

Progress Notes

Central Ohio AORN

Chapter 3603

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *REACHING THE PEAK OF PERI-OPERATIVE PRACTICE: SAFETY, QUALITY, AND COLLABORATION*

- Michael Burnett, RN, MSA, BSN, CNOR

For those who were able to attend, Congress week in Chicago was fulfilled, informative, and motivational. One of the primary reasons for attending Congress is to re-energize, reinvigorate, and renew our passion for perioperative nursing. Whether conducting the organizational business during the House of Delegates, participating in the educational sessions, touring the floor exhibits, partaking in some of the special events in the evening, or visiting some of the marvelous sites of Chicago, I think it is safe to say that a good time was had by all who attended the conference.

Please join me in congratulating Joyce Cox, MSN, CNP, CNOR, CRNFA for being a co-recipient of the award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Policy Advocacy. This is the first year that the award was introduced to the membership. The award recognizes a current AORN member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in public policy advo-

cacy contributing to the advancement of perioperative patient care and safety. Joyce was recognized for her achievement at a special awards ceremony held on Sunday, March 15, 2009 during Congress in Chicago.

After accepting his new position as AORN President, Patrick Voight communicated his theme for the upcoming year: *"REACHING THE PEAK OF PERIOPERATIVE PRACTICE: SAFETY, QUALITY, AND COLLABORATION"*. Using pastels of purple, green, and pink, the logo incorporates a silhouette of the Denver skyline and mountains surrounding the city. President Voight went on to identify some of the priority areas that are on his agenda: professionalism and integrity; competence-based learning; information technology; healthcare reform; affiliate memberships; and perioperative outcomes.

In preparation for the 2009-2010 year, it is an appropriate time to re-

view AORN's Legislative Priorities for 2009. The 2009 legislative priorities include: 1) RN as Circulator; 2) Preserving and Protecting the Perioperative Registered Nurse's Scope of Practice; 3) Supporting Workplace Safety and Patient Safety Initiatives; and 4) Health Care Reform. The Association for PeriOperative Registered Nurses, through a robust grassroots network, promotes and responds to legislative issues that affect the practice of perioperative nursing and safety in the surgical environment. AORN grassroots members work collaboratively with health care colleagues, partners, and decision-makers to advance patient safety in all operative settings. Become a grassroots member today!

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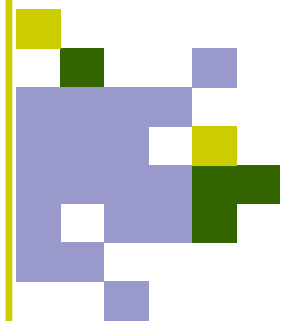
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Legislative Corner

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AORN Legislative Priorities 2009

The following information was taken from the AORN website so that you would understand more fully what priorities AORN is focused on for 2009.

[http://www.aorn.org/
PublicPolicy/
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LegislativePriorities/](http://www.aorn.org/PublicPolicy/IssuesAndInitiatives/LegislativePriorities/)

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RN as Circulator:

AORN believes that every surgical patient deserves a perioperative registered nurse so any legislation is actively

supported to ensure this practice. There was a bill in the Ohio House of Representatives addressing this issue but did not move out of committee. The perioperative nurses of Ohio, along with AORN, will again pursue this legislation in the near future. .

Preserving and Protecting the Perioperative Registered Nurse’s Scope of Practice:

AORN is dedicated to preserving and protecting the Scope of Practice for the perioperative registered nurse, including the role of the RNFA. AORN works with legislative and regulatory bodies to ensure appropriate language regarding education, certification, regulation, supervision, delegated nursing functions, roles, responsibilities, and duties are present in any legislative or regulatory piece. AORN will continue to monitor, evaluate, and respond to any proposed legislative initiatives by allied

health care professionals that may affect the perioperative nursing scope of practice and profession.

Supporting Workplace Safety and Patient Safety Initiatives:

The surgical environment must provide a safe workplace for all surgical team members. AORN supports regulatory and legislative initiatives that create, monitor, and maintain a safe environment for both surgical team members and patients.

Health Care Reform:

AORN continues to actively participate in national discussions and debates on changes proposed for healthcare reform, especially concerning the perioperative registered nurse and patient safety issues. AORN also collaborates with other organizations to advance positive health care changes but will not endorse specific candidates.

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Nominating Committee Slate of Offices

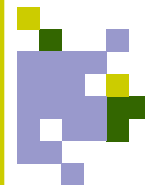
Mary Rodgers, RN

Nominating Committee Slate of Offices to be elected Spring, 2009

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- > President-Elect
 - > One year term, then becomes President for one year, then becomes a
 - > Board of Directors member and non-voting Nominating Committee member
 - > one year.
 - > Observes and assists the President in preparation for assuming the
 - > duties and responsibilities of that office.
 - > 1. Joyce Cox
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- > Newsletter Secretary
 - > One year term.
 - > Provides membership with information regarding meeting dates and other
 - > Association activities through the chapter newsletter.
 - > 1. Heather Nihiser
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- > Treasurer
 - > Two year term.
 - > Monitors the fiscal affairs of the Association and provides reports
 - > and interpretation to the membership and the Board of Directors.
 - > 1. Bonnie Young
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- > Board of Directors (1 position)
 - > Two year term.
 - > The Board has power, authority and responsibility to manage the
 - > affairs of the Association, except to modify action of the members.
 - > 1. Mary Anne Bentivegna
- >
- > Nominating Committee (1 position)
 - > Two year term.
 - > Prepares and presents a slate of candidates to serve in elected capacity.
 - > 1. Sandy Whitcraft
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- > Ohio Council (1 position)
 - > One year term
 - > Acts as liaison between local chapter and State of Ohio Council. May
 - > hold other elected offices in the chapter.
 - > 1. Jeanne LaFountain



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Member Spotlight

Kim Dillon RN, BSN, CNOR, RNFA



Each month we spotlight one member—read here to learn more.

Name: Mary Rogers, RN

Where you practice your perioperative nursing?

Fairfield Medical Cnt,
Lancaster, OH

What is your favorite book?

I like many different genres--I guess mystery novels are my favorite

Are you a dog or cat person?

Cats--they are more independent

If you had 15 minutes with the President of the United States of America, what would you talk about?

Health care reform

If money was no object, where would you like to vacation?

I like random travelling--Days off, some money and no where in particular that I have to be. My family travels like that a lot. When my children were small, we travelled to Alaska and the American West - like that. The best vacations we had!

Michael's theme for this year is "Suturing the Generation Gap". What do you do to suture the generation gap?

I am privileged to belong to a multi-generational, nursing family. My mother was a nurse, both my sisters are nurses and each of them have a child who is a nurse--6 of us in 3 generations. I love sharing my mother's nursing history and I lecture on her nursing adventures as an Army Nurse POW during WWII.