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Presidents Message

April showers may bring May flowers, but the AORN 2014 Surgical Conference & Expo in Chicago has brought us "Innovation", education, new tools to bring back to our facilities, and a local representative on the National Board! We are so proud of our own **Nathalie Walker**, who was elected by the membership to serve as the 2014-2015 Secretary for AORN National. Way to go Nathalie!

This April 23rd, the Chapter meeting, will be our first at the **Charity School of Nursing Campus of Delgado Community College 450 S. Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA, 70112.** "Accurate Estimation of Blood Loss in the Perioperative Setting," will be presented by Louisiana State Council Chair, Kristy Simmons, MSN, BSN, CNOR. Kristy, who just recently received two nursing excellence awards at the 2014 AORN Surgical Conference & Expo (Outstanding Achievement in Nursing Research, and Outstanding Volunteer Leadership), started questioning a problem with estimating the blood loss in the OR, and that blossomed into a bona fide research project. Kristy will be here to explain her findings, and answer

any questions you might have with how much blood *really* is in those sponges!

Delgado/Charity School of Nursing Instructor, Ann Burghardt-Deick has wonderfully coordinated the event with her student nurses, and made parking will be available for us in the garage. The entrance is on Perdido St., along the right side of the building. If you are coming from Metairie, take the Claiborne exit; make a left at Claiborne, and right on Perdido, with the garage being on your right. There is a button on the call box at the entrance to the garage (the gate will be down). Push the call button, and security will answer, and raise the gate. As you enter the garage, "go UP bot DOWN," and park anywhere on that level. The door will be propped open for you to enter the building. Take the elevator to the **6th floor**. There will be signs to guide you to the facility lounge.

May 23rd - Adventure Quest "Fundraiser." This is an event open to all ages, and Laser tag levels. The time frame open to our Chapter is 4-9pm, and will be \$20pp. Great news, if we have over 30 people, a percentage goes back to the Chapter! Come out with the kids, and hang out the grown-ups!

Adventure Quest

1200 S. Clearview Parkway
(in Elmwood Shopping Center behind the Fox & Hound restaurant).

www.lasertagnola.com

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Stay connected; bridge the gap with a colleague.

Presidents Message Continued

June Installation Dinner – “Save the Date!” Wednesday June 25th, 2014. Location to be announced.

Don't forget to keep checking us out on our Website:

<http://www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/AORN-of-New-Orleans-Chapter-1902/>

And sign up for e-mail from us on ORNurseLink: <http://www.ornurselink.org/>

Warm Wishes,

Ramie



**TRIVIA CORNER
FROM THE**

PERIOP INSIDER
weekly newsletter



Why use a chemical indicator with each package sterilized by the hospital?

Chemical indicators specific to the sterilization method selected should be used with each package sterilized by the hospital. Chemical indicators are used to verify that one or more of the conditions necessary for sterilization have been achieved within each package. External and internal CIs do not verify sterility of the contents.

Are used smoke evacuator filters and tubing infectious waste?

Used smoke evacuator filters and tubing should be considered potentially infectious waste. These used devices should be handled using standard precautions and disposed of as biohazardous waste. Airborne contaminants produced during laser and electrosurgical procedures have been analyzed and shown to contain gaseous toxic compounds, bioaerosols, and dead and living cell material. Bacterial and/or viral contamination of smoke plume also has been identified.

Wrapping Materials labeled for single-use should be discarded after one sterilization cycle. True or False?

Wrapping materials labeled for single-use should be discarded after one sterilization cycle. Products labeled as single-use or disposable are intended for one use and are not intended to be reprocessed. Single-use packaging materials can be recycled if the product is suitable for recycling.

Is it routine to use a pneumatic tourniquet for all extremity procedures?

The perioperative RN should not assume routine use of a pneumatic tourniquet for all extremity procedures. The RN should confirm with the surgeon and anesthesia professional that the plan of care for the individual patient includes the use of a pneumatic tourniquet. The surgeon or anesthesia professional determines whether to use a tourniquet based on the risks and benefits to the patient. There is debate in the medical community regarding the use of a pneumatic tourniquet for surgical procedures. Based on the evidence, routine use of a pneumatic tourniquet for limb occlusion can no longer be assumed. Findings from an e-mail survey sent to 1,665 foot and ankle surgeons in North America revealed that 11 respondents (3.4%) rarely or never used a tourniquet.

Current Membership

Please remember to renew!

- Total Members - 165
- Members - 102
- Lifetime – 5
- 2/3yr - 23
- Retired – 5
- Associate – 5
- Student Members - 23
- APSNA – 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

Invite all Perioperative nurses to our meetings!

AORN Resources



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



www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx

3M has upcoming webinars at which you can obtain free CEU’s. <https://promo.3m.com/rc/3MMEDICAL/ipeducationwebinarcalendar>



<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:

April

- Rosa Flores-Castellon
- Rosalie Gonzales
- Mary Kay Harvey
- Connie Martin
- Susan McPherson
- Wanita Montgreuil
- Donna Moore

May

- Laurie Bonnaffons
- Brett Connolly
- Stephanie Danielson
- Emily Fletcher
- Sharon Guardina
- Trudy McLaurin
- Amanda Reeves



Membership News

WE WOULD LOVE TO ADD AN UPDATE FROM YOUR FACILITY AND HAVE A WHOLE PAGE OF INFO!

Ochsner Baptist:

Lauren Jackson Lee welcomed baby Felix Scott Lee on April 5th. Congratulations!

Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

Pre-Surgical Conference pot-luck meeting at the home of Brenda Falanga.

The meeting was called to order at 6PM by Ramie Miller, President.

Minutes:

- The minutes were approved as posted on OR Nurse Link.

Financial Statement: Sharon Guardina, Treasurer

- As of March 19, 2014, the treasury balance was \$5,306.65. The registration for the chapter delegates has already been paid from the account.

Reports from the Officers, the Board, and Standing Committees:

- **Membership:** The current membership in the chapter is 173. Brenda asked that everyone renewing their membership online verify that Chapter 1902 populates into the form when the zip code is entered. There are now only 6 AORN chapters in the state of Louisiana.
- **Student Membership:** Ann reported that 15% of the chapter is comprised of student members! She also gave a report on the first time that she presented "A Day in the Life of a Perioperative Nurse" at Children's Hospital. Ann hosted 11 nursing students on Lundi Gras and the feedback was VERY POSITIVE and all of the participants had lots of FUN! Ann is planning to hold this program at least twice a year (probably in the summer and at Christmas). The Board would like to do more student outreach.
- **Code of Ethics:** Nathalie reported that the chapter's Code of Ethics is on file with AORN, Inc.

Legislative

- The 2013 Nursing Supply and Demand Council Report was completed and submitted to the Health Works Commission for the Legislature.
- Nathalie also reported that at the March Health Works Commission meeting Denise Bottcher, the communications director for the AARP, is not satisfied with the access to medical care in the underserved communities of central and north Louisiana. She said that AARP is planning to sponsor a bill in support of Nurse Practitioners being able to practice to the full extent of their education and to remove the barriers to full NP practice.



There are a couple criteria your facility must meet in order to become *CNOR Strong*:

1. Have at least 50% of its eligible OR nursing staff CNOR certified.
2. Provide means to recognize and reward nurses who become certified or recertified.

Check out this web site:

<http://www.cc-institute.org/cnor/cnor-strong>

NJ requires Certification of Instrument Room Personnel. Several other states have Bills in progress Mass, Michigan and Ct Nathalie is bringing this to the attention of the Louisiana legislators and stressing that AORN is behind this to help improve patient outcomes by reducing SSI.

- If you want to know what's going on in the Louisiana Legislature, go to www.legis.la.gov. On this site, you can search for bills before the legislature related to topics such as healthcare and nursing. Keep up with what's going on in your state's government that affects your profession and your life!
- **Education:** Just as a reminder, there are many continuing education webinars on the AORN website that are FREE with AORN membership. Also, AORN membership includes and affiliate membership in the ANA. Additional free contact hours are available on NursingWorld.org. Check it out!
- **Young Professional's:** Carrie is planning to send out a survey to see who is reading the blog (which can be accessed from the chapter's website). The Young Professional's blog is focused on nurses under the age of 40 or new to perioperative nursing. Carrie emphasized that ANYONE is welcome to read the blog!

Meeting Minutes - Continued

Old Business:

- **Leadership Academy:** The Leadership Academy will be held on May 16th and 17th at AORN Headquarters in Denver. Each chapter gets one free seat. Traditionally, the President-Elect has been the chapter's representative to the Academy. The Leadership Academy prepares chapter leaders to be able to manage the business of the chapter. The current President-Elect, Melissa Guidry, has already been to the Leadership Academy and has served as President of the Chapter. The next chapter elections will be held in May, which is probably too late for the newly-elected President-Elect to make the arrangements to go to the Academy and get the time off. After much discussion, Brenda made a motion to send Mandy to the Leadership Academy this year to represent the chapter. The motion was seconded by Nathalie and all in attendance approved.
- **April Chapter Meeting:** April 23rd at Charity/Delgado School of Nursing. Kristy Simmons will do a presentation on Blood Loss in the OR.
- **May Chapter Meeting:** May 28th will be AORN Family Night at Adventure Quest Laser Tag (behind Elmwood). Details will be sent out soon. Get ready for a night of fun with the whole family!
- **CNOR Prep Course:** The chapter would like to host a CNOR prep course in the fall to encourage more members to become certified. This would be as a service to the membership. The thought is to have a one-day seminar on a Saturday in a workshop format. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of any printed materials. Please let one of the Board members know if there is a topic that you might be interested in presenting at the prep course.
- **Chapter Elections:** Frances will send out Willingness to Serve forms to the membership in the next few days and include the form in the March newsletter. The ballot will be submitted in April with the elections in May (ballots to be counted at the May meeting). Nominations are now being accepted for: President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Board of Directors (2), and Nominating Committee (2).
- At the conclusion of the Chapter business, discussions were held regarding the elections at the upcoming Surgical Conference in Chicago. Voting is now open – one member, one vote. Please encourage all AORN members at your facility to take advantage of this benefit! Let your voice be heard by casting your vote for the leaders that you feel will best serve the organization. Consult the AORN Journal and the AORN website for candidate bios and election statements. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Chapter 1902 Calendar

Meetings at 4:30 PM
unless otherwise noted

April 23, 2014

Chapter Meeting at
Charity School of Nursing
Campus of Delgado
Community College 450 S.
Claiborne Ave, New Orleans,
LA, 70112. "Accurate
Estimation of Blood Loss in
the Perioperative Setting,"
will be presented by
Louisiana State Council Chair,
Kristy Simmons, MSN, BSN,
CNOR.

May 28, 2014

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Adventure Quest. This is an
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Laser tag levels. The time
frame open to our Chapter is
4-9pm, and will be \$20pp.
Come out with the us!

June 25, 2014

Installation Banquet,
Messina's located at 2717
Williams Blvd in Kenner. The
dinner will be \$28 inclusive
with cash bar. Soup of day,
Salad, Choice of entrée:
Veal parmigiana
Chicken piccata
Grilled fish
Bread Pudding, Coffee/tea

Remember
Visit us on the Web!

See us at:

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

Education

These Continuing Education programs are in the April Journal –
check them out . . .

2.3^{CE} Understanding Medication Compounding Issues

RODNEY W. HICKS, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP

1.5^{CE} Clinical Issues

BYRON L. BURLINGAME, MS, BSN, RN, CNOR

Legislative Update from Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

AORN Public Policy News:

[AORN participates in White House call on ACA](#)

Publish Date: 3/18/2014

First Lady Obama thanks those involved with enrolling individuals in health insurance
[Pennsylvania RNFA reimbursement bill stalled in committee](#)

Publish Date: 3/18/2014

Ask Senator White to put the RNFA reimbursement bill on the agenda

[Implantable, life-supporting and life-sustaining devices need UDI by September 2015](#)

Publish Date: 3/3/2014

FDA releases Final Rule on unique identification for medical devices

[AORN comments on Minnesota surgical technologist bill](#)

Publish Date: 3/3/2014

Bill lacks key RN circulator supervision language

I was unable to attend Louisiana Link To Legislature 2014 as the date
conflicted with AORN Surgical Conference and Expo date.

[Information provided from Lisa Deaton's LSNA Legislative Report](#)

Link to the Legislature 2014

March 31, 2014

Legislative Session General Information:

- Prefiling deadline – February 28, 2014

- Convened March 10, 2014

- Additional bills – up to 5 bills per legislator by March 31, 2014

- Adjournment – no later than 6:00 pm on June 2, 2014

Senate Bill 192 Workgroup:

- Workgroup report posted to www.lsna.org Legislative tab –

- reports 2 recommendations:

- continue to improve communication processes of between LSBME and LSBN to
address regulatory compliance complaints and questions relative to NPs and
collaborating MDs

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-working group organizations should continue to convene to discuss areas of concern and explore opportunities for consensus relative to advanced practice registered nurses and their collaborating physicians.

LSBME draft regulations for renewal of license for collaborating physicians

- 4 to 1 ratios
- Exceptions for collaborating physician working in nursing homes and hospice
- Back-up collaborating physician
- Mandated quarterly onsite visits by collaborating physician

House Bills: LSNA monitoring with concerns

- 99 – epinephrine auto-injections – unlicensed persons at entities where food allergens may occur can store and administer epinephrine for anaphylaxis
- 903 – telemedicine changes current language from “health care professional” to “physician”

Senate Bills: LSNA monitoring with concerns

- 195 – authorizes school nurses to administer rescue inhalers via standing orders
- 499 – allows for exception to nurse delegation for administering insulin by DSWs
- 539 – would mandate 6 hours every 6 years of continuing education related to assessment and treatment of suicide

LSNA Health Policy Information:

www.lsna.org – Legislative – current legislative activity, reports

Chair – Lisa Deaton, BSN, RN

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Legislative Policy & Regulatory News

Obama enacts bill for ICD-10 delay, SGR patch

The Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, which pushes back the start date of the ICD-10 transition to Oct. 1 of next year, has been signed into law by President Barack Obama. The new law also delays for another year a 24% cut in Medicare physician reimbursement rates under the sustainable growth rate formula. Healthcare Informatics online (4/2) ACA growing pains will continue, experts say As the full effects of the Affordable Care Act become clear, policymakers and payers are likely to make changes to how they implement the law, experts and industry insiders say. Health insurers have suggested adding a fifth tier to the insurance plan categories, offering consumers lower premiums and more flexible benefits. States' exchange websites that did not function well will need to be overhauled, and the federal website must have capabilities added, such as the ability to process plan changes due to subscribers' changing life circumstances. Reuters (4/2)

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



Thursday, March 27, 2014 8:00 AM - Sunday, April 27, 2014 12:00 AM Comment on the AORN Recommended Practices for Preoperative Patient Skin Antisepsis

Description:

These recommended practices are intended to provide guidance for preoperative patient skin preparation, including preoperative patient bathing; preoperative hair removal; selection of skin antiseptics; application of antiseptics; and safe handling, storage, and disposal of antiseptics.

[Comment now.](#)

Pictures from the 2014 AORN Surgical Conference and Expo in Chicago



AORN OF NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER 1902
BALLOT
2014 – 2015

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

1. Indicate your choices with an "X" in the box in front of the person's name.
2. Place you Ballot in a sealed envelope marked Ballot
3. Place in an additional envelope with either your name if hand delivered or your return address, if mailed.
4. Ballot should be received by May 27th if mailed or brought to meeting on May 28th.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM ACTIVE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ONLY; MEMBERSHIP CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO ENVELOPE OPENING
If mailing, please mail to Nominating & Leadership Committee Chair:

Frances Hughes, BS, RN, CNOR
AORN Chapter 1902
2108 Danny Park
Metairie, LA 70001-1632

BALLOT Information

President-Elect: serves a one year term.

The following year assumes the office of President (for one year). Also serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee the following year. Candidate should have at least two years' experience on the Board.

Vice President: Serves for two years. Will observe, assists and consults with the President. Officer will perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to fulfill the role. Serves as the chapter's State Council Representative.

Secretary: Serves a two year term. The secretary maintains records of the proceedings of all business meetings and affairs of the Association and the Board of Directors. Provides one copy of a business meeting minutes to AORN, Inc. Chapter Relations Coordinator per year. Provides AORN, Inc. Chapter Relations Coordinator with an updated copy of Chapter Bylaws no less than every other year.

Board of Directors: Serves a two year term and must attend at least one Board meeting per year. The elected member should try to attend all regular monthly meetings.

Nominating Committee: Serves for one year and is expected to fill a slate of candidates for consideration to the members for election to office.

PRESIDENT ELECT (1 TO BE ELECTED)

AMANDA (MANDY) MARTIN-SANCHEZ

VICE-PRESIDENT (1 TO BE ELECTED)

LINDA LEVESQUE

SECRETARY (1 TO BE ELECTED)

MARY ANNE TOLADANO

BOARD MEMBER (2 TO BE ELECTED)

NATHALIE WALKER

CATHERINE (BETH) EUSTIS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2 TO BE ELECTED)

JENNIFER GRAY

MICHELLE BLANKE