



CHAPTER CHAT



Plan to Attend the Next Chapter Meeting

Saturday February 20, 2010

8:30 a.m.

At

Lovelace Women's Hospital

4701 Montgomery Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM

Program Topic: Panel to Discuss Proposed National Bylaws Changes

(Follow the signs in the Lobby to the Meeting)

President's Message

I wish to thank everyone for carrying forward in my absence. I returned from my cruise on January 20th (late, late, late evening) and I think I have finally gotten over my jetlag. It took 27 hours to get to Bangkok and only 19 hours coming home—we lost a day going over and gained about ½ day coming back. The cruise was great—a little long for a ship of only 650 passengers and every other day at sea. Being at sea is not a problem when the sky is clear, but a little boring when it is cool, windy, rainy, and moderately rocky. I coped by working out in the gym, reading 11 books, and getting at least 4 massages. We met some very interesting people, several of whom were Vietnam vets who were returning to that area for the first time. The most interesting countries were Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, and Shanghai, China.

But enough about my trip—I trust that everyone is well and had a terrific New Year. Many of us are preparing for Congress next month in Denver. Our Chapter again has a booth for fundraising. Fortunately this year, we will not have to purchase many items to sell as we have several left from before. We will need members to work the booth—so if you are attending Congress, we would really love your assistance.

There are several proposed Bylaws changes that will be

voted on during Congress—one of which greatly impacts the business meetings at Congress. This is the DELETION of the HOUSE OF DELEGATES as we now know it. **“Members in good standing with voting rights” and attending Congress** will be eligible to vote on all issues—but you must be present at the business meetings to vote. NO MORE DELEGATES.

The other proposed change is the due date for all nominations—45 DAYS PRIOR TO CONGRESS VOTING, RESULTING IN NO MORE NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR DURING BUSINESS MEETINGS AT CONGRESS. These changes would also allow all “members in good standing with voting rights” to vote for candidates for a period of time prior to Congress, either electronically or by regular mail, or electronically on-site at Congress. That means nearly 41,000 AORN Members, excluding associate and student members, would have the opportunity to vote for candidates.

Please review the information in the January, 2010 Journal, pages 52-56, to better understand these proposed changes. This Journal also contains the Congress schedule and candidates for office. Visit the www.ornurselink.org website for more discussion and

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opinions on these topics. There are two Webinars scheduled before Congress to help educate delegates on these issues—Feb.22 at 6:00 pm (MST) and March 3rd at 7:00 pm (MST).

The other issue to be voted on during Congress is a \$20 dues increase effective July 1, 2010. This increase is needed to provide membership with all of AORN's current services.

I expect to hear many heated debates regarding the proposed Bylaws changes. I think more people are willing to pay the extra \$20 for continued services from AORN. To delay incurring this additional cost, you can

renew your membership for 3 years for \$275—saving an additional \$25.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next chapter meeting. We will be discussing pre-Congress issues and starting the search for candidates for chapter elections. So please come, network with your fellow nursing colleagues, and share your opinions on these issues.

Janet Baca
President AORN of Central



Discover OR Nurse Link

AORN has just launched OR Nurse Link...the new social network link for OR nurses. Go to www.ornurselink.org and Sign-in in the upper right-hand corner of the page. Enter your email address on file with AORN and your AORN membership ID number (found on your membership card) into the password field, unless you changed or selected your own password. Current AORN members do not need to create a new account to access OR Nurse Link. If you need to update or add your email address to your membership profile, or you're having issues logging in to OR Nurse Link please call AORN customer service at 800-755-2676, Ext. 1.

OR Nurse Link has an array of new features made possible by the latest social media technologies to help you more quickly participate in discussions, read AORN news, search for information, connect with colleagues, and share documents and files.

- Create and join groups based on your interests
- Participate in your Specialty Assembly and Chapter discussions
- Read posts and learn from your colleagues

This trusted community of perioperative professionals is a great resource to help you answer everyday questions regarding recommended practices and patient safety issues.

The Transition to OR Nurse Link

OR Nurse Link has replaced AORN's old Communities of Practice and MemberTalk listserv, bringing various aspects of each into a cleanly designed and more user-friendly interface.

The Communities of Practice and MemberTalk were discontinued January 31, 2010.

There is an **8-page OR Nurse Link user guide** to help orient you to the new community. In addition, there is a **robust Help section on OR Nurse Link** to walk you through the basics.

AORN has also held a series of OR Nurse Link training webinars for Specialty Assembly coordinating council members, Chapter leaders, and State Council officers.

As a member of our local AORN chapter, you will see our chapter listed in your groups. Click on our chapter and you will have access to discussions initiated by our chapter members, local uploaded chapter resources, meeting calendar and information, and profile information about our chapter. We will be uploading our chapter newsletter to OR Nurse Link, and we will inform members of it's availability on the OR Nurse Link site as well as availability of the newsletter on our current website at www.aorn3201nm.com .

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AORN Chapter 3201 Calendar

September 2009—June 2010

SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

2nd Annual
**Potpourri of
Nursing Topics**
Saturday, Sept 19, 2009
Presbyterian Hospital
Savage Auditorium
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Business Meeting to follow
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

OCTOBER 17, 2009

Chapter Meeting
Saturday 8:30 AM
Lovelace Women's Hospital
"Electrosurgical Safety & Surgical
Plume"
Speaker: Damien Calvert-ValleyLab

Fire Safety Month

NOVEMBER 21, 2009

Chapter Meeting
Saturday 8:30 AM
Lovelace Women's Hospital
Auditorium B
1.1 CEU Mobile Instruments
Perioperative Nurse Week
November 8-14, 2009



DECEMBER 12, 2009

**Saturday 11:30 a.m.
Christmas Lunch**
Nick & Jimmy's
5021 Pan American West Fwy
RSVP to Marcia Hall
321-9220 or Email by December 10th

JANUARY 16, 2010

Chapter Meeting
Saturday 8:30 AM
Lovelace Women's Hospital

FEBRUARY 20, 2010

Chapter Meeting
Saturday 8:30 AM
Lovelace Women's Hospital
Program: Panel Discussion of
Proposed National Bylaws Changes

MARCH 27, 2010

Chapter Meeting
Saturday 8:30 AM
Lovelace Women's Hospital
"Post-Congress Discussion"

AORN 57th CONGRESS

Denver, Colorado

March 13-18, 2010

"Reaching the Peak of Perioperative Practice"

APRIL 17, 2010

Chapter Meeting
Saturday 8:30 AM
Lovelace Women's Hospital
"Finalization of Ballot"
Program: Gamma Knife Radiosurgery
Speaker: Dr. Andrew Metzger

MAY 15, 2010

Chapter Meeting
Saturday 8:30 am
Lovelace Women's Hospital
Last Meeting of the Year
Installation of Officers

AORN of Central New Mexico
Chapter Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2010

- Call to Order & Welcome** Vice President Marcia Hall (filling in for president Jan Baca who is out of town) called the meeting to order 0826 AM, January 16, 2010 at Lovelace Women's Hospital, Albuquerque, NM with seven people in attendance. Welcome to our members Anne C'deBaca, Judy Rieman; Historian Maurcena Wells; Board of Directors Robbi Giger; Officers Marcia Hall, Karen Kelly, and Nancy Hobert. A quorum was met.
- Secretary's Report/Minutes** November 21, 2009 minutes were reviewed by those present and approved as read. Apology letters and registration fees were sent to those who had attended the workshop September 19, 2009 because C.E. credits could not be obtained. They were sent out Monday January 11.
- Treasurer's Report** Karen Kelly gave an amount in checking; \$5,567.14. Loss from workshop; \$566. Amount in Money Market; \$2,532. Amount in CD; \$2,307. Karen suggested to have the money that was in savings to be totally in CD or Money Market; whichever had higher interest rate. It was voted on and approved by those present that Karen would see which interest rate was higher and switch to one.
- Committee Reports**
- Membership** Holding at 110.
- Legislative** Jan Baca out of town.
- Bylaws** Jan Baca and Curt Vavra (absent).
- Program** Marcia Hall regretfully reported no speaker for this meeting. Speaker was out of town as of Thursday. February's speaker will have to be verified with Jan. AORN Congress is March 14-18, 2010 in Denver. March 20 is planned for post congress discussion.
- Newsletter/Web Liaison** Robbi Giger; wants any news/articles in by end of the month. A very big thank-you to Robbi for working so hard on the newsletter and chapter website!!! Also a thank-you to Curt Vavra for the January article he sent in on the AORN Fall Specialty Conference he had attended last October in Orlando. Great article!!! Come on members don't be shy and submit your articles.
- Nominating** Gloria Griego; not present.
- Old Business** A member suggested that at future seminars/workshops we should have potluck meal instead of having it catered.
Discussion on flyers for meetings; Make sure we have a speaker, officers working at a facility/hospital make the flyer, and contact a member at other facilities to post flyers.

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New Business

Discussion on advertisements placed in the newsletter; it was reviewed that advertisements should be community-based/personal. This was voted on and approved by those present.

Marcia discussed the speaker issue and how hard it is to get one. She suggested Webinars for our educational needs. She will look into this and get back to us. A member asked about companies/vendors not being allowed to give educational talks at hospitals/facilities. Karen said she would contact AORN to clarify.

Lastly, Delegates/alternates discussed. Needed paperwork; willingness to serve forms and point sheet (if applicable). President and Vice-President automatic Delegates which left two Delegate slots. Karen and myself had needed paperwork (no other paperwork submitted by members) Jan Baca, Marcia Hall, Karen Kelly, and Nancy Hobert approved by those present for Delegates at Congress.

It was then discussed about cost and how much the chapter could provide to the Delegates. It was voted on and approved by those members present that the Delegates would get their registration fee \$500 paid and an additional \$250 toward other expenses. A total of \$750 for each Delegate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 0922 AM

Minutes respectively submitted by Nancy Hobert Secretary

ARE YOU A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR?

If you are a breast cancer survivor or the loved one of a survivor, the Nancy Floyd Haworth Foundation would like to celebrate with you. During our 20th annual "Celebration of Hope" we are asking for photos of survivors, which will be shown on our video screen during the luncheon. By providing these photos you will be granting us permission for their usage in our video presentation. Photos may be sent to our office address: NFHF Office, 7410 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite #204, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Please include days/weeks/months/years since diagnosis.

You may also email your photo with your diagnosis date to: nfhfoundation@qwestoffice.net

We welcome the opportunity to honor each of you and look forward to sharing your success with our luncheon guests.

Mary Ann Eaves
Bonnie Floyd



**The NFHF 20th Annual Celebration of Hope Luncheon
will be held
Saturday April 24, 2010
at
the Embassy Suites Hotel
12:00 p.m.**

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