



Progress Notes

“Embrace the Future by Suturing the Generation Gap”

- Message from the President

AORN Colleagues:

Spring is a time of rebirth and metamorphosis for many things. Snow is replaced by rain. Trees grow new leaves. Flowers emerge and start to bloom. Likewise, most AORN chapters undergo a metamorphosis with the installation of new officers; the so-called “changing of the guards.” AORN of Central Ohio conducted its “changing of the guards” ceremony at the chapter banquet on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. That evening, I graciously assumed my responsibility as the new President and presented the theme I have chosen for the next year. Our chapter will “EMBRACE THE FUTURE BY SUTURING THE GENERATION GAP” – understanding the differences by creating a culture of understanding and acceptance.

With the arrival of summer, the Board of Directors held its first meeting on June 24. The meeting was not only productive but also extremely motivating as we discussed the business of the chapter. Acknowledging the importance of membership involvement in the decision-making process, the Board identified three areas where we are requesting your assistance: 1) committee involvement; 2) the communication board; and 3) the annual banquet in May 2009.

The benefits of joining a chapter committee are plentiful and include networking opportunities, leadership skills, and professional development just to name a few. It also demonstrates the nurse’s passion and support for AORN as an organization both within and outside the clinical setting. According to the chapter policy manual, AORN of Central Ohio acknowledges the following 12 committees: Bylaws and Policy; Membership; Program; Ways and Means; Workshop; Legislative; Newsletter; Research; Education and Scholarship; OR Nurse Week; International; and Project Alpha.

Some committees are more popular and more active than others; some have a chairperson and others do not. However, without the involvement of the membership, our chapter may be faced with the decision to eliminate some of the less active committees. As chapter president, I am asking each member to consider serving on or possibly chairing one of these committees.

Additionally, the Board is seeking your input regarding the communication board and the May 2009 banquet. Did you look at the board? Was it helpful and did you like it? Regarding the May banquet, the Board supported a limit of \$25 per person. Where would you like to see the banquet held? What would you do differently? These issues will again be mentioned at the first meeting in September.

If you are interested in serving on a committee or have any additional questions, concerns, or comments, please contact me at 614-203-6890 (cell), 614-442-5878 (home), or malenursecmh@aol.com. It’s going to be a fun and exciting year! I look forward to serving the membership in my new role as president.

Respectfully,

Michael Burnett, RN, MSA, BSN
President, AORN of Central Ohio



**Welcome new
President
Michael Burnett**

3 Areas where your assistance is requested:

- Committee Involvement from members
- Communication Board Ideas and Comments
- Annual May 2009 Banquet Ideas and Locations

We need your input!

Contact Michael for info

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2008-09

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (BOD) is composed of the officers, 3 elected members and the immediate past president. The BOD is chaired with the chapter President directing the business and financial affairs of the association by conforming to the purposes for which the Association was formed as outlined in the bylaws.

President – Michael Burnett, RN, MSA, BSN

President Elect – Kim Dillon, RN, BSN, CNOR

Vice President – Linda Carifa, RN, BSN, CNOR, RNFA

Treasurer – Bonnie Young, RN, CNOR

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Nominating Chair – Mary Rogers, RN, BSN, CNOR

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Ohio Council - Jeanne LaFountain, RN, MBA, CNOR, CRNFA

Ohio Council – Linda Carifa, RN, BSN, CNOR, RNFA

Chapter Committees 2009

Bylaws and Policy Committee

Chair – Kim Dillon, RN, BSN, CNOR

Responsible for reviewing bylaws and policies annually and submitting new policies and bylaws to the Board of Directors and membership for approval as necessary.

Membership Committee

Chair – Kim Dillon, RN, BSN, CNOR

Responsible for promoting and maintaining growth of the chapter, welcoming new members to the organization, greeting and encouraging potential members to join the chapter, and providing follow-up with members that allow their membership to lapse.

Program Committee

Chair– Linda Carifa, RN, BSN, CNOR, RNFA

Responsible for developing all educational programs for the regular chapter meetings.

Ways and Means Committee

Chair – Bonnie Young, RN, CNOR

Responsible for planning fundraising activities to meet the need of the chapter.

Workshop Committee

– Vacant

Responsible for planning and developing workshops to provide continuing education for the chapter members.

Legislative Committee

Chair – Kay Ball, RN, MSA, BSN, CNOR, FAAN

Responsible for soliciting information regarding the current health trends in the legislative & regulatory arenas & follow the issue or trends, keeping the chapter informed of pertinent local, state, and national legislative activity, and directing local involvement in the legislative process when necessary.

Newsletter Committee

Chair– Heather Nihiser, RN

Responsible for preparing the monthly newsletter for publication.

Research Committee – Vacant

Responsible for developing research activities relevant to the chapter and apprise the chapter of other pertinent research.

Education & Scholarship Committee – Vacant

Responsible for collecting and disseminating continuing education and scholarship information to the membership.

OR Nurse Week Committee – Vacant

Responsible for providing information to educate the health care consumer about the role of the perioperative nurse during Perioperative Nurse Week in November.

International Committee – Vacant

Responsible for monitoring international activities, exploring international opportunities, and initiating international projects to enhance participation in and an understanding of global perioperative nursing issues.

Project Alpha Committee – Vacant

Responsible for promoting and encouraging the incorporation of the perioperative role into the curricula of the schools of nursing on the

**6 committee chairs are vacant.
Volunteer to be part of the Board!
We Need You !**