**AORN Meeting Minutes**

**February 8, 2023**

**Drago’s Restaurant**

**Call to Order – Roxanne McNally at 535pm**

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](mailto: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**