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# Pulse Beat Newsletter

## May 2020



Greeting, nurses! This will be my last address to you as President, and I cannot believe how quickly the year has passed, even despite the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope you and your families are remaining safe and healthy during this time, and I've been praying for a solution so we can all return to "normal" lives.

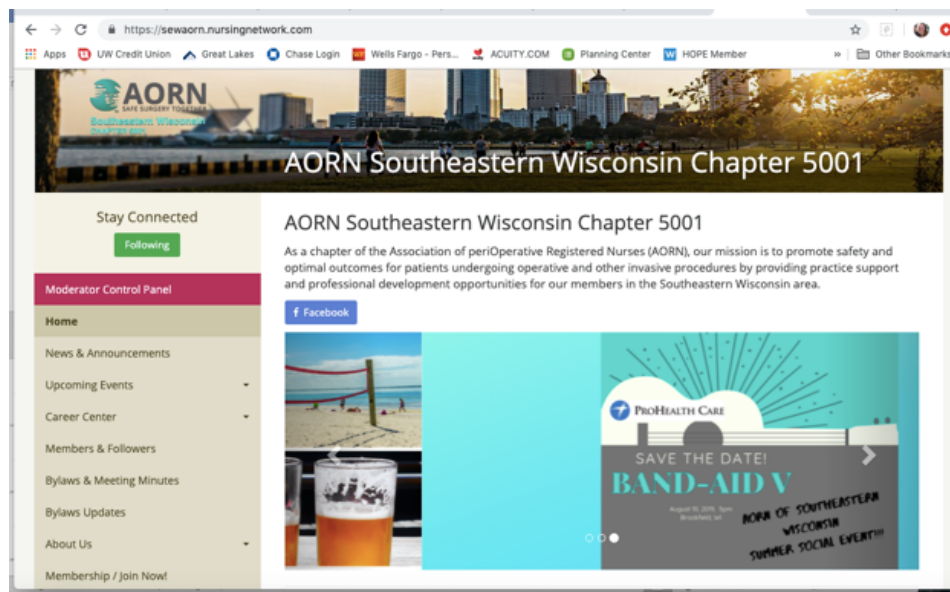
There are a few things I would like to remind you of as we finish off our year. First off, VOTING is still open for next year's officers: President-Elect and Secretary. Voting is available on our website – check out the Events tab. Results will be announced at our May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting – which will be VIRTUAL. Yes, this is our first ever virtual meeting, and we are excited to try it out! If you are planning to attend this meeting, you must register on our website, as the event is password protected to attend. Please consider joining us as we head into uncharted waters with the virtual world. This could be an excellent option for future meetings for those who cannot attend in person.

Have you heard that Expo is also going virtual this year? Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, AORN is launching a three-month virtual access to contact hours, educational sessions, and its virtual auction – and it's FREE to members! What an excellent time to build your professional portfolio, collect needed CEs for recertification, and experience Expo even if you weren't planning on attending this year! Check out [aorn.org](http://aorn.org) for more information about signing up and accessing content.

Finally, AORN has developed a "tool kit" with information about COVID-19 and recommendations for practice in the OR. If you missed it, they have been hosting a town hall every Thursday with updated guidelines and presentations from experts. They are recorded and available each week, along with a list of FAQs related to OR practices. These are excellent resources to share with your facilities, and you will be able to answer questions your colleagues ask related to best practice.

Don't forget to join us on May 5<sup>th</sup>! Stay safe and healthy, and thank you for all you are doing for your patients. Best wishes to you all.

**New website: [www.sewaorn.nursingnetwork.com](http://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!**

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# AORN MEETING CALENDAR

## 2019-2020

<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 19 <b>9-10-19</b> <b>Owning and Leading our Nursing Profession</b> <b>The Wisconsin Club</b> <b>4:30-8pm</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b> 19 <b>10-8-19</b> <b>Topic: Unintended Hypothermia</b> <b>Embassy Suites Brookfield</b> <b>4:30-8pm</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b> 19 <b>11-16-19</b> <b>Yoga and Brunch</b> <b>Topic: Injury Prevention</b> <b>Embassy Suites Brookfield</b> <b>7-10am</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b> 20 <b>2-11-20</b> <b>Lakefront Brewery Tour</b> <b>5-8pm</b>
<b>MARCH</b> 20 <b>3-10-20</b> <b>Topic: Atrial Fib Ablation</b> <b>Embassy Suites Brookfield</b> <b>4:30-8pm</b>	<b>APRIL</b> 20 <b>3/28-4/1</b> <b>AORN Expo</b> <b>Anaheim, California</b> <b>VIRTUAL 5/1</b>	<b>APRIL</b> 20 <b>4-18-20</b> <b>Surgical Oncology: An Answer for Cancer</b> <b>POSTPONED</b> <b>Fall 2020</b>	<b>MAY</b> 20 <b>5-5-20</b> <b>ELECTION RESULTS 2019/2020 Recap</b> <b>2020 President's Address</b> <b>VIRTUAL</b>

AORN of Southeastern WI Chapter 5001 presents:

## VIRTUAL Chapter Meeting & Elections May 5th at 6:00pm

Register on our website:  
[www.sewaorn.nursingnetwork.com](http://www.sewaorn.nursingnetwork.com)



# AORN News / Resources

Virtual

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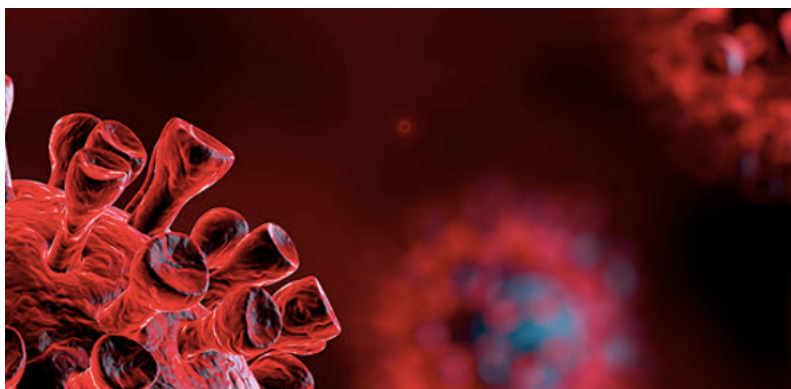
AORN VIRTUAL EXPO 2020: JOIN US ONLINE

**COMING MAY 1, 2020**

FREE FOR MEMBERS

*[Aorn.org/surgicalexp](https://aorn.org/surgicalexp)*

## COVID-19 Resources



### Supporting Perioperative Teams During COVID-19


AORN Resources and FAQs


Tool Kit: Information From Trusted Sources

### COVID-19

Share resources and questions with your peers.

LEARN MORE






### Guideline Support

Special COVID-19 pricing.

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# President-Elect Nominee



## Kate McGee BSN, RN, CNOR

Hello! My name is Kate McGee! I am running for President Elect for Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter 5001. I have served in this role previously, where I started to make some big changes to our chapter. Under my leadership, we updated our bylaws to decrease the number of board members, moved our meeting location to a local hotel, and began utilizing a new website for better communication.

We increased attendance at our chapter meetings, and increased engagement by offering grants to send our members to EXPO. I have been a perioperative nurse since 2011, where I have served in many roles including circulator, charge nurse, and unit educator. I have been active with AORN on a national level since 2017, when I won the award for one of the top Perioperative Nurse Leaders, "40 under 40." I have continued involvement at the national level as a member of the Guidelines Advisory Board. In 2018 I presented a poster at EXPO, titled, "It takes a Village to Raise a Nurse." In 2019, I presented at the Wisconsin Student Nurses Association "Perioperative Nursing." I was also slated to speak at the 2020 AORN EXPO on the topic of nurse mentoring and working with the generations. I am currently in the process of obtaining my Masters Degree in Nursing Education at Chamberlain University. I am excited to be considered for President Elect in 2020 because I want to do even more to further our Chapter! I hope to continue to engage our members with interesting and relevant CE opportunities, increase our volunteer involvement, and maybe even work a little on getting surgical smoke evacuation in the state legislation... :) In my spare time, I am passionate about home renovation as well as furniture refinishing and landscaping. I love to cook and bake. AND, I have three kids and a border collie. I find plenty of time to sleep and binge Netflix too, life is all about balance! Thank you for your consideration! ~Kate McGee, BSN, RN, CNOR

# Secretary Nominees

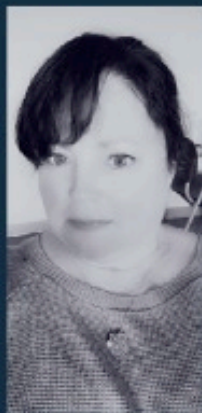
## **Danielle Ament, BSN, RN, CNOR**



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 correspondence 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."



## **Surgical Oncology:** **An Answer for Cancer**



William Bradley, MD  
Gynecologic Oncology  
Froedtert & MCW



Casey Calkins, MD  
Pediatric Oncology  
Children's Hospital of WI



Joseph Zenga, MD  
Head & Neck Reconstruction  
Froedtert & MCW



Miral Amin, MD  
Oncoplastic & Breast Surgery  
CTCA Chicago

**Please reach out if you have any  
questions at [aorn5001@gmail.com](mailto:aorn5001@gmail.com).**

## **Welcome to all our new members in April!**

Julien Delariman, RN, CNOR  
Michelle McCafferty, RN  
Patricia Horvat, RN  
Mycahl Lock  
Anna Siudzinski  
Sarah Spears, RN  
Rafael Gonzalez  
Morgan Bayer