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Pulse Beat Newsletter

April 2020



Well, this is not exactly how I would like to be writing my message to you today – from my couch, in my pajamas. We are supposed to be enjoying everything AORN in Anaheim. However, these are the times we are in, and I hope you are all healthy and safe as you give your time tirelessly for our patients. I'm sure there is a lot of anxiety, fear, sadness, and uncertainty circling your mind these days – it definitely is for me. Especially with

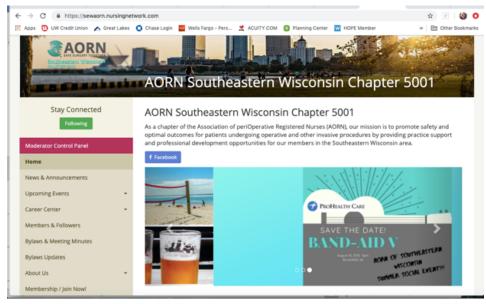
all that is shared via the news and on social media, it can be a lot to process. If you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to check out the CDC's website and www.coronavirus.gov to stay informed on the facts. And please let us know how we can serve you!

As you hopefully have seen already, our April Seminar and May meetings have been cancelled/postponed due to meeting requirements related to COVID-19. We are hoping to reschedule the seminar for the fall. If you already registered, you should be receiving your full refund soon. As far as our May meeting, we will be holding our elections online. More information will be sent soon, so keep an eye out on your email as well as our website. Check out the bios for our two secretary candidates below, so you are fully informed when it comes time to vote.

Speaking of voting, although AORN is not meeting in person in Anaheim, business meetings will still be conducted virtually on March 28th, 29th, and April 1st. If you were registered to attend as a delegate, PLEASE plan on attending these sessions if at all possible! For everyone else, VOTING IS STILL OPEN! See the flyer below, we want to reward you for your vote. If you vote before March 31st and send your submission email to us, we will put you in a drawing for a Grimaldi's gift card! (They are still open for take-out) Please support our organization and do your part to elect our next board of directors. Your voice counts!

Finally, please stay well. You are the frontline workers protecting us: we need you healthy.

New website: www.sewaorn.nursingnetwork.com



Log on to our new website and check out all of the features!

- Stay up to date on all chapter events and activities
- RSVP for monthly meetings

- Review past meeting minutes and chapter newsletters
- Review bylaws and changes

*Become a Nursing Network member and gain access to updates directly from the website!





AORN MEETING CALENDAR

2019-2020



















Call for Candidates 2020!

Annual elections held May 2020

To declare candidacy, please contact Chapter President, Katie Henzelmann katie.henzelmann@gmail.com

Open Positions:
*President-Elect
*Secretary



Secretary Nominees



Danielle Ament, BSN, RN, CNOR

Danielle graduated from UWM in 2010, and she has been an OR nurse since June 2011, including Operations Coordinator (Charge Nurse) for 5 years at Froedtert Hospital and most recently Quality Coordinator for Perioperative Services since April 2019. She received her CNOR in January 2019. "I am interested in actively participating in the chapter by joining the board as Secretary. I have been a member since 2017 and would like to become more involved. I believe I will be an asset to the board with my OR leadership, quality initiative and process improvement experience. I am reliable and can ensure accurate record maintenance and correspondance for the Chapter as Secretary. Thank you for your consideration."



Colleen Wagner, BSN, RN, CNOR, CMC

Colleen began her career as a surgical tech, graduated in 2011 from MATC with her ADN, and then finished her BSN in 2018. She has been an OR nurse since 2012 at Froedtert Hospital as a circulator with coverage as charge nurse. She received her CNOR in May 2014. "I have been attending many AORN meetings as well as the national conference and am looking for more ways to be involved with supporting AORN. I believe that as secretary, my passion for all things operating room and the staff that work in them, I can promote the wonderful things our local chapter does and continues to do, for both the operating room staff education and morale, and the community we serve. I look forward to recording and reporting the activities we do to make our chapter one of the best in the nation. Thank you for your time and support."

Time to VOTE!



The National Ballot is now available, and voting is open March 2nd through March 31st. Candidate bios are

available online: https://aorn.org/about-aorn/governance/voting-matters





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Surgical Oncology: An Answer for Cancer







Pediatric Oncology Children's Hospital of WI



Joseph Zenga, MD Froedtert & MCW



Head & Neck Reconstruction Oncoplastic & Breast Surgery CTCA Chicago

Please reach out if you have any questions at aorn5001@gmail.com.

Update on AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2020

AORN takes very seriously its mission to keep healthcare workers and surgical patients safe. Consistent with our values of communication, quality, innovation, and collaboration we regret to inform you, AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2020 is cancelled.

Welcome to all our new members in March!

Amanda Balundis, RN Michelle Rebout, BSN, RN Madison Alexander, BSN, RN Jordan Cernicka, RN Ashley Ayres, RN

Donna Repka, MSN, RN, **CNOR** Katherine Williams Anastasia Shwaiko, RN Patricia Abelt, RN Marisa Binkowski, RN