



PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans ~ Chapter 1902

February 2023

2022 - 2023 Officers

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President's Message

Hello Members,

The Global Surgical Conference and Expo 2023 in San Antonio is "right around the corner" and the excitement is building. As they say in New Orleans, "Where you at"? Well, you want to be at the Global Surgical Conference and Expo from April 1st, 2023 (Saturday) to April 4th, 2023 (Tuesday) being held at the Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center in the heart of San Antonio. This is our first EXPO in San Antonio.

Visit the AORN web site at: AORN.org for all the "happenings" and educational sessions being presented at Expo 2023 this year. Don't get left out... !!

The AORN Chapter 1902 of New Orleans has been allotted 11 delegates this year at Expo. The number of delegates allotted to our chapter by Nat'l AORN was based upon the number of members we had in our chapter as of June 2022. Our chapter delegate selection is based upon a submission of a "Delegate Willingness to Serve" form and based upon the Delegate Point System, according to Nat'l AORN and our Chapter Bylaws. Rhonda Nabors (our President -Elect) will be the chair of our Delegates this year. CONGRATULATIONS to these awesome and dedicated members of our chapter. I know they will serve us well.

MARK your calendars and SAVE the dates for our future AORN chapter meetings: March 22nd, April 26th,

and May 24th.

On another note, we had a fantastic turnout of both attendees and vendors for our Seminar/Vendor Fair held on January 14, 2023 at Ochsner Main Campus. SEE the treasurer report in this newsletter for details. I would like to give a BIG thank you to all who attended and to all our speakers, and to all who worked on making our Seminar/Vendor Fair a huge success. Our next Seminar/Vendor Fair has already been set up for January 13, 2024.... so mark your calendars.

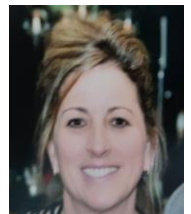
Don't forget to attend our chapter meeting on March 22nd where we will be having a chapter discussion on the association business to be discussed at Expo 2023 in San Antonio.

The grant application for funding to attend the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo is closed. It will reopen for AORN Expo 2024 in conjunction with registration for the event. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact the Foundation at foundation@aorn.org or (800) 755-2676.

Pearls of Wisdom: The Meaning of Life is to find your gift.
The Purpose of Life is to give it away.
Shakespeare

THANK YOU!

Roxanne



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2022~2023

March 22nd:
Voting Meeting

April 1st-5th:
Surgical Conference & Expo

May 24th:
Social

June 28th:
Installation Banquet
Location TBA

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Colleagues,

Please mark your calendars now April 19, 2023 for LSNA Nurses Day at the Capitol

Co-Sponsored by the Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters the event is FREE to all Nurses.

Here is the Registration Link:

<https://nursingnetwork.wufoo.com/forms/r5ups221ddlva0/>

**These are educational links for
Surgical Smoke Plume Evacuation**

[Legislative and Society Guideline Updates for Surgical Smoke Evacuation: Empowering Nurses to Advocate for Smoke-Free ORs \(pfiedlereducation.com\)](#)

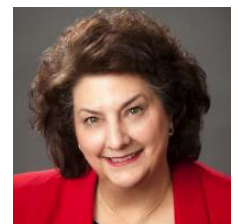
[Evacuate Surgical Smoke: Everyone Has a Right to Clean Air \(pfiedlereducation.com\)](#)

[Empowering Safety for the Surgical Team: Partnering with a Surgeon Champion to Achieve a Smoke-Free OR \(pfiedlereducation.com\)](#)

[The Care and Handling of Rigid & Flexible Scopes \(pfiedlereducation.com\)](#)

[Go Clear Awards | AORN](#)

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



NURSES DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2023

*Join us at the capitol!
Participate in advocating for
the nursing profession as well
as the citizens of Louisiana.*

APRIL 19, 2023

Agenda

- 9:00am - House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees (**Optional**)
- 11:00am - Lunch (Not Provided)
- 12:00pm - Group photo on the Capitol steps
- 2:00pm - House Floor Reading of the Proclamation
- 3:00pm - Senate Floor Reading of the Proclamation
- Upon Adjournment - Networking Social with Legislators (Catered Event)

To register, [click on this link](#) or email us at lsna@lsna.org and we can help you register. This event is free and open to all Nurses and Nursing Students in Louisiana. A commemorative t-shirt is available for \$25.00.



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Louisiana State Council



Membership Information

Standard – 155	Leader-5
Students – 107	Associate – 1
Lifetime – 24	Leader - 5
2/3yr – 26	Retired –5
Group Level 1- 11	Monthly – 4
Group Level 4-1	New to OR - 25

Total Members – 363

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:

December

Kim Buras
 Erin Cloonan
 Naya Copeland
 Hollie Davis
 Edward Graebert
 Katina Hawkins
 Ameen Kassim
 Kailynn LaBeaud
 Ayana Lane
 Pamela Lazas
 Christina Myles
 Danielle Ohlsson
 Laura Roche
 Amy Whitmore

January

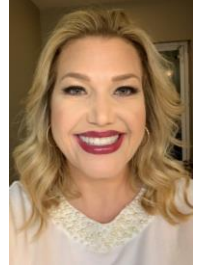
Mary Arlt
 Chandonais Banks
 Edith Bautista
 Lauren Beadle
 Sarah Bertus
 Gwendolyn Billiot
 Kathy Brown-Pickett
 Scott Cheramie
 Douglas Christensen
 Caroline Cottingham
 Lauren Dickson
 Jodelle Dougherty
 Dominique Drago
 Laurie Gonzales
 Abigail Hinyub
 Suzanne Hoffpauir
 Caroline Jeandron
 Kelly Jenkins

LaVergne Jones
 Philip Kulas
 Wendy LaCaze
 April Lato
 Nancy Ledet
 Breigh Ledet
 Brittany Leflore
 Austin Matherne
 Alana Metrejean
 Sharonda Mitchell
 Rehema Muruthi
 Amanda Osborne
 Nicole Pinner
 Dedorah Pitre
 Noah Pizzuto
 Julia Robbins
 Crixtin Rosario
 Via Schwab

Trea\$urer's Report:

Starting Balance: \$13,551.79
Deposits: \$3,530.25
Withdrawals: \$1,173.90
Ending Balance: \$15,908.14

Shaunna Leger, BSN, RN



WINTER SEMINAR/VENDOR REPORT 1.14.23

Figures below are already accounted for in the above Treasurer report

\$3,851.90	Attendees = 34	Vendors = 7
-\$1109.17	Expenses (Refreshments, Lunch boxes, Gifts, Misc)	
\$2,742.73	PROFIT	

Sharon Guardina, BSN, RN, CNOR



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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



Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

There are no minutes for January. The Chapter held our Annual Winter Seminar on January 14, 2023, at Ochsner. The Seminar was a success offering 5 CNE's with 36 paid attendees and 8 Vendor Exhibitors. There were door prizes, 50/50 and \$250 prize drawing. We had many out-of-town attendees including a National Officer and candidates for national office. Thank you to those members who helped organize the Seminar. Sharon will have a full report at the February meeting and/or in this newsletter. The Louisiana Council of AORN chapters met immediately after the Seminar – minutes are included in this newsletter.

Congratulations to 3 of our Louisiana colleagues who will receive special Award recognition at the 2023 AORN Expo.

1902: Outstanding Achievement in Evidence-Based Practice
Mary Anne Toledano, MSN, RN, CNOR

1904: Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Mentorship
Kristy P Simmons, MSN, RN, CNOR

1904: Outstanding Achievement in Mentoring AORN Leaders –
New award 2023
Sheila L. Allen, BSN, RN, CNOR(D), CRNFA(E)

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8th at Drago's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Guidry



Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters January 14, 2023

- Welcome** – Nathalie welcomed all & recognized guests: Darlene Murdock, AORN VP (TX) & Natalie Jones, Candidate Nom Cmte AORN (FL) Walker expressed our thanks again to 1902 for the wonderful seminar & allowing us to share the venue for the meeting.
- Call to Order** – Nathalie Walker, Chair
Present: 1902: Melissa Guidry, Nora Lambert, Mary Anne Toledano, Nathalie Walker; 1904: Kristy Simmons, Sheila Allen; 1908: Christy Jordan, Jamie Collins; At Large: Tina Reggie, Carolyn Gaude..
Quorum established.
- Minutes** – Minutes from Dec. 5, 2022. Previously copy distributed & available at meeting. **Motion** to approve: Kristy Simmons, Christy Jordan.
Approved. Action: Minutes to be filed.
- Treasurer's Report** – Melissa Guidry, Treasurer. Reminder that all chapters whose dues are paid could receive cost of 1, 2023 EXPO registration. 3 chapters paid for 2022 (1902, 1904, 1908); Dues assessed in January each year; currently 1902 paid for 2023.

Balance: \$13,730.30	Action: Report filed.
Beginning Balance	\$13,730.30
Deposits	0.00
Debits	0.00
Ending Balance	\$13,730.30

Chapter Dues	2022	2023
1902 NOLA	Paid	Paid
1903 Southwest	Disbanded	
1904 Baton Rouge	Paid	
1905 Shreveport	Outstanding	
1907 Acadian	Outstanding	
1908 Northlake	Paid	

- Old Business:**
Update on Evacuation of Smoke Plume legislation. Survey Monkey Summary distributed at meeting & attached. Nathalie shared the findings related to usage of smoke plume evacuation & top health

Meeting Minutes – from the secretary, continued

issues. AORN Gov't Affairs notes that typically 80% or more members respond that their facilities have the equipment; however, it is not regularly used. Few respondents report having a facility policy on smoke plume evacuation. St. Tammany hospital going through GO CLEAR process with AORN. **Action:** We will keep the group informed of developments as they occur & will be requesting additional support as we move forward.

Student Poster: Carolyn Gaude shared with the group a poster created by students in her facility related to surgical smoke plume. **Action:** Kristy Simmons to assist them to exhibit the poster at the 2023 EXPO in San Antonio.

The group expressed the hope that this legislative initiative would inspire chapters to become involved & to stimulate engagement at all levels.

- **Appoint point person/contact from each chapter for communication.** 1902: (Nathalie will provide a contact after their meeting) Lake Charles: Tina Reggie; 1904: Kristy Simmons, 1908: Christy Jordan. **Action:** Secretary to request contact from 1907 (Lafayette/Acadiana) & 1905 in Shreveport.
- **LSNA affiliate membership** (\$100 annually for org < 200 members) – LSNA has again approach our group to obtain affiliate status primarily because of our legislative initiative. Nathalie reviewed with the group our previous history with this process. Discussion followed with consensus regarding our upcoming legislative initiative. **Motion:** Kristy Simmons, Melissa Guidry: To join LSNA as an affiliate member at the price of \$100 annual fee & evaluate benefit prior to renewal. **Approved. Action:** Secretary to complete application & send to LSNA. (Treasurer provided check to cover fee)

6. New Business: Nathalie requested that all chapters remind their members to please update their profiles in the AORN data base. **Motion:** Kristy Simmons, Tina Reggie. LA Council to provide 1 registration fee of \$520 to chapters who are current with **paid Council member fee (annually \$50) by February 22, 2023. Approved.** Contact information for that funding conducted & managed by Melissa Guidry, Treasurer (guidrymelissa@yahoo.com)

7. Chapter activity reports:

1902- Melissa reported that the February meeting was moved up to the 8th & a successful Winter Seminar.

1903- Tina reported that this chapter has disbanded. Nathalie reminded chapters to put in their chapter bylaws that all chapter funds were to be distributed to the LA Council or the AORN Foundation for the LA Council Scholarship fund if their chapter disbands rather than reverting to the national organization.

1904- Kristy reported chapter trying to meet challenges of leadership changes this year & commended Karen Smith for her leadership. Considering possible October event similar to this Winter seminar.

1905- n/a

1907- n/a

1908 – Jamie reported that she serves as Treasurer. Currently they are only meeting quarterly & are seeking to fill their leadership positions.

7. Open Discussion Nathalie reminded the group that we are a professional organization & promote engagement from members.

Darlene Murdock encouraged all to connect with AORN & register for the monthly Chapter Leader Town Halls. Kristy assisted members to register at the meeting. The group discussed engagement at all levels of the organization.

8. Next Meeting: July 8, 2023 Mark your calendars: details regarding time/place/mechanism will be sent prior to meeting.

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1600.

Sheila L. Allen, LA Council Secretary

★ 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!

