

THE LAP SHEET

Dec. 23 - Jan. 24



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As we bring 2023 to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and accomplishments of our chapter in the last year. In 2023, our chapter celebrate its 70th anniversary. This is no small feat, when many chapters folded in recent years due to the pandemic and lack of chapter member engagement. We were able to celebrate our anniversary with fellow past presidents and other chapter members last spring at our Bingo Fundraiser. In 2023, our chapter was able to proudly say that their effects to have smoke legislation signed into law at the Missouri State Capital were finally realized and we can now proudly say that we at 14th state in the country to go Smokefree! In the fall, we were able to again have in-person chapter meetings and based on member feedback, held our first meeting back at KU after a several year gap. We were also able to provide an in-person community service event at the Children's Mercy Ronald McDonald House and enjoy some social time at an Escape Room!

I hope this holiday you are each able to sit down and reflect on your year; your successes and how you made your mark. This will look different to each of us. For some, it's completing a degree, earning a certification, getting that promotion or learning something new. For others, it can be something as simple as rounding on our patients post operatively and asking them how we can do better or showing a lost visitor to their destination. In many ways we make our mark every day and don't even realize it.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Respectfully yours,
Libby Nasche, MSN, RN, CNOR
President 2023-2024



All board members present except Whitney, Carol and Erin

Happy Perioperative Nurse Week, proclamations from MO and KS governor to be published on social media and with newsletter in December (no newsletter for November)

Treasurer: Megan went over financials and had more work to investigate our CD for best rates and terms and board will vote TBD. Megan also spoke to the stripe challenges and would need to get ahold of former member Denise for more history of the stripe account. Still working on Venmo for charitable organization. Nominating committee is still struggling to find candidates to fill the ballot. Discussion of how to make volunteering for our organization more enticing.

Vendor fair will offer 6.5 CEUs. Need help with finding more vendors to fill tables, gift cards and possible happy hour after the fair. Multiple specials for discounts for the vendor fair and flyer now available.

We do have a 1st time attendee for Expo Tessa Martin-Butler still have scholarships for CNOR, CSSM, Nursing student and active member returning to school

Expo in Nashville March 9-12th. Delegates have been determined 13 plus a first time attendee. Will need all to confirm their willingness to serve form and confirmation they are attending. Louann is presenting at Expo and national is paying for her registration. Board voted that if she can fulfill her delegate duties we would cover the cost minus registration. Discussion was brought up about members attending Expo multiple years in a row because of their points and involvement. Will keep the same most points/involvement gets to go as a delegate. (need to verify policy and procedures?)

Working on shirts for Expo would like to order by January

Bylaws need to be reviewed and any changes need to be changed by December by the board

Fundraising: BINGO Shriners vs American Legion in Independence....waiting to hear more information from Marie. Promote Raise Right gift cards and Candy fundraisers

Social committee will be planning something for Spring/June? And possible happy hour after vendor fair. May banquet is all set for May 14 at Jack Stack 45/person

December: Board Meeting Minutes

Delegates Willingness to Serve forms completed by: Libby Nasche, Cindy Davis, Louann Huffman, Mary Thun, Kathryn Blundell, Trina Cole, Pam Bays, Carly Bradley, Erin Tharp, Marie Staples, Tessa Butler (1st time attendee) for Expo –March 9-12 Nashville, TN

Treasurer Report – Megan Jackson presented

Nominating Committee – Chair: Erin Tharp

Positions to fill for 2024-2025

President Elect; Vice President; Secretary; Board of Directors x3; Nominating Committee x2

Needing one member NC person for the ballot.

Erin has sent several emails to Various members

Vendor Fair – February 24, 2024 Co-Chair: Louann Huffman & Mary Thun

Members: Pam Bays, Deanna Cross, Megan Jackson, Carol Reagan, Trina Cole, Ashley Shaw, Tim Kistner, Libby Nasche, Terri Sontheimer. Approved for 6.5 CE's for RN's. Please send Vendor contact information to Trina Cole. trina@seasc.com Early bird discount, group discount, Pay options: online, cash/check, Venmo(working on this), Solicit donations for give aways.. Vendor sign up has been slow. Only have 6 paid vendors, need 22 more.

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Bylaws – Marie Barrentine

December 1, 2023 the Bylaws committee met, and reviewed a copy of the bylaws that needs to be signed by Tracy Porter and the secretary. We believe that a copy does exist that has already been signed. When this copy is located this will make those changes permanent and it can be sent to National by the end of December 2023.

Written proposal for revision of standing committees.

The revision of the standing committees will not be put into effect until the 2023–24 year. Therefore, the new structure can be presented to the membership in January for a vote, preceded by publication in the December newsletter 30 days prior to the meeting.

Bylaws committee members present Deanna Cross and Marie Barrentine December 1, 2023

Bylaws Proposals will be posted on the next page in this newsletter.

Fundraising Committee: Members: Marie Staples, Libby Nasche

Bingo – April 27, 2024 – Will start meetings in January. Sites: Shriner's in Overland Park, Raise Right Gift Cards

Scholarship – Chair: Cindy Davis: First Time Attendee – Winner Tessa Martin; CNOR; CSSM; Nursing Student; Active member returning to school; Emails link sent to all local schools of nursing informing them of scholarships.

May Banquet – No updates

Social Event

Escape Room Event Occurred
November 4th

Great Fun was had !!

Thank you to those that attended



The Bylaws committee proposes a restructuring of standing committees to a more realistic model of our current practice. Therefore, the new committee names and groupings have been developed. The membership is asked to please read this new information before the January business meeting. At the January business meeting the membership will be asked to approve the standing committee restructuring.

Article VI Meetings Quorum

Section 1: Association Meetings

A. The phrase (or as president deems necessary) gives the flexibility we desire on how many meetings we have, and can stand as is.

B.C.D. all remain the same

ADD new letter E.

E. The business of this organization may be conducted electronically by the board of directors and committees.

This is a statement in the national bylaws and it will cover our virtual zoom meetings. This was discussed when Tracy Porter was president with the bylaws committee November 2, 2020 but never got added to the bylaws.

(On December 1 The Bylaws Committee met with Deanna and she clarified that we had already voted on this change for the bylaws

all we need to do is find the signed copy from Tracy Porter and the secretary from that time.)

Proposed REVISED NAMES for STANDING Committees 8 (eight)

IX organizational units, section 3, STANDING Committees

BYLAWS and POLICIES COMMITTEE

BUDGET COMMITTEE : The policy states that at least two chapter members that are not currently on the board of directors are to be part of this committee.

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE : to include present membership, credentials and hospitality committees

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: to include the public relations, social media, Newsletter committees, and Ambassadors for Communication; Designated Photographer for each event for digital image communication and historical preservation. Webmaster responsibilities. (to be identified, and policy development for resource person skills ie. How to post news on websites, and various media)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : The present program committee for continuing education

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: To include first time attendee to Expo essay contest committee

ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION COMMITTEE : To include the banquet committee, perioperative nurse excellence, other awards, and installation of new officers.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: End of changes, reorganized STANDING COMMITTEES as listed in the By-laws. (If approved by the membership)

Information for POLICY HANDBOOK ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE

This information will not be listed in the bylaws, these are committees that may be especially appointed by the president and will cease to exist when the purpose is completed. (7)

- **Fundraising Committee**
- **Annual Conference/Vendor Fair Exhibit**
- **Perioperative Nurse's week**
- **Tellers Committee**
- **Community Service Committee**
- **Social Activities Committee**
- **Award Entry Committee**

THESE Proposed changes to the
STAND COMMITTEES will be voted
on 30 days after publication 😊

**Greater KC AORN Chapter 2601
Financial Statement November 2023**

Checking	Beginning Balance	End of Month Balance
August	\$ 27,605.02	\$ 27,566.81
September	\$ 27,566.81	\$ 27,284.81
October	\$ 27,284.81	\$ 28,553.59

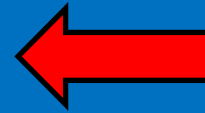
Savings	Balance
June	\$ 19,275.24
July - Sept	\$ 19,328.90
October	\$ 19,345.32

**Certificate of Deposit
(COD)**

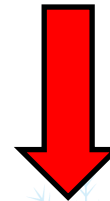
\$6,852.50

Interest Rate 0.0150%

**Treasurer Report
Megan Jackson
November**



**Social Events
Potential Event ideas**



- ▶ Gameshow Battle Room 105th & Metcalf in Spring? Group 6-18, \$34.95 each. 1 hour experience - 3 gameshows, 20 minutes each (Survey Battles, What's the CoSt, Spin & Solve) Able to purchase food/drink.
- ▶ Other smaller gatherings- i.e. Cross-roads, Top Golf, Hockey game?
- ▶ Parades? Brookside St. Patrick's day warm up March 16th 2pm?

FUTURE MEETINGS

January 16th- Virtual Meeting Jim Stobinski
 February Vendor Fair - Feb 24th 0700-1430
 St. Joseph Medical Center
 March Expo - Virtual Meeting Topic TBD
 April 16th - North Kansas City Topic TBD
 May Banquet - Fiorella's, May 14th

Scholarship Opportunities

- Member Scholarship - To qualify for this Member Scholarship, please verify active participation in AORN within the last year. This scholarship award will be for \$250.00, to be used by the AORN member to help defer school expenses in furthering their education. Due to Cindy by April 1, 2024.
- CNOR To qualify for this CNOR Scholarship, please verify active participation in AORN within the last year. This scholarship award will be \$200.00 to be used by the member to cover the application for exam fee. Due to Cindy by April 1, 2024
- CSSM To qualify for this CSSM Scholarship, please verify active participation in AORN within the last year. This scholarship award will be \$250.00 to be used by the member to cover the application for exam fee. Due to Cindy by April 1, 2024

Cindy's email: thegreengoddess1@comcast.net

COMMUNITY SERVICE

If you participated in any community service projects in the last year, we would appreciate you telling us what you did and how it impacted the organization. Please send this to Marie Barrentine at mbarr41@hotmail.com so we can include it in our chapter award entry for AORN.

SAVE THE DATES

AORN Conference & Expo

March 9-12th, 2024

Nashville, Tennessee

- Will send 12 delegates +1 First Time Attendee
- We will register as a group for the discount.
- Delegate Sheets due to Valerie Heckmaster by **October 28th** via email at: vheckmaster@gmail.com
- Delegates will complete an expense sheet and receive \$1500 reimbursement at the April meeting.
- Will be designing and selling t-shirts for all who are attending EXPO to wear for opening

MAY BANQUET

Tuesday, May 14th, 2024

- WHAT – Annual Celebration of Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony & Installation of New Officers
- WHERE – Fiorella's Jack Stack BBQ
101 W. 22nd, Unit 300 KC,MO 64108
- WHEN – 5:30 to 5:45 PM Arrival
5:50 PM President's Welcome
6:00 PM Dinner Service Begins
Program Following Dinner Services
- COST- \$45 to Cindy Davis or Megan Jackson by May 7th.



SAVE THE DATE !

Saturday, February 24th, 2024

NEW TRENDS IN HEALTH CARE 2024

**AORN of Greater Kansas City
Conference and Vendor Fair**

7:30am-2:30pm

St. Joseph Medical Center

CEU'S and presenters to be announced!

RNs, LPNs, & Surgical techs welcome

See you there!

For more information: Louann Huffman, BSN, RN, CNOR louannhuffman@gmail.com



NEXT MEETING:
VITRUAL MEET-
ING: Speaker is
James X. Stobinski,
Ph.D., RN, CNOR,
CNAMB, CSSM(E),
Prior CCI CEO



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