy agenda based on recommendations from the National Legislative Forum. The Government Affairs team pursues these goals in legislative and regulatory arenas nationwide.

Our team collaborates with health care colleagues, organizations, and decision-makers to advance patient safety and health care improvements in all operative settings, but we don’t endorse specific candidates.

Current Policy Agenda

- **RN CIRCULATORS**
We work to **ensure every surgical patient has a dedicated perioperative registered nurse circulator** for the duration of each operative and invasive procedure. Our team also actively promotes laws and regulations to ensure the supervisory presence of the perioperative RN in the perioperative setting.
- **WORKPLACE SAFETY INITIATIVES**
Our team supports legislative and regulatory initiatives for **safe perioperative work environments**. Perioperative nurses deserve surgical smoke-free operating rooms, strong workplace violence protections, and safe patient handling programs focused on injury prevention.
- **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**
We protect 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.
- **RN FIRST ASSISTANT**
We support the expanded role of the RNFA by actively working to **achieve reimbursement parity for RNFAs**. RNFAs work in collaboration with the entire surgical team to achieve optimal patient outcomes nationwide and yet private payer reimbursement is only guaranteed in 17 states.
- **PATIENT SAFETY CULTURE**
We encourage legislative and regulatory efforts to **establish an accountable, trusting patient safety culture in the perioperative setting**, including robust whistleblower protections for healthcare providers and mandatory reporting of safety incidences, such as surgical site infections and wrong site surgery.
- **HEALTH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**
Our team promotes the role of the perioperative registered nurse in **achieving the reform goals of cost containment and improved patient experiences and outcomes**. Healthcare 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.

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Membership Information

Please remember to renew!

Total Members - 418

Standard – 152

Lifetime – 15

2/3yr - 26

Retired – 8

Associate – 8

Student Members – 210

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.



Member Resources



<http://http://www.facebook.com/AORN>



Connecting the periOperative Community

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

Ursula Allain
Mary Dickinson
Jill Kliebert
Jared Mata
Joy Melgar
Katherine Mulino
Michelle Prejeant
Kevin Schabel-Bayhi
Lynne Vega
Kevin White

July

Lisa Gordon
Chantel Griffin
Wesley Harris
Krista Haydel
Stephanie Heaphy
Shirley Himel
Ellie Hoggard
Erin Jacobs
Melissa Kael
Katherine Kuntz
Kerri MacDonald
Andrea Matthews
gloria mejia
Andrea Melton
Francesca Messori

★ Member News



Congratulations

to two new perioperative educators!

Andrea Melton, RN, CNOR is the new educator at Ochsner Kenner and

Ramie Miller, MSN, RN, CNOR is the new educator at UMC.

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



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

Chapter Vice President Mary Anne Toledano introduced the speaker for the program, Nick Maggio from Xodus Medical, Inc.

Continuing Nursing Education Program: “Making Surgery Safer: Advanced Techniques for Prone Positioning.”

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Guardina at 5:48PM.

Quorum: Secretary Mandy Martin-Sanchez verified that a quorum was present.

Opening Remarks from the President

- Sharon welcomed chapter members to UMC and thanked Nick and Tim for the snacks.
- Ballots for the 2018-2019 Chapter Officers were collected and given to Ramie Miller for the Nominating Committee.
- A welcome letter sent to 207 students who attended Expo for the student nurse association program. The students were offered a free membership in AORN for one year.

Officer and Committee Reports

- **President’s Report:** Congratulations on the chapter’s 5 star rating on the Chapter Accountability Standards. Think about what can be done to help the chapter grow and how you can get involved to give back to the chapter. Send your ideas to Sharon or Christal.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Sharon presented the report for Melissa. The current balance in the treasury is \$5057.38. There were no credits or debits this month.
- **Newsletter:** Mary Anne asked for submissions for the newsletter to be sent in by the beginning of next week. If you have any announcements or celebrations at your facility, please send them in for the newsletter.
- **State Council:** Ramie announced that the next State Council meeting will be at 1000 July 14th Women’s Hospital in Baton Rouge. Addendum: (Northlake AORN Chapter 1908 will present 6 CE seminar at North Oaks Medical Center, Hammond, Louisiana on October 13, 2018 in conjunction with the Louisiana AORN State Chapter meeting and the Louisiana AST State Chapter meeting, to include Tangipahoa Nurse Association members and SLU Nursing students. Fees are: \$35 advance, \$45 door, \$20 students. Agenda will include:

Old Business:

- **Installation Dinner:** June 27th at Andrea’s Restaurant. PayPal is now available on aornofneworleanschapter1902.com for the dinner. The cost is \$35 and includes meal, tax, and gratuity. Please email your entree and dessert choice to Sharon.
- **Expo Session Recordings:** Session recordings are no longer available. Please remember that if you have handouts from any session, they are copyrighted by AORN. References may be made to AORN Guidelines that were included as part of the presentations.
- **Facility Liaisons:** Touro, Crescent City Surgical, West Jefferson, Ochsner West Bank, and Ochsner Baptist still need liaisons. If you know anyone at these facilities, please ask them to volunteer to serve as the facilitator for their location to bring the chapter information to their staff. Contact Melissa Guidry for more information.
- **Chapter Community Outreach Programs:** Bring non-perishable foods or toiletries to the chapter meetings. Donations are collected for the homeless.

New Business

- **AORN Guideline on Surgical Attire:** This guideline is under revision and will be open for public comment in January, 2019. Please continue to follow the current guideline as published.
- **AORN Guideline on Sterilization:** Public comment period is open until June 6, 2018. Please take time to review the guideline draft and submit your comments.
- **2019 AORN Surgical Conference and Expo Proposals:** Proposals for Expo will be accepted until May 31, 2018. Get your submissions in before the deadline! Next year’s Expo will be held in Nashville - April 6th-10th. Reservations for accommodations are open.
- **Continuing Education Opportunities:** Posters from the 2018 Surgical Conference and Expo are available for members until April 2019. Up to 38 contact hours are available.

May Chapter Leader Town Hall Meeting: The Chapter Accountability Standards (CAS) have been revised. The number of standards have been reduced from 23 to 10. The portal will be open in June for chapter leaders

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Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

July 14th - Baton Rouge (Women's)

October 13th - Hammond (North Oaks)

Congratulations to our newly elected officers!

Election Results from the Nominating Committee: Ramie Miller reported that 23 ballots were received via mail or email; a total of 31 ballots were counted.

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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!!!



- 1. Perioperative patients of all ages may be at higher risk for deep vein thrombosis because of the administration of regional or general anesthesia.**
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 2. Which of these is a requirement of the FDA regarding manufacturers' packaging of preoperative skin antiseptic products?**
 - A. Label them as hazardous materials with specified disposal requirements
 - B. Label them as sterile products for use only for preoperative skin antiseptics
 - C. Labeled in multi-use containers or single-use containers
 - D. In single-use containers to be used only one time for one patient
- 3. Evidence-based practice questions are typically formatted as PICO questions. What does PICO stand for?**
 - A. Patient, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome
 - B. Patient, Investigation, Comparison, Outlier
 - C. Population, Intervention, Counter-Intervention, Outlier
 - D. Problem, Investigation, Counter-Intervention, Outcome

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to begin entering document. Deadline to enter documents will be January 31, 2019.

- **NurseLink:** New CAS items include chapter use of NurseLink. Please check your profile for communication frequency on NurseLink as members will begin to see an increase in emails to facilitate communication of information.
- **Member Recruitment and Retention:** This will be a focus for the next year! Please share your ideas to encourage member recruitment and retention with any Chapter Board member.
- **AORN Nominating Committee FREE Webinar:** The Nominating Committee will present a free webinar on the candidate requirements and processes for national office next Tuesday, May 29th. Tune in at 4:00 pm to learn more!
- **Winter Seminar:** Start planning for the chapter's winter seminar to be held January 12, 2019, at the conference center at East Jefferson General Hospital. If you know of any topic or speaker, especially any topic already approved for contact hours, please let one of the Board members know.
- **Other Educational Opportunities:** June 2, 2018 – in Lafayette at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center; October 13, 2018 – in Hammond at North Oaks Hospital. Refer to the information in the newsletter for additional information.
- **Grants for 2018-2019:** Nathalie volunteered to write the grants proposals as she did last year. Please let her know what special presentation or event idea you have and would like for the chapter to present. Plans for grant submissions will be discussed at the July Board of Directors meeting. Email Christal with your ideas.
- **Spotlight on AORN Guideline:** Sharon reviewed the guideline on surgical hand rubs. Each product has very specific instructions for use that must be followed. There are usually three parts to the process. Compliance with the instructions for use is frequently very low.
 - The alcohol content of these products is high. These products may be able to be used as a hand sanitizer. Follow manufacturer's IFU. The bulk applicator appliances should not be mounted in individual operating rooms because of the alcohol content as a Fire Safety hazard.

- CMS and TJC concentrating more on infection control in surgery, according to a session speaker at Expo 2018. Be prepared!
- Have a Fire Safety plan that includes the alcohol-based products in the perioperative areas. Check The Joint Commission standards as they may have more stringent regulations than CMS.
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Closing remarks from Sharon: Sharon expressed her gratitude to the chapter for their hard work and support this year. She said that it was her privilege to serve the chapter. She requested that any ideas or suggestions for the chapter be sent to any Board member. All members are invited to attend the July Board meeting (details to be sent out soon). Sharon challenged each member to become more involved in the chapter and help make it even more successful in the next year!

Adjournment: With no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mandy Martin-Sanchez, MEd, BSN, RN, CNOR

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$ 5057.38

Deposits:
\$ 0

Expenses:
\$ 0

Ending balance: \$ 5057.38

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Guidry, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902



We Need Your Help!

* Chapter Hospital Liaisons *

UMC-Elaine Stock

VA-Stephanie Walls

Tulane-Linda Levesque

Ochsner Jefferson-Susan Overman

Ochsner Kenner-Geri Tannehill/Gloria Mejia

Lakeview-Christal Cook

East Jefferson-Alycia Adams

Children's-Judy Montello

We would like to encourage a member from **Touro, Crescent City Surgical, West Jeff, Ochsner Westbank and Ochsner Baptist** to volunteer as a liaison from one of these facilities to assist with providing information to your peers. If you are interested, please email Melissa Guidry at guidrymelissa@yahoo.com or call her at 504-442-9747.

Thanks to those members listed above who have volunteered - you are greatly appreciated.

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AORN Advocacy Tools, [Time Out Day Resources](#)

National Time Out Day is a powerful tool that supports surgical nurses' ability to speak up for safe practices in the operating room. It provides an opportunity to educate your community about this practice and become better informed patients. Time Out Day also demonstrates your role in patient care and commitment to patient safety as the perioperative nurse who cares for them.

Legislators are not often familiar with what happens in an operating room and as legislation comes across their desks that impacts the OR, it is crucial that they understand the role of RN Circulators. AORN makes it easy to [write your legislators](#) about the importance of taking a time out every time, by providing periop nurses with a [sample letter](#) and [contact information](#) for legislators at all levels of government.

If you receive a response from your legislator, please let [Danielle Glover](#), AORN Government Affairs Manager, know.

Be an Advocate

Please [login](#) to download our Advocacy 101 Handbook and view the AORN members-only advocacy tools and chapter resources listed below. Not a member? [Join now](#).

Together We're Stronger

Consider taking an active role. You and your fellow members can use your shared perioperative voice to help push our policy agenda forward. It can make all the difference to know what questions to ask and what steps to take.

Member Resource Tools

- State Coordinator Handbook
- AORN Advocacy Checklist
- Find Your Legislator

Chapter Resource Tools

- Action Steps for Chapters
- Guide to Inviting Elected Officials to Chapter Meetings
- Sample Invitation Letter

Take Action Today

Let your voice be heard and [take action](#) to support AORN's legislative priorities for perioperative practice.

LSNA Health Policy Committee

The Health Policy Committee initiates legislative action under the direction of the Board of Directors as appropriate to promote nursing or improve health care to the citizens of Louisiana. Among the responsibilities for the Committee, the group will:

- Recommend a position on legislation related to nursing and healthcare issues to the Board of Directors.
- Develop and disseminate lobbying strategies for LSNA.
- Keep membership informed about important legislation pertinent to nursing.

About LANPAC

Our legislative affairs team employs several methods to promote our positions on important nurse and healthcare issues to lawmakers. One such tool we have is LSNA's Political Action Committee, or commonly referred to as, LANPAC.

LANPAC was established as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization for professional nurses to raise funds to support the candidacies and grass root efforts of those that understand the importance of the most trusted healthcare provider available to the citizens of Louisiana—professional nurses.

If you are interested in our current Louisiana legislative update click here: <https://www.lsna.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/LSNA-Track-Week-10.pdf>

It's time to Speak Up and let legislators know Perioperative nurses make a difference.

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





All That Jazz Agenda October 13, 2018

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| 7:30 am - 8:00 am | Registration & Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00 am – 9:00am | Wound Closure Options |
| 9:00 am – 10:00 am | Emergency Preparedness Through Lessons Learned
Sharon <u>Guardina</u> RN BSN CNOR |
| 10:00 am- 11:00 am | HIV in the Region: The Battle Continues
Christine Brennan PhD RN NP-BC |
| 11:00 am - 11:30 am | Vendors Fair |
| 11:30 am – 12:00pm | Lunch Business Meeting |
| 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm | Sterilization/LHD Basics for the OR Nurse
Sharon <u>Guardina</u> |
| 1:30 pm-2:30 pm | Retained Objects |
| 2:30 pm -3:30 pm | Louisiana AORN State Chapter Meeting
Louisiana AST State Chapter Meeting |



AORN of New Orleans Chapter 1902
INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Wednesday June 27, 2018, 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm

ANDREA'S RESTAURANT
3100 19th Street, Metairie, LA 70002
Free parking available

MENU:

Andrea's Green Garden Salad with creamy Italian Dressing

CHOICE:

Fresh Catch of the Day, Cannelloni Andrea or Eggplant Parmigiana
above served with chefs accompaniments

CHOICE:

Bread Pudding, Chocolate Mousse

Rolls & Butter

Coffee & Iced Tea

CASH BAR available

PRICE PER PERSON: \$35.00 Per Person, INCLUDES tax and gratuity

Pay by check or by PayPal;

Send check for \$35.00 made payable to AORN of New Orleans to :

Melissa Guidry
340 Aurora Ave.
Metairie, La. 70005

or go to:

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com and select the \$35.00 button.

PLEASE send your choice of entrée and dessert to Sharon Guardina at sguardina@att.net