



PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans ~ Chapter 1902

April 2023

2022 - 2023 Officers

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President's Message

Hello Members,

Congratulations to MARY ANNE TOLEDANO who was awarded the "Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Evidence Based Practice" at the 2023 EXPO in San Antonio.

The 70th Annual Global Surgical Conference & Expo wrapped up officially in San Antonio on Tuesday, April 04, 2023. This was the first EXPO ever in San Antonio!! It was a week of networking, professional education, and pure perioperative fun! EXPO 2023 had 900 first-time attendees registered. WOW !!!

Check out what happened at Expo by going to AORN.org and access "Periop Talk EXPO Edition Highlights".

REMEMBER..... If you missed a session or if sessions you wanted to attend conflicted with one another or if you faced the dilemma of which education sessions to attend - and which ones you had to miss. Watch them all through AORN on-demand streaming! Watch them at home or at work.

On-Demand Streaming for AORN Expo 2023 attendees (who registered and paid for the full conference) started on Friday April 7, 2023 and will be available until July 31, 2023. You will have OVER 140 CH available to you..... If you did NOT attend EXPO 2023 or registered for EXPO 2023 and you purchased (or want to purchase) a Virtual Pass _ On-Demand Streaming will be available to you on May 01, 2023 until July 31, 2023 and you will have 140 CH available to you.

Education Session Recordings will be available through On Demand Streaming and can be accessed through the AORN Conference app. Don't forget to update the conference app before you get started.

EXPO 2023 in San Antonio was definitely

an exhilarating event. I encourage you all to start thinking about attending Expo next year at the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2024 in Nashville from March 9-12, 2024.

NOW.. Let's get back to Chapter business. Another Carnival season is gone and Springtime is upon us!

Locally, we need officers for the 2023-2024 year. The chapter is seeking candidates for **President-Elect, Treasurer, and Board Members**. In this newsletter we have attached the "Willingness to Serve" form to be filled out and sent back to Mary Anne Toledano, Chair of the Nominating Committee. The positions we need filled are highlighted on the form. Nominations will close on April 26th. The ballot will be assembled and sent to the membership for voting in the May newsletter. Winners will be announced at the May chapter meeting.

Installation Banquet will be held on June 28, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. More information to follow in May newsletter

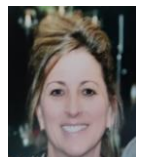
Join the Louisiana Nurses at the Capital, April 19th. "Go Clear" will be a proposed bill for this session

The next AORN Chapter meeting will be on April 26th 5p-7p at East Jefferson General Hospital, Esplanade 2. We will be presenting EXPO and Delegate reports. Don't miss out on this very informative meeting on AORN business and happenings. LOOK for the flyer in this newsletter.

Pearl of Wisdom: Keep your eye on the Stars and your feet on the Ground!
Theodore Roosevelt

THANK YOU!

Roxanne



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2022~2023

April 26th:

EJGH Esplanade II

May 24th:

Social

June 28th:

Installation Banquet



AORN Chapter 1902 APRIL Meeting

April 26, 2023 at 5:00pm

The chapter meeting schedule for 2023-2024 will be completed at the BOD meeting in July. More information to follow.

EJGH – ESPLANADE II

4200 HOUMA BLVD, METAIRIE, LA. 70006

CHAPTER MEETING

AND

2023 EXPO DELEGATE REPORTS

REFRESHMENTS SPONSORED BY:

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Officer/Board Willingness-to-Serve Form		
YEAR 2023-2024		
AORN of New Orleans Chapter #1902		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am aware of the eligibility requirements and responsibilities for this position and I have read the job description available in the Chapter Bylaws	Indicate position: <input type="checkbox"/> President-Elect (1 year) <input type="checkbox"/> Vice-President (2 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary (2 years) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer (2 years) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors (2 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee (1 year)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am willing to serve the Chapter in the position indicated for the term indicated on this form.	Indicate term of office: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years	
Eligibility requirements: (all requirements must be fulfilled)		
Place a check in the box to verify each requirement.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintained active membership status for at least one year.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attended two meetings during fall of current year. (September, October, November)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Attended at least six Chapter meetings during the fiscal year.	<input type="checkbox"/> Activity record (List meetings attended)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Served on at least one committee during the fiscal year.	<input type="checkbox"/> Served on Board for at least one 2 yr. term. (Applies only to President, President-Elect, or Vice President)	
Signature:		
Date:		
Name (please print):		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email:		
Work phone:	Home phone:	
Return 'Willingness-to-Serve' form by: <u>April 26, 2023</u>		
Nominating Committee Chair Mary Anne Toledano maryanne.toledano@ochsner.org		

Membership Information

Standard – 134	Leader-5
Students – 107	Associate – 1
Lifetime – 25	Leader - 6
2/3yr – 22	Retired –9
Group Level 1- 13	Monthly – 7
	New to OR - 25

Total Members – 260

Please bring an OR nurse with you to the chapter meetings. We ❤️ our new members!

Be sure your chapter membership status on “My AORN” states “Chapter 1902”.

Member Resources



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



www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx



<https://twitter.com/AORNofNewOrlean>
(You are seeing it correctly; there is no “s”)

Chapter Webpage:

www.aornofneworleans.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

Courtney Darby
Aisha Davis
Danika Deems
Elizabeth Derbigny
Taylor Durand
Alaina Labat
Ashley Marchese
Jeff Poche
Cierra Price
Debra Redfearn
Laurie Siekkinen
Stephanie Talbot
Logan Weber
Rhonda Wilson

May

JULIE BORCHERS
NICOLE BORDELON
Caroline Conway
Diana Gomez-Argueta
Rosalie Gonzales
Sharon Guardina
Sherry Harvey
Rachael Hiden
Sarah Keller
R. MCDONALD
Jessica Messina
Katie Pendergrass
Michelle Toups
Stacy Vice

June

Pamela Boulet
Kristen Guidry
Lisa Hoffman

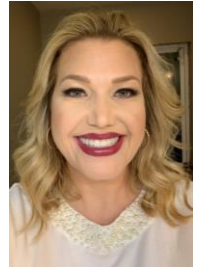
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Starting Balance: \$13,551.79

Deposits: \$548.00

Ending Balance: \$13,435.69

Shaunna Leger, BSN, RN



*Do you shop on
Amazon?*

Did you know you can donate to the
AORN Foundation
with every purchase?



[Click here to find out more!](#)



Which committee will you be joining?



Research Committee Members
Chair: Michelle Delima
Mary Anne Toledano
Camille Perniciaro

Nominating Committee Members
Chair: Mary Anne Toledano
Karen Bonilla

Membership Committee Member
Chair: Mary Anne Toledano
Roxanne McNally
Jennifer Foster
Shaunna Leger

Social Committee Members
Chair: Sandi Wiemann
Sharon Guardina
Nathalie Walker
Karen Bonilla
Roxanne McNally

Education Committee Member
Chair: Mary Anne Toledano
Nathalie Walker
Shaunna Leger
Camille Perniciaro
Sheila Ostrow

Community Service Committee
Chair: Sharon Guardina
Roxanne McNally
Karen Bonilla
Nathalie Walker
Camille Perniciaro
Sheila Ostrow
Sandi Wiemann

**Program Committee Members
(Winter Seminar/Vendor)**
Chair:
Co-Chair: Sharon Guardina
Co-Chair: Nathalie Walker
Mary Anne Toledano

Ways & Means Committee Members
Chair: Nora Lambert
Jennifer Foster
Shaunna Leger

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Nominations are being accepted at this time for the **2023-2024 Chapter term**. The ballot will close 30 days after the April Newsletter is printed. An Official Ballot will be sent in the May Newsletter with Voting instructions and the winners will be announced at the May Chapter meeting. The newly elected officers will be installed in June at our Installation ceremony.

A “Willingness to Serve” form can be found in the Newsletter. Please consider serving your chapter and being active in your professional organization.

The officers of this Association are President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and Board of Directors with responsibilities outlined in the Chapter Policy Manual.

The President-elect is elected every year and serves in that capacity for one year and then automatically becomes President for a term of one (1) year.

The Treasurer and two (2) members of the Board of Directors are elected in the odd numbered years for a term of two (2) years.

The Vice-President, Secretary and three (3) members of the Board of Directors shall be elected in the even numbered years for a term of two (2) years.

The Nominating Committee is an elected committee of the Chapter and shall be elected in the manner provided in the bylaws. **The Nominating committee shall consist of two (2) active members elected for a term of one (1) year each year.** The chairman of this committee is automatically the immediate past president.

PRESIDENT Responsibilities

1. Presides at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors.
2. Shall be a member ex-officio, of all committees except the Committee on Nominations.
3. Represents the Chapter at meetings of other organizations or designates an alternate.
4. Approves chairman of all standing and special committees.
5. Offers guidance to all committees in their activities.
6. Directs the preparation of, and signs when applicable all official communications.
7. Speaks on behalf of the Board on all official matters.
8. Keeps Board and membership totally informed of all Chapter activities as received from AORN, Inc.
9. Responds promptly to all communications from AORN, Inc. and insists that all officers communicate promptly as necessary with AORN, Inc.
10. President and the President-elect (if applicable) must be in close contact at all times, so that it becomes almost a team. This assures continuity when the President-elect becomes President.
11. Call Board Meetings with as much notice as possible.
12. Updates online election results immediately after election.
13. At the end of the fiscal year, **an** audit of the Chapter’s financial records is ~~done~~ performed by two members, appointed by the President and to be completed by the August meeting.
14. Reviews the online Chapter membership Chapter roster for address changes and new, renewing and lapsed members. Communicates this information with the Membership Committee and Newsletter Committee.
15. Checks rosters carefully for errors. Errors are reported to AORN Chapter Relations Coordinator.
16. Shall prepare or designate the required applications for National or Chapter Awards.
17. Signs checks as needed in the absence of the Treasurer.

PRESIDENT-ELECT Responsibilities

1. Observes and assists the President in preparation for the duties and responsibilities of that office.
2. Represents the President and the Chapter at other professional meetings as delegated by the President.
3. Acts as a member of the Board of Directors with full power and responsibility of that office.
4. Serves as a member ex-officio on standing and special committees and may chair committees as delegated
5. Serves as the Chairman of the Delegates at the Annual AORN Surgical Conference and Expo.

VICE-PRESIDENT Responsibilities

1. Performs the duties of the President in case of the President’s absence or inability to act.
2. Performs such other duties as may be delegated by the President.

3. May chair committees as delegated.
4. Serves as the designated representative to the Louisiana State Council of AORN Chapters for their term of office.

SECRETARY Responsibilities

1. Takes and maintains original minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Chapter.
2. Writes correspondence for the Chapter at the direction of the President.
3. Submits the written Chapter meeting minutes to the newsletter editor for publication in the Chapter newsletter.
4. Assures a copy of the minutes are available at regular meetings for reading by the membership.
5. Makes changes or corrections of the Chapter minutes as directed by the approval of the membership.
6. Provides one copy of a business meeting minutes to AORN Chapter Relations Coordinator per year.
7. Provides AORN Chapter Relations with an **updated** copy of Chapter Bylaws no less than every other year.

TREASURER Responsibilities

1. Signs all checks as approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Presents financial statement at each board meeting and business meeting.
3. Collects all money from fund raising projects and deposits immediately.
3. Chairs Ways and Means Committee.
4. Verifies automatic deposit against membership renewal on monthly statement.
5. Maintains tax-exempt status through annual filing of the IRS 990 form.
6. Provides a yearly financial report to the AORN Chapter Relations Coordinator to include Income and Expenses.
7. Participates in the annual fiscal audit with two members appointed by the President.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Definition

The Board of Directors is composed of the officers and members elected by the membership. The Board of Directors is charged with the overall responsibility of conducting the affairs of the Chapter.

Philosophy

The philosophy of the Board of Directors is to act in the best interest of the membership by conforming to the purposes for which the Association was formed as outlined in the bylaws.

Responsibilities

The Board of Directors shall:

1. Direct the business and financial affairs of the Chapter.

Individual Responsibilities

1. Serve on committees as assigned.
2. Be expected to attend all Board of Directors' meetings. If a member finds that it is impossible to fulfill this obligation, the member shall be expected to submit a resignation. If a member becomes non-functioning and does not resign voluntarily, an unexcused absence from two consecutive meetings means automatic resignation.
3. Keep oneself well informed on the activities of the Chapter and AORN, Inc.
4. Conduct oneself in accordance with the position held, so as to reflect prestige upon the Chapter.
5. Arrive promptly for meetings and come prepared to discuss items of business. Board members must attend a majority of monthly meetings.
6. Accepts and completes special assignments as made by the President.
7. Advise the President when on vacation or of other travel activities, as the President should know where and how to contact each member of the Board of Directors at all times in case an emergency.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Responsibilities

This committee shall:

1. Present a ballot to the membership for Officers, Board members, State Council alternate, and Nominating Committee at the monthly meeting (April) prior to the election meeting.
 2. Select qualified candidates for each office, considering the individual's active participation in, attendance at meetings, and contribution to the organization. The committee shall take into consideration the various hospitals and the private surgical nurses, so that equal representation may be assured. The committee shall take into consideration transferred members who have been active in other Chapters.
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Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

Drago’s Restaurant: February 8, 2023

Call to Order – Roxanne McNally at 5:35pm
Thank you to Casey Banos, Associate Sales Representative with Stryker for sponsoring tonight’s meeting and dinner.

Presidents Report – Roxanne McNally
Thank you to everyone who attended the January Seminar/Vendor fair. An additional thank you to Casey Banos for presenting at the Seminar when one of our schedule presenters had to cancel. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.
Congratulations to Mary Anne Toledano on being awarded Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Membership. This award will be presented at 2023 Expo in San Antonio.

Minutes – Melissa Guidry
Minutes from January published in February newsletter.

Treasurer report – Shaunna Leger
Report ending 1/31/23
Starting Balance \$13,551.79
Deposits 3,539.25
Withdrawals 1,173.90
Ending Balance \$15,908.14

Winter Seminar/Vendor report from January 14,2023 – Sharon Guardina
\$3,851.90 Attendees = 34 Vendors = 7
-\$1,109.17 Expenses
\$2,742.73 Profit

Legislative Committee – Nathalie Walker
There is a full report in the February newsletter. A full agenda starting at 9am through 5pm. The event is free to participate, and a T-shirt can be purchased for \$25. Visit lsna@lsna.org to register or for additional information There will be proclamations, group photos and display on surgical plume. Nathalie is hoping for a sponsor on Surgical Smoke Plume being mandatory in hospitals with goal to get passed in one sessions.

Nominating Committee – Mary Anne Toledano
Mary Anne is Chair of the Nominating Committee and she is looking for volunteers to fill ballot. Anyone interested in being an officer/board member, please see Mary Anne.

Pearls of Wisdom – Nora Lambert
To Know even one life has beathed easier because you have lived, this is to have succeeded.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Guest Speaker – Casey Banos, Stryker
“Retained Surgical Items”
A “never” event – adverse event or sentinel event. This occurs in 1:10000 surgical procedures which equals to 11 times a day. Communication failures are at the root of most of these events. It is not a matter of if but when this will happen. Some contributing factors are problems with hierarchy/intimidation, no count being done, increased BMI, absence of P&P plus many others reasons. False correct counts occur in 80% of RSI cases. A RSI impact to the patient is 94.4% suffer temporary or permanent injury. Impact to the nurse is fear of repercussions and impact to the hospital is affect on reimbursement, lawsuits and publicity. Costs associated with RSI is \$600,000 for one with \$77,512 cost for 2nd procedure and follow up care. In 2022, AORN recommended the use of an adjunct technology device in the Guidelines.

Next Meeting - planned for Wednesday, March 22, 2023. We will be reviewing National ballot and voting. Location will be forthcoming.
No additional business – meeting adjourned at 745pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Guidry





Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

March 22, 2023: “Voting Zoom Meeting”

Call to Order – Roxanne McNally at 5:00 pm

*Quorum established

Treasurer – Shaunna Leger

Deposits - \$ 548.00

Ending Balance \$13,435.69

Minutes – Melissa Guidry

February Minutes can also be found in the April Newsletter

President’s Report – Roxanne McNally

Legislative Committee – Nathalie Walker

*Senate Bill for a Smoke Free Plume was authored by Senator Gerald Boudreaux from District 024, Lafayette. The Bill has been reviewed by attorney’s and will be presented this session. The basis of the proposed law is any facility using energy based devices; i.e., electrocautery, lasers, etc. must adopt and implement policies for the use of a surgical smoke plume evacuation system. All are encouraged to write to their legislative representatives and voice your support of this Bill.

*April 19th is Nurses Day at the Capital with a full day of activities planned. Registration is free. T-shirts are available for \$25.00 Additional information is available at lsna@lsna.org.

Delegate Information – Rhonda Nabors, Delegate Chair

*All delegates should download the GroupMe app. Rhonda will communicate through GroupMe and email. There are four (4) meetings Delegates should attend -April 1, 1130 am – First Forum
-April 3, 900 am - First House of Delegates
-April 3, 400 pm – Second Forum
-April 4, 200 pm – Second House of Delegates
Delegates will receive a packet from AORN that will include name badge, lunch vouchers, ribbons if applicable and an overview of the week activities (subject to change). All information will be located on the AORN app that will go live Friday, March 24th.

Nominating Committee – Mary Ann Toledano

Mary Ann is currently looking for candidates for the ballot. Positions needing to be filled are President-Elect (1), Treasurer (1), Board of Directors (2) and Nominating Committee (2). Rhonda Nabors nominated Camille Perniciaro as President-Elect. Camille is currently a Board Member with one year left on her term. There are procedures to follow if this happens. More information to following the amount of the donation from the members

Donation to AORN Foundation – Nathalie Walker

Nathalie asked if the Chapter was going to donate to the foundation at Expo – Discussion concerning the amount of the donation from the members in attendance. After discussion, Nathalie made a motion to donate \$200 to the foundation and designate the donation to LA Council Scholarship Fund. Rhonda Nabors seconded and all in attendance approved.

National Ballot – Roxanne McNally

Review of complete ballot – candidates background. All in attendance discussed what they knew about each candidate. All members are encouraged to vote – Our chapter will receive monetary support if we have the largest percentage of members participate in the voting process. A reminder will be sent to all chapter members to vote. To vote click www.aorn.org and go to VOTE or <https://www.mcisemi.com/aorn2023/registration/confirm-eligibility>.

No other business, meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Respectively Submitted,
Melissa Guidry



★ Chapter Hospital Liaisons ★

Baptist – Lauren Levert

VA-Lisa Hoffman

Lakeview-Christal Cook

Ochsner Kenner-Shari Fourcade

Ochsner Elmwood-Kathy Blanchard

St. Charles Surgical – Roxane Davis

Sterling Surgical Hospital – Shawn Danos-Travis

Ochsner Jeff Hwy-Rhonda Nabors/Camille Perniciaro

Children's – Christi Guillot

Touro-Cheryl Johnson

EJGH-Parastoo Rezaeimehr

UMC-Karen Bonilla

We would like to encourage a member from

**Tulane, Ochsner West Bank, Crescent City
and West Jeff**

and **all other facilities** to volunteer as a liaison to assist with providing information to your peers. If you are interested, please email the chapter at aorn1902@gmail.com

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

