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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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President's Message

OUR CHAPTER IS ON FIRE !!!!!!!

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REMEMBER: EXPO is in New Orleans- March 24- March 28. Don't miss out on this educational-packed event !!

If you were unable to attend our monthly Chapter meeting on 2/28/18 at Tulane, you missed a lot of exciting Chapter news!!

CONTINUE reading below for more exciting Chapter news.....

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For those who are only volunteering or only available to see the exhibit hall, please sign up for our **FREE VIP Exhibit Hall Pass**. The pass will give you access to the exhibit hall floor March 26th and 27th. You can register online and enter NOLA Chapter in the "guest of" field. The url to sign

is: <https://www.wynjade.com/aorn18/links.cfm?link=evip> . Feel free to spread the word to other nurses in the area too (you don't have to be a member of our chapter to get the free VIP Exhibit Hall Pass).

FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS ONLY:

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The 2018-2019 AORN president, Stephanie Davis, has determined the 2018-2019 committees/task forces and initiatives. AORN is currently seeking additional volunteers to serve on seven of these committees. Go to AORN.org to volunteer.

At the Virtual Town Hall meeting last month, members approved the updated position statement on "Orientation of the RN and the Surgical Technologist to the Perioperative Setting". Academic Scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year is open through June, 15, 2018. **AORN has announced that the Specialty Assemblies will be transitioning the current nine SAs to member-run, online groups, beginning in April 2018.**

Call For Volunteers at AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo-2018 New Orleans. AORN is seeking volunteers to help with the conference duties listed below:

Student Program Assistants - Help train and inspire the next generation of nurses at the Student Program on March 27. Activities require 1-2 hour commitments.

Moderators – Open an education session with welcoming remarks, introduce the speaker(s), start/end session on time, and facilitate the Q&A.

Session Assistants – Check badges and help control seating and noise in an education session room

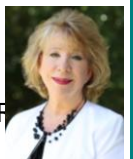
Positioning Simulation Station Assistants – Assisting at one of five positioning stations and help attendees practice various positioning techniques, starting with the required assessment of the patient and positioning devices.

Host Volunteers – Welcome attendees to the conference, direct attendees to convention center locations, and help where needed. Email: sguardina@att.net . See brochure in Newsletter

Don't forget to **vote in the AORN National election**. Cast your vote before March 27, 2018. You have a voice !!

Respectively,

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



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2017-2018

April 25th at Ochsner Kenner

Monthly Meeting Dates

April 25th-Ochsner Kenner
May 23rd-
June 27th-Installation Banq.

*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

1. B
2. A
3. A

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 in the [Nursing Community Coalition](#) and the [Coalition for Patients' Rights](#).

Join the Legislative Forums on the 3rd Monday of each month to stay current on what's happening. To join the group Please send an email to dglover@aorn.org and request to receive Legislative Forum login information.

Louisiana Legislative News

The 2018 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature will convene Monday, March 12, 2018. Final adjournment no later than 6:00 p.m. on June 4, 2018. However, LSNA never takes a break from advocating on behalf of professional nurses.

Throughout the year, LSNA networks with stakeholders, partners, and elected leaders to ensure our voice is heard at the policy table. LSNA engages the services of the Southern Strategy Group in Baton Rouge. LSNA will host the 2018 Membership Assembly, Link to the Legislature, on April 24-25, 2018 at the Capitol Hilton in Baton Rouge. The event will include NURSE DAY AT THE CAPITOL on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Details, registration, and complete schedule will be released no later than December 1, 2017.

LSNA will take positions on issues related to nursing and the health of Louisiana's citizens. Check back here for position statements as they are developed. All position statements will be shared at this link

<https://www.lsna.org/health-policy/>

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

Respectfully Submitted by,

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



Membership Information

Please remember to renew!

Total Members - 210

Standard – 147

Lifetime – 14

2/3yr - 25

Retired – 9

Associate – 7

Student Members – 8

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:

March

Michelle Benoit

Leslie Coco Frazier

Jill Donegan

Jennifer Pitre

Stacey Spiers

Geri Tannehill

April

Shirley Broussard

Mary Jo D'Amico

Mary Kay Harvey

Leslie Johns

Susan McPherson

Member News

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 Meeting called to order by Sharon Guardina, President, at 6:25PM after the continuing education program.

Thanks to Tulane Medical Center for hosting the meeting and to the vendors who brought snacks for the meeting!

A **quorum** was confirmed by Secretary Mandy Martin-Sanchez.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Treasurer’s Report by Melissa Guidry. Refer to the report in the newsletter.
- Legislative Report by Natalie Walker. Refer to the report in the newsletter. Reminder: Monthly legislative forum calls are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30PM. Send an email to Dglover@aorn.org if you would like to participate. A recording of the call will be able.
- State Council Report – Refer to the newsletter.

2018 Winter Seminar:

- The seminar in January was a huge success. There were 35 paid registrants and 10 vendors. The presentations were great! See the Treasurer’s Report for additional information.

AORN Surgical Conference and Expo in New Orleans:

- **March 24-28, 2018.** Volunteers are still needed for welcoming, student program assistance, positioning station, session assistants, session moderators, and others. Email Sharon with your name and contact information. See inside Newsletter for further details.

- The Chapter Leadership Workshop at Expo will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 8:30-11:30AM. Registration is limited to chapter officers or designated chapter leaders. Let Sharon know if you are interested in attending.
- **Voting is now open.** Please exercise your right to have a voice in the leadership of the organization! Refer to the AORN website for information on each candidate for office. Two of our chapter members, Carrie Simpson and Ramie Miller are both on the ballot for national office.
- Please download the Expo conference app.
- If you are registered for Expo, you will have 30 days post-conference to view ANY session (streamed) and earn contact hours.
- Simulations will be by time slots rather than lines. Register for the simulation time that fits your schedule.

Scholarships:

- Academic scholarships are still available for those advancing their education. The application process open until June 15, 2018. Remember, Louisiana sponsors one scholarship each year.

AORN Leadership Webinar:

- A free webinar on AORN Leadership opportunities will be held on March 6, 2018. Check the AORN website for more details.

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Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

Please join us at the next meeting in New Orleans!

Sunday, March 24h, 8 PM at Mulates, New Orleans, across from the Convention Center. Hope to see you there!

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. In addition to standard precautions, what precautions should a perioperative RN implement when caring for a patient who is diagnosed with Clostridium difficile disease?**
 - A. Airborne
 - B. Contact
 - C. Droplet
- 2. The first lines of protection against the hazards of surgical smoke include smoke evacuation and:**
 - A. General room ventilation
 - B. Policies and procedures
 - C. PPE (i.e. respiratory protection)
- 3. Which of the following are examples of non-absorbable suture?**
 - A. Cotton, Silk, nylon
 - B. Polyglactin, surgical gut, synthetic polymers
 - C. Surgical Gut, nylon, silk



AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2018

March 24-28, 2018 | New Orleans, LA

AORN is returning to New Orleans for our Global Surgical Conference & Expo, March 24-28, 2018. Plan to attend this revolutionary learning experience, featuring a dynamic range of topics, world-renowned speakers, top-notch researchers, and the latest products and services changing how we practice.

Click here for more information:

<https://www.aorn.org/surgicalexpoinformation-and-schedule>

It's not too late to sign up to **volunteer** for the 2018 AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo in New Orleans from 3/24/18 to 3/28/18.

Volunteer needs include:

Welcoming attendees to the Convention Center; Directing attendees to Convention Center locations and educational sessions; Student Program assistants; Assisting at one of the Positioning Stations; Helping with setting up the Foundation Silent Auction; Session Assistants; and Session Moderators just to name a few.

You can decide on what volunteering activity works best for you and what days and times work best for you also. And REMEMBER Expo 2018 starts on Saturday, so if you are unable to attend Expo the entire week, you can volunteer on the weekend Please send your name and contact information (your email address and cell phone #)

via email to Sharon Guardina (Volunteer Coordinator) at sguardina@att.net



AORN
VOTING MATTERS 2018



2018 AORN National Ballot

2018 Election: February 26, 2018 – March 27, 2018

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	STATE/COUNTRY
President-Elect (1 to be elected)	Missi Merlino, MHA, RN-BC, CNOR, CSSM	TX
	Dawn Yost, MSN, RN, BSDH, RDH, CNOR, CSSM	WV
Vice President (1 to be elected)	Holly S. Ervine, MSN, RN, CNOR	GA
	Carrie Simpson, BSN, RN-BC, CNOR	LA
Secretary (1 to be elected)	Elizabeth S. Pincus, MBA, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CNS-CP, CNOR	NY
	Mary C. Russell, MN, RN, FNP-BC, CNOR	OR
Board of Directors (3 to be elected)	Elizabeth A. Austin, DNP, RN, CNOR	FL
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	J. Stephen Balog, MSN, RN, CNOR	SC
	Laura Gayton, MHA, BSN, RN, CNOR, CSSM	IL
	Merideth Lewis-Cooney, BSN, RN, CNOR	CA
	Darlene B. Murdock, BSN, RN, CNOR	TX
Nominating Committee (3 to be elected)	Kristy Simmons, MSN, RN, CNOR	LA
	Nanette (Nan) Hanauer, BS, RN, CNOR	FL
	Nicole M. Meredith, BS, RN, CNOR	VA
	Ramie Miller, MSN, RN, CNOR	LA
	Heidi Nanavati, MSN, FNP-BC, CNOR	MD
	Shirley Pollard Ramsey, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC	KY
	Jamie Ridout, MBA, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CNOR	NC
Leilani A. Salimone, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNOR	CA	

Here's a great deal if you want to just attend the weekend!



Experience the first two days of Global Surgical Conferer for \$375 – a \$175 savings off full registration.

The Weekend Pass, valid for Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25, is perfect time-off from work but don't want to miss out on the rewards of attending the conf days, you'll be able to take advantage of some of the best parts of the event, includ

- A wide range of education sessions on clinical practice, leadership, and p recordings of all the sessions you missed up to one month after the confere
- Poster displays and sessions on clinical improvements and innovations, ir
- Exhibit Hall Opening Reception featuring 450+ exhibits of the latest surg and trends
- AORN Congress live Q&A session with AORN national candidates
- Endless networking opportunities to connect with colleagues from aroun

To get the Weekend Pass, use the code WEEKEND at checkout after selecting da Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25.

Registration Packages

	AORN Member Rates		Non-Member Rates	
	Early Bird Ends January 31, 2018	Regular Rate	Early Bird Ends January 31, 2018	Regular Rate
Individual	\$615	\$715	\$795	\$895
Group (3 or more)	\$580/person	\$580/person	\$580/person	\$580/person
Executive Leadership Summit	\$950	\$1,050	\$1,150	\$1,250
Global Summit	\$715	\$715	\$715	\$715
Day Pass	\$225/day	\$275/day	\$225/day	\$275/day
Faculty/Student Day Only	Free	Free	Free	Free
Exhibit Hall Only - 1 Day Pass	\$50/day	\$50/day	\$50/day	\$50/day
Exhibit Hall Only - 2 Day Pass	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Guest	\$345	\$345	\$345	\$345

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Town Hall Meeting:

- There will not be a town hall meeting in March. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 18th.

Specialty Assemblies:

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Announcements and Celebrations:

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Meeting Minutes – Continued

- Next meeting is April 25th at Ochsner Medical Center Kenner.
- Guideline spotlight: Sharon went through a number of AORN Guideline spotlight tidbits!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09PM.

Continuing Education Program: Accreditation Readiness for Perioperative Service Teams

Speaker: Aimee Keating, MSN-HCSM, RN, Tulane Health System (aimee.keating@hcahealthcare.com)

The Joint Commission changed to using the Safer Matrix in the accreditation process. In the past, a pattern was needed for it to be cited. This is no longer true. This has resulted in about 30% increase in RFIs. Keep in mind that the goal is to make it safer for patients. Approach it from a consultative view.

Preparation can help calm anxiety related to the survey. Goal is to have the staff comfortable answering questions.

Tips for interacting with a surveyor:

- Be available and polite.
- Answer **ONLY** the question that was asked. **DO NOT** volunteer information.
- Ask for clarification if you don't understand the question.
- Go to a private place for the surveyor to review the chart (helps prevent breach of confidentiality!)
- Use your resources if you don't know the answers!

To start getting a unit ready, go for the low hanging fruit:

- Start with storage areas (separation of clean from dirty [and how do you know!], not <18" from the ceiling)
- Maintain appropriate egress
- Evaluate appropriate PPE in restricted areas; removed when leave the area
- Temperature, humidity, and air exchanges are correct
- Monitoring of temp, code cart, quality control logs
- Check for expired supplies and medications

- Remove clutter and trash
- Check for visible patient information
- Assure that fire equipment/alarms and medical gas valves are not blocked

Strategies to tackle the low hanging fruit:

- Educate staff to help them to buy into the process
- Make quick sweeps and use a general tracer [use checklists]
- Be observant and hold staff accountable
- Consider instituting a "Department of **MINE**" – **My Ideas Needed Everyday** – staff taking ownership of a specific area. If it is everyone's responsibility, no one takes responsibility! Acknowledge and reward staff for accountability and results!
- Do spring cleaning

Address Bigger Issues in Each Phase of Care

- Preop
 - Completion of all required documents
 - Appropriate preop education of the patient to give informed consent
 - Site marking by surgeon (doing the procedure) with patient involvement. Know your policy for sites that are not able to be marked. Staff needs to know how to speak to issues related to site marking
 - H & P within 30 days; Needs to be updated if not done on day of surgery
 - Standard handoff to the intraoperative team; is there a process for the staff to be able to ask questions (especially if a form is used)
 - Auditing areas for compliance. Set clear expectations and stick with it!
- Intraoperative
 - Proper identification of the patient at every phase of care
 - Active involvement of everyone in time-out
 - Immediate pre-induction anesthesia assessment (need to see a note that anesthesiologist [or surgeon for procedural area] documents no changes noted or other note – even in procedural areas)
 - Proper debriefing
 - Label all medications outside of original

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- packaging on and off of the sterile field
- Document and communicate proper implementation of fire safety.
- Postop
 - Immediate post-op note needed when patient gets to PACU
 - Medication reconciliation across the continuum of care
 - Ensure post-anesthesia assessment occurs within 48 hours. Patient needs to be out of anesthesia (becomes conscious) before this occurs!
- Sterile Processing
 - Proper high level disinfection and sterilization of reusable medical devices (scopes, instruments, etc). Know and be able to articulate the process.
 - Staff competencies, education and training documented. A one-time inservice does not demonstrate competency. Do safe checks and audits of the actual process.

- Post the processes in the area so that all can see.
- Plan for continual readiness
 - Start with a general tracer to highlight areas of concern (a general OR tracer with key areas – use to hone in on issues identified). Identify an action plan.
 - Utilize audits and focused tracers to gain more information
 - Educate and remove barriers to compliance. The problem may be with a process that can be modified to facilitate compliance.
 - Use a model for just culture to address issues identified.

If you would like a copy of the General Tracer, send your email address to Aimee.

* * * 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.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$ 9553.95

Deposits:
\$ 665.00

Expenses:
\$ 2320.00

Ending balance: \$ 7898.95

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Guidry, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902

