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President's Message

Happy New Years Chapter 1902

Thank you to everyone who presented or participated in our Annual Winter Seminar. The speakers were informative and engaging reminding us again of the importance of practicing in a SAFE environment. As perioperative professionals we are responsible for insuring the guidelines, regulations, and policies we practice under are enforced and appropriate.

Coming up in April we will be representing our members at the annual Global Surgical Conference & Expo. Experience one of the most education-packed and inspiring perioperative events of the year! Join us at #AORN2019 in Nashville, TN, April 6-10, 2019. Earn over 200 contact hours, discover the latest surgical solutions, and make new connections while having fun with peers from around the world! Register early and save \$100—early bird pricing ends February 15, 2019.

<https://www.aorn.org/surgicalexp>
Get ready to vote for candidates in the 2019 election from March 11 to April 9, 2019. With the online voting system every member has a vote. Here are a couple of ways to inform your vote:

- Review candidate bios and election statements online.
- Review questions we asked of the candidates and their responses.

- Register for a series of three live webinars presented in 2019 by the AORN Nominating Committee. These webinars provide AORN members with an introduction to the candidates and an understanding of their vision for AORN and the perioperative profession.

Please join the webinars being broadcast Jan 29, Feb 6, and Feb 13. During Expo in April the candidates will be speaking and answering questions directly from the audience. This is our organization; the representatives selected will be conducting business for you!

Also reach out to your coworkers who are attending Expo. The Foundation is again sponsoring The Steps to Health Challenge! Members present and at home are pairing up to track their steps and win DAILY & OVERALL prizes! Again, this year they are sponsoring the Silent Auction. Items may be viewed online and bids will be placed online also. For members desiring to further their education or to further their professional goals the Foundation offers scholarships and grants, see the website for how to apply.

Respectively,

Christal Cook, MSN, RN, CNOR
President- AORN of New Orleans,
Chapter 1902



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2018-2019

February 20th, Ochsner Jeff Hwy, Pressure Injury in the OR, presented by Dr. Fawcett, Lejeune Conference Room, 2nd floor

Monthly Meeting Dates TBA

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

5 PM

*ALL meetings start at
5 PM unless otherwise noted*

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

AORN Government Affairs team analyzes and reports on the impact of local, regional and national policies, regulations and legislation as it relates to the perioperative profession.

We stay current with the rapidly changing health policy landscape in Washington, D.C. for you by working closely with our colleagues. Here are the latest health policy and legislative updates.

Click here to read updates in the [Nursing Community Coalition](#) and the [Coalition for Patients' Rights](#).

Links for legislative

news: <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/47248688/4C4KvUgU6RGN725Z5ojiwg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aorn.org%2Fabout-aorn%2Faorn-newsroom%2Fhealth-policy-news>

Advocacy

Toolkits: <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/64a781d9/dmoLvUgU6RGN725Z5ojiwg?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.aorn.org%2Fgovernment-affairs%2Fadvocacy-tools>

AORN Policy Agenda:

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ANA health policy link :

<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/e8ac1fac/ViAMvUgU6RGN725Z5ojiwg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nursingworld.org%2Fpractice-policy%2Fhealth-policy%2F>

ANA Healthy Nurse Healthy Nation link:

<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/ed488021/xH8MvUgU6RGN725Z5ojiwg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nursingworld.org%2Fpractice-policy%2Fhnhn%2F>

AORN Government Affairs Announcement

Daniel Glover is leaving AORN for a new adventure at a Denver public affairs firm. She will continue to work with AORN by helping with smoke evacuation legislative initiatives.

AORN has a monthly conference call for any member interested in Legislative/ Advocacy issues related to perioperative nursing. If you want receive information on how to participate in the upcoming AORN National Legislative Forums please email AMY Hader via ahader@aorn.org and ask to be added to the email list for the NLF conference calls.

Nurse in Washington Scholarship

AORN Government Affairs will cover the registration and travel expenses for one active AORN member to attend NIWI on March 24-26, 2019, in Washington, D.C. [Learn More](#)

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Respectfully Submitted by,

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



Membership Information

Student Members – 206

Standard – 150

Lifetime – 18

2/3yr - 27

Retired – 6

Associate – 2

Total Members – 410

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>



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:

January

Mary Arlt
Emma Bastian
Gwendolyn Billiot
Nicole Bordelon
Ieisha Collins
Ross Cunningham
Rachel deMahy
Ryan Dozar
Catherine Lapeze
Catelyn Matherne
Robbin Nunnery
Linda O'Brien
Michelle Schlafly
Stephanie Talbot
Rob Villio

February

Judy Bauer
Michelle Blanke
Lacy Brown
Stephen DeSalvo
Carol Fischer
Suzanne Hoffpauir
Sharon Tohline
Ashley Tucker

Meeting Attendance Award

The Board of Directors voted to have a Meeting Attendance Award of \$40 for the first three months (August, September, October). The names of four current members (BoD members not eligible) will be listed in the newsletter. If the members listed in the newsletter under the Membership Attendance Award attend the meeting and bring the newsletter with them, they will split the \$40. The four names, randomly chosen from the chapter roster, are:

Kathryn Abadie (2)
Jill F. Donegan (111)
Mafer Matos (234)
Kelly Rae Spreitzer (345)

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

Winter Seminar

CONGRATULATIONS TO UMC
for having the most employees/members
attend the seminar.





Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

Sunday April 7, 2019 State Council Dinner at the SC&E in Nashville, location TBD

* Chapter Hospital Liaisons *

UMC-Elaine Stock

VA-Stephanie Walls

Tulane-Linda Levesque

Ochsner Main-Susan Overman

Lakeview-Christal Cook

Children's-Judy Montello

Touro-Cheryl Johnson

We would like to encourage a member from **Crescent City Surgical, East Jefferson, West Jeff, Ochsner Westbank, Ochsner Kenner 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.

SAVE THE DATE

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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!!!

INSIDE AORN

- The AORN Position Statement on One Perioperative Registered Nurse Circulator Dedicated to Every Patient Undergoing an Operative or Other Invasive Procedure is now [open for public comment from February 4.](#)
- The AORN Guideline for Surgical Attire will remain [open for public comment until February 22.](#)
- Only five days remaining, through January 27, to [comment on the AORN Position Statement](#) on Perioperative Registered Nurse Residency Programs.

Your Voice Matters

Dear Nathalie,

It's time to engage with AORN on the national level by asking candidates for the 2019 election your burning questions related to the association and particular office of interest. Questions submitted will be considered for use at the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2019 Candidates Forum.

Complete this survey and your name will be entered to win a \$50 AORN gift card. The survey closes on February 22, 2019 (12 am MT).

Sincerely,
AORN Nominating Committee

[Take Survey](#)

The right tools—and support from your organization—will protect you and your patients.

Takeaways:

Nurses and other healthcare workers are harmed by violent patients and family members and need to be safe in practice. Many nurses believe workplace violence is part of the job. Learning and practicing de-escalation techniques can help protect nurses and patients. VIOLENCE continues to be a problem in healthcare settings. (See *Workplace violence stats*.) Too many nurses continue to believe that workplace violence is part of the job, so they don't ask for help when they're in a combative situation with a patient or family member, and they don't notify their supervisors of an injury. However, the American Nurses Association (ANA) position statement on Incivility, Bullying, and Workplace Violence states that "all registered nurses and employers in all settings, including practice, academia, and research must collaborate to create a culture of respect, free of incivility, bullying, and workplace violence." In other words, violence should never be an accepted part of practice.

Workplace violence stats

The U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration states that nearly **2 million** American workers report having been victims of workplace violence each year.

According to data from ANA Enterprise's Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation™ survey, more than a quarter (**29%**) of respondents have been verbally and/or physically threatened by a patient or family member in the past year, and **10%** have been assaulted by a patient or family member while at work.

The World Health Organization notes that between **8%** and **38%** of health workers around the world suffer physical violence at some point in their careers.

Verbal de-escalation tips

Keep these tips in mind whenever you encounter a combative patient or family member.

- Take a deep breath.
- Have a planned escape route from the room.
- Stay at least two arms' length away from the person escalating and don't turn your back on him or her.
- Keep your expression and posture relaxed and don't use too many gestures.
- Stay at eye level with the patient.
- Maintain a calm expression and voice.
- Keep your hands where the patient can see them.
- Designate one primary person to communicate with the patient.
- Restate what the patient says so they know he or she has been heard and to be sure you understand the issues. "Tell me if I have this correct...."
- Don't threaten but do set boundaries. "I understand you're frustrated with not being able to go home today; however, it's important that you do not yell at staff."
- Don't use jargon. Speak in short sentences.
- Empathize with feelings and be nonjudgmental.
- Try to understand the reason for the escalating behavior.
- Offer the patient realistic choices when possible.
- Use the person's name and suggest you both sit. Alternatively, if possible, walk and talk with the patient to help relieve stress.
- Be OK with silence; sometimes it gives people time to realize the difficulty their behavior is causing.
- Don't argue but do point out consequences of the behavior.
- Be respectful, but don't answer rude questions.

Don't hesitate to get help. Keep yourself safe.

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Submitted by, Nathalie Walker

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$ 6586.74

Deposits:
\$ 4435.81

Expenses:
\$ 853.37

Ending balance: \$ 10,169.18

Form 990-N for exempt organizations filed on 7/13/2018.

Treasurer report as of January 26, 2019

Beginning balance. \$6586.74

Debits

- Nov social. 174.73
- Food for seminar. 263.62
- Check order. 30.45
- AORN foundation. 200.00
- Christal Cook (reimbursement June 2018). 146.58
- Seminar speaker gifts. 47.99
- Total debits. \$853.37

Deposits

- Vendor registration. 400.00
- Seminar registrations (checks). 614.00
- AORN reimbursement. 350.00
- Chapter rebates (AORN). 1140.00
- PayPal transfer 1617.91
- registrations vendor/attendees
- PayPal transfer from 2018
- Chapter rebate (AORN). 120.00
- PayPal deposit vendor. 193.90
- Total deposits. \$4435.81

Ending balance. \$10169.18

Seminar Report:

Registrations

- 15 @ \$35. \$525.00
- 1 @. \$45. \$45.00
- 10 @ \$33.68. \$336.80

Vendors.

- 5 @ \$193.90. \$969.50
- 2 @. \$200. \$400.00
- 50/50. \$44.00

Total receipts. \$2320.30

Expenses.

- Speakers gifts. \$ 47.99
- Food. \$253.62
- Total expenses. \$301.61

Net revenue. \$2018.69

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Guidry, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902



Overcoming Education Gap of Pediatric Healthcare Providers Is Important to End Child Trafficking

Comprehensive education package focuses on improving awareness among pediatric nurse practitioners, physicians, other providers

New York, Jan. 9, 2019 – Human trafficking has been typically framed as an urban law enforcement and judicial problem, a problem of pimps, johns and prostitutes. It's largely because of the tremendous growth and, many times, unchecked usage of social media by children and adolescents that labor and sex child trafficking has reached every socioeconomic segment and geographic areas in the U.S. Yet, advanced practice nurses, physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses and others generally have had no education on the subject during their academic years. This knowledge gap of healthcare professionals is improving as a result of the efforts of NAPNAP Partners for Vulnerable Youth (NAPNAP Partners) and professional societies.

NAPNAP Partners will complete and launch its 3-PARRT (Providers Assessing Risk and Responding to Trafficking) continuing education modules during January, which is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The three-module on-demand course is believed to be the first to focus on the pediatric population and prevention. "NAPNAP Partners has 20 founding organizations that have collaborated over the past year to develop pediatric provider-specific courses, in-person workshops and grassroots peer presentations," said Tresa Zielinski, DNP, RN, APN-NP, CPNP-PC, co-chair of the Alliance for Children in Trafficking (ACT) and director of NAPNAP Partners. "Up to 87 percent of human trafficking victims have encountered a healthcare professional without being identified. We want to greatly lower that number, and we believe that peer-to-peer education is best."

"Children with low self-esteem, social isolation, homelessness and have histories of abuse are most at risk, according to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center," said Jessica Peck, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, CNE, CNL, FAANP, co-chair of ACT and director of NAPNAP Partners. "We're training pediatric providers to look for signs and symptoms that are overlooked and are generally more nuanced. Sometimes the adolescent doesn't even realize he or she is a victim." NAPNAP Partners will launch in January its 3-PARRT, a CE/CNE/CME-accredited, on-demand continuing education course on sex and labor child trafficking for nurse practitioners, nurses, physicians and physician assistants. Representatives from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), National Association of School Nurses (NASN), Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and others contributed to the development of the modules. More information on 3-PARRT can be found on [PedsCESM](#).

"Stop Child Trafficking in Your Community: Become an ACT Advocate" is an in-person training to be held March 9 at the [40th National Conference on Pediatric Health Care](#) in New Orleans. Attendees will receive a certificate of recognition and be eligible to teach the curriculum to pediatric and other healthcare providers in their communities. "The goal is to continue to educate pediatric providers—whether nurses or physicians—so they can conduct peer education in their communities," said Cate Brennan, vice president of NAPNAP Partners and executive director of National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP). Healthcare providers may learn more register for the ACT Advocate workshop (011) can be [found here](#). A peer-to-peer campaign and other fundraising activities are being launched to support the ongoing grassroots and other outreach effort.

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*About NAPNAP Partners for Vulnerable Youth and its Alliance for Children in Trafficking (ACT) campaign: The Alliance for Children in Trafficking (ACT) campaign serves as the national leader in coordinating and uniting efforts to end the sex and labor trafficking of youth. Its goal is to improve awareness and early identification of modern trafficking among healthcare providers, multi-disciplinary stakeholders and their organizations. ACT is a professional and public awareness campaign under the umbrella of NAPNAP Partners for Vulnerable Youth. NAPNAP Partners for Vulnerable Youth is dedicated to the health and well-being of all children but especially the most vulnerable children in the U.S. Its partners include pediatric nurse practitioners, fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and nurses, pediatricians, physician assistants, child health and wellness specialists, foundations and organizations, dedicated caregivers and other stakeholders. Partners is a 501(c)(3) organization, and was founded by the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP). NAPNAPpartners.org * (917) 746-8305 * cbrennan@napnap.org. 5 Hanover Square, Ste. 1401, New York, NY 10004*

AORN CHAPTER MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2019

5 pm – 6:30 pm

EDUCATION PRESENTATION

*Pressure Injury In
the OR*

DR. DEBRA FAWCETT

DINNER PROVIDED BY EHOB

OCHSNER MEDICAL CENTER

Main Campus

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