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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

May 2019

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President's Message

Hello AORN New Orleans Chapter 1902 Members,

I would like to begin with my heartfelt expression of thankfulness for the opportunity to represent each of you at the recent AORN Expo and Surgical Conference. The theme of Harmonized Care was visualized throughout the entire conference. AORN business was conducted during the House of Delegates and Open Forums.

The first topic brought to the members was an ongoing task force exploring the topic of Distractions and Noise in the perioperative setting. Distracted nurses make more errors. Human factors contribute to these errors. The committee is working to be prepared with an AORN Position Statement update to the AORN Guidelines open for public comment around late 2019 or early 2020. Be prepared to review and offer your voice to the conversation. Look for the infographic developed by the Council on Surgical and Perioperative Safety at <http://cdn.ormanager.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/CSPS-Noise-and-Distraction.jpg>.

A task force report was presented regarding a new designation of Fellow of AORN with additional work being planned in the future to finalize before being implemented. The membership update was presented by Amy Kirshenbaum Director, Membership of AORN, Inc. Membership trends and demographics: Greater than 50% of perioperative nurses are over 40 years of age with the average age being 49. 1/3 of AORN members hold CNOR certification. 65% of the memberships are for 1 year, 15% are multiyear and 6% are lifetime members. 80% of the members work as staff nurses, managers, or educators. 80% of AORN members are designated as chapter members. Overall membership has increased greater than 1800 members in the last three years with a total membership of close to 44,000!

Services implemented for 2019 included the development and roll out of the Leadership Membership Package, a \$500 value. This category serves the 25% of the AORN members who work as managers or higher and has resulted in an increase of over 250 new members since February 2019. The redesigned My AORN webpage was reviewed. There have also been recognized increases in membership with the

engagement of new to practice RN's through the Periop 101 Roadmap.

New products for 2019 included providing to the local chapter leadership teams with membership communication templates designed to optimize recruitment initiatives at the local level.

New to Profession membership was created for \$99 for those with less than 2 years Perioperative nursing experience; 1500 members were able to take advantage of this new designation. Also free to all members are the Guideline Essentials and more than 200 free CNE for AORN Journal articles. AORN sponsored career coaching is available for 90 minutes with Dr Phyllis Quinlan. Expo posters are also available to members year-round for review and inspiration 36 credit hours can be earned through this process. AORN has also acquired Outpatient Surgery magazine and a digital copy of this monthly magazine is delivered to the in-box of each AORN member. Each member should be receiving on the Member Pulse in their mailbox.

In the upcoming year the general membership fee will increase in July by \$10.

Please see the minutes of our April meeting for further details of our conference and the review we presented to those present in our meeting at Touro Infirmary.

Be watching for the flier for our May meeting flyer.

Please also be watching for the ballot for our chapter's annual election of officers.

In conclusion it has been an awesome experience working for you. Every patient Every Day.

Respectively,

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



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2018-2019

**May 22nd-Social with
details to follow**

Monthly Meeting Dates

June 26th-Installation
Banquet

*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

Publish Date: April 24, 2019

Last week during a hearing on HB 1155, Washington State Senator Maureen Walsh made a comment that has sparked outrage from nurses and others across the country. AORN supports the American Nurses Association’s response to this disrespectful statement and urges Washington nurses to support this legislation that provides for uninterrupted, mandatory breaks for nurses and technical staff in all of Washington’s hospitals.

The full statement from Ernest J Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN:

April 23, 2019

ANA President Responds to the Debate About Breaks and Overtime Protections for Nurses in Washington State

Silver Spring, MD – The following statement is attributable to [American Nurses Association](#) President [Ernest J. Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN](#), in response to the debate about a bill under consideration by the Washington State Legislature:

“A disrespectful, uninformed comment from a Washington state legislator has sparked widespread outrage from nurses, physicians and others across this country. Why? Because when you disrespect nurses, you disrespect the vital role they play in caring for patients. Nurses are on the frontlines of patient care, 24/7, from birth to the end of life. Anyone who has had experience with the health care system or who has a chronic illness knows that nurses save lives. Nurses practice under challenging conditions; they face myriad hazards on the job and provide compassionate, expert care despite being subjected to insults, verbal abuse and a high risk of physical violence. Despite these challenges, nurses are professionals who abide by a Code of Ethics, and they remain focused on delivering high quality care to patients. That is why all eyes are on the Washington State legislature to see how lawmakers act on the bill before them. Assuring meal/rest breaks and overtime protections for nurses in ALL hospitals is ultimately an act to protect patients. As professionals, we remain focused on delivering for our patients. Please join me in supporting this important bill. [Please sign the @myWSNA petition.](#) #BreaksAreALifesaver”

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Membership Information

Student Members – 5

Standard – 148

Lifetime – 20

2/3yr - 27

Retired – 8

Associate – 2

Total Members – 213

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>



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:

May

- Cory Bruner
- Yulia Calderon
- Danilo Castillo
- Rochelle Cazaubon
- Caroline Conway
- Corinne Dabezies
- Sharon Guardina
- Leah Hadley
- Jasmine Mayse
- Cathy McDonald
- Tracy Narcisse
- LaToya Vaughn

June

- Jazmin Alford
- Kandace Atkins
- Nicole Bell
- Paulette Green
- Michelle Haydel
- Jumeeka Jones
- Shaunna Leger
- Janet Lococo
- R. McDonald
- Kevin Schabel
- Kelly Spreitzer
- Danielle Tiffith
- Lynne Vega

Member News



Please see page 9 for important **AORN** membership dues information.

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



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

AORN meeting minutes
April 24, 2019 - Touro

Touro host, Cheryl Watson introduced Todd Golemi with ConMed. Buffalo filter is not ConMed. Todd had a display of all smoke evaluator products. Touro's goal is to be smoke free by end of 2019. They have several surgeons who are committed to being smoke free. A discussion pursued about Go Clear. Conmed has CEU programs available - Smoke, Electrosurgical, Fire Safety, Argon abeam. Todd encouraged if any facility was in need to contact him. Thank you to Todd, who also provided food for the meeting.

Call to Order by Christal Cook at 535p.
Treasurer report by Melissa Guidry
Beginning balance - \$6390.18
Debits - \$1950.00
(7 delegates @\$250.00 - additional expo support)
(\$200 donation to AORN Foundation)
Deposits - \$140.00
Ending balance - \$4580.00

Presidents Report - Christal Cook

*Overview of Expo week - detail report can be found in Newsletter

*Membership dues increase July 1, 2019. One year membership increases to \$170.00, Lifetime to \$1600.00. If you currently have a three year membership, you are encouraged to call headquarters, speak with membership and discuss converting to lifetime. You may receive credit for money already paid.

*Task force established during this past year, to discuss Fellow recognition in AORN - this is not a level of membership but a recognition of your achievement in the profession. The current task force will continue with additional members. More information to come.

*National award recognition from Louisiana
Sheila Allen from Baton Rouge Chapter received Jerry G Peers award.

Ramie Miller from our chapter received Volunteer Leadership award.

Nathalie Walker from our chapter received Philanthropic award from Foundation.

*Sharon Guardina discussed Educator Conference she attended and received Certificate of Mastery for completing. She encouraged all to become familiar with Donna Wright's evidence based way to prioritize annual competencies.

*All sessions from Expo are available for 45 days.

*AORN Journal recently won two awards for their use of data and Speaking Up column.

Nominating Committee - Sharon Guardina
Ballot for 2019-2019 is listed below. The ballot closes 30 days after April
Newsletter - May 5, 2019. If no additions, New officers will be as listed below, announced at May meeting and installed in June.

- President-Elect
- Judy Montpellier
- Treasurer
- Melissa Guidry
- Board
- Nora Lambert
- Susan Overman
- Nominating Committee
- Ramie Miller

Next meeting will be May 22nd and will be a social - more information to come

Installation Banquet - scheduled for June 26, 2019 at Zea's in Kenner. Plans will be finalized soon.

No other business - meeting adjourned at 630p.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa G Guidry for Mandy Martin-Sanchez



Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

July 20, 2019 at 10am in Lake Charles

* 2019 BALLOT *

AORN of New Orleans Chapter Candidates for Office

Official Ballot for Candidates for AORN Chapter 1902 New Orleans for President-Elect, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Nominating Committee. This ballot will be considered uncontested, unless there are write-ins brought forward to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your consent to this ballot, by email, prior to the May chapter meeting. If ballot remains uncontested, the new officers will be announced at the May chapter meeting and the newly elected officers will be installed in June at our Installation ceremony.

President Elect: Judy Montello write in: _____

Treasurer: Melissa Guidry write in: _____

Board Member: Nora Lambert
 Susan Overman write in: _____

Nominating Committee: Ramie Miller write in: _____

Respectfully submitted:
Sharon Guardina RN, BSN, CNOR
Chair of Nominating Committee

** Chapter Hospital Liaisons **

UMC-Elaine Stock
VA-Stephanie Walls
Tulane-Linda Levesque
Ochsner Main-Susan Overman
Ochsner WB-Kelly Acosta

Lakeview-Christal Cook
Children's-Judy Montello
Touro-Cheryl Johnson
Ochsner Kenner-Shari Fourcade

We would like to encourage a member from **Crescent City Surgical, East Jefferson, West Jeff 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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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!!!

Congratulations!!!

Nathalie Walker received the Outstanding Nurse Philanthropist Award



Ramie Miller received the Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award



Sheila Allen of Baton Rouge received the Jerry G. Peers Distinguished Service Award

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$ 6390.18

Deposits:
\$ 140.00

Expenses:
\$ 1950.00

Ending balance: \$ 4580.18

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Guidry, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902



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April 23, 2019

[Georgia Surgical Technologist Bill Introduced](#)

Bill would have Board of Medicine enforce surgical technologist certification. [Read More](#)

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[Maine's Legislature Looks at Surgical Technologist Certification and Regulation](#)

Legislation details certification and continuing education requirements for surgical technologists. [Read More](#)

April 23, 2019

[Arizona Governor Signs Occupational Licensing Bill](#)

Arizona to accept out-of-state professional licenses. [Read More](#)

[California Agency Reviewing Comments on Surgical Smoke Evacuation](#)

California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board working toward proposed regulations addressing surgical smoke plume evacuation in California hospitals.

[Read More](#)

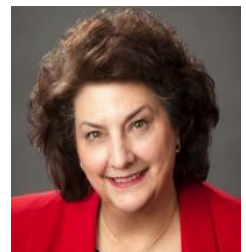
Be an Advocate Download our Advocacy 101 Handbook for ideas on how to participate in your perioperative profession.

[Download Advocacy 101](#) 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.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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



AORN Membership Increases

Since 1949, AORN has united and empowered surgical nurses, healthcare organizations, and industry to define standardized perioperative practice. As the world's largest perioperative professional association, we are dedicated to solving the challenges that impact surgical teams and patients every day.

With an ever-evolving healthcare environment (medical advancements, facility mergers, workforce demographics), AORN must invest in the future and advance nursing best practices with major initiatives, including delivering robust tools and resources, implementing new technology and content delivery options, and expanding member benefits, services, and programs.

To support AORN's work, plan for continued success, and provide the best member experience, the Board of Directors approved a \$10 membership dues increase, **effective July 1, 2019** as outlined below.

Membership Type	Current Dues	Dues Starting 7/1/19
1-Year Member (Standard/Associate)	\$160	\$170
2-Year Member (10% Savings)	\$288	\$306
3-Year Member (20% Savings)	\$384	\$408
Lifetime Member (Best-deal)	\$1,000	\$1,600
AORN / APSNA	\$225	\$235

Leader, New to Profession, Retired, and Student membership dues remain unchanged.

While this dues increase will impact many members, we know that an AORN membership is one of the most valuable investments you can make with benefits including: award-winning *AORN Journal*, 200+ CNE contact hours, guideline implementation tools, ANA affiliate membership, conference and local event discounts, chapter membership, live and recorded webinars, tool kits, salary calculator, federal and state advocacy, and much more.

Thank you for being an integral part of AORN. Together, we will shape the future of perioperative nursing and ensure a safe environment for staff and members.

Sincerely,

Linda Groah, MSN, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, FAAN
Executive Director/CEO

Stephanie Davis, MSHA, RN, CNOR, CSSM
AORN President

