

THE LAP SHEET

February 2024

AORN KC

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President's message

Hard to believe we are already at the end of our first month in 2024! I'm sure many of us have the tradition of setting new goals for ourselves. Whether it be to get in shape, lose weight, have less screen time, more quality time with our family and friends and a better work-life balance, there seems to be a clear difference between setting those goals and working to achieve them or maintain them. I'm sure more than a few of us at this point have already lapsed on some of our goals.

Similarly, in nursing, each year we set (or your hospital sets) goals for our departments. Whether it is to improve our on time starts, turnover times or improve point of use cleaning, it is constant and daily work to achieve those goals. While achieving those goals may seem trivial and pointless to others, we must also consider how what we do affects our patients and families **and leaves our mark on them**. I'm sure at some point, we've all been in the role of the patient and had to wait for some reason or another at a doctor's office or to have a procedure done. How did it make you feel when they "finally" got around to doing your case or taking you back to the exam room? This is how our patients feel when we struggle to start their cases on time. What we do and how we react has an impact or **leaves our mark** on them. Even if we have a delayed start or a longer than usual turnover, we still have the opportunity to leave a positive impression on our patients through caring and compassionate communication. It's those few extra minutes that will help the patient (and their family) build that trust and help them to feel safe in your care. While these goals might seem trivial to some, let's all try to think about how these goals always ultimately effect our patients and strive daily to meet them. Keep up the great work in making your mark on your patients!

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES For January

January 9th Board Meeting Minutes

All present except Whitney, meeting started at 7:02

Noted next Chapter meeting is changed to January 23rd; virtual. No February meeting due to education/vendor fair, March meeting is the 19th and April 16th. Megan needs all delegate information to register as a group for expo

Vendor fair 14 confirmed vendors with only 9 paid and only 8 registered. Please talk this up at your work many different ways to pay to make it easier this year. T-shirts were ok'd for Expo order link will be posted.

We did not vote in January on the bylaws can we voted in March? Will we have enough to have a quorum?

Libby to send the last bylaws changes for Julia and Tracy to sign. Giving the president the flexibility to change meeting numbers as suggested by national and the business of the organization can be conducted electronically. Follow up that chapter accountability is turned in and our award nomination complete.

Megan Jackson, treasurer reported our financials and board voted to move CD to Community America for the higher interest rate.

Scholarships still remain without any applicants. Did award first time attendee.

Community service has a leap day at the Wiley Ronald McDonald House from 6-8; have enough volunteers at this time

Fundraising: Bingo is April 27th at the Shriners, committee meetings to start in January.

Will need to spend \$350 at the bar to cover accommodations. Need help from organization for prizes/gifts and committee help. Raise right for January was \$25, no final amount for candy sale as of meeting. No changes/update for banquet. Need a recipient for Vendor of the Year, nominations for Periop Nurse of the Year by March 11th newsletter, read at March 18th meeting and vote by April 16th meeting. Discussion about delegates who receive help for Expo from work, scholarship from national etc. will not decrease their help from our chapter. After this discussion the board voted that Louann will receive her full delegate scholarship for our chapter for this year 2024s Expo. No new business, questions, comments or concerns from the board meeting ended at 8pm with our next board meeting scheduled for 2/13.

Fundraising & Social Event

RaiseRight is to help non-profits raise funds. We have an account under The Association of Operating Room Nurses- Greater Kansas City. There is an app for google or apple you may download on your phone or [Click Here](#)

RaiseRight

Gift Card Fundraising



B I N G O

1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69

Get ready for our **Bingo** event in April! It's going to be a great time!





NEW TRENDS IN HEALTH CARE 2024



Presented by AORN of Greater Kansas City and Providence Medical Center
Conference and Vendor Fair – Saturday, February 24, 2024
St. Joseph Medical Center at I-435 and State Line in Community Center Building D

AGENDA

- 0700-0730 Registration, Continental breakfast & visit with vendors.
0730-0745 Welcome, Vendor thank you, and Opening Remarks
- 0745-0835 “Use of Sacral Nerve Stimulators to Improve Bladder Control” Dr. Son T. Nguyen, MD
- 0835-0925 “The Importance of a Surgical Debridement in Wound Care” Dr. Thad Stephens, MD, UHM
- 0925-1010 Break –Vendors & Exhibits open.
- 1010-1100 “Innovative Recovery Techniques” Midwest Transplant Network-Ryan Schmidt, CPTC, CTP
- 1100-1200 “Providing Inclusive Healthcare to Transgender Patients” Gabriela Flores, BA, MSN
- 1200-1230 Lunch provided with Prizes.
- 1230-1320 “What to expect if you are called into deposition- Is your charting defensible?” Colin Altieri, JD
- 1320-1430 “Navigating Cancer Diagnosis/Treatment from a Patient’s Perspective” Scott Francis
- 1430-1445 Evaluation & Wrap up with Prizes.

Providence Medical Center is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN). This course offering is approved for contact hours applicable for RN or LPN re-licensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing number: LT 0054-1127. Participant must attend entire session to receive contact hours.
This Program has been approved for 6.5 Contact Hours total.

REGISTRATION: (1) Online with Credit Card- \$55.00 (includes \$5.00 processing fee) at aornkc.org
(2) Check payable to AORN of Greater Kansas City- \$50.00 (include form below)
Surgical Techs & LPNs are welcome. Tech hours pending

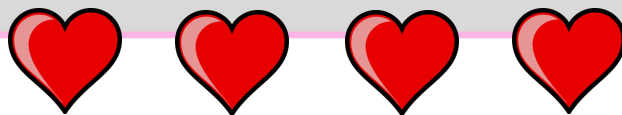
NEW THIS YEAR: Early Bird Discount \$10 off before January 1 & Group Discount for groups of 3 or more by February 14, 2024 (\$40 each) retired AORN members \$25; Day of Event Registration - \$50 cash or check All Prime Health Employees - fee is \$30.00.

ESSENTIAL THAT YOU PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY. For Your Contact Hours- Will receive a Survey Monkey several days after seminar and then certificate will be emailed 1-2 weeks afterwards.

Name _____ Title _____ License # _____ State _____
Address _____
Facility _____ Email _____ phone # _____
Please mark if you have the following dietary needs: _____ Gluten free _____ Vegetarian
Send Registration to: Megan Jackson 3312 SW Meyer Blvd. Blue Springs, MO 64015
Email: mdjackson2006@yahoo.com



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 NEXT business meeting where there is a quorum of membership 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 i.e. 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 Bylaws. (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)

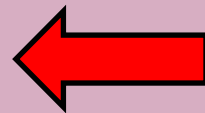
- **Fundraising Committee**
- **Annual Conference/Vendor Fair Exhibit**
- **Perioperative Nurse's week**
- **Tellers Committee**
- **Community Service Committee**
- **Social Activities Committee**
- **Award Entry Committee**

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

Greater KC AORN Chapter 2601					
Financial Statement December 2023					
Checking	Beginning Balance	End of Month Balance	Checking	Beginning Balance	End of Month Balance
August	\$ 27,605.02	\$ 27,566.81	December	\$29,605.75	\$31,082.85
September	\$ 27,566.81	\$ 27,284.81	January		
October	\$ 27,284.81	\$ 28,553.59	February		
November	\$ 28,553.59	\$ 29,605.75	March		
Savings	Balance	Savings	Balance		
June	\$ 19,275.24	November	\$ 19,361.13		
July - Sept	\$ 19,328.90	December	\$ 19,377.68		
October	\$ 19,345.32				
Certificate of Deposit (COD)					
\$6,853.36					
Interest Rate		0.0150%			

Treasurer Report Megan Jackson

From December –Jan.



For more details see the slide
from January Meeting



AORN Conference & Expo

March 9-12th, 2024

Nashville, Tennessee

Chapter Delegates:

- Our 12 Delegates going are:
- Marie Staples
- Tessa Butler.
- Libby Nasche
- Cindy Davis
- Marie Barrentine
- Louann Hoffman
- Teresa Kuehn
- Mary Thun
- Kathryn Blundell
- Trina Cole
- Pam Bays
- Carly Bradly
- Erin Tharp



FUTURE MEETINGS

February Vendor Fair - Feb 24th 0700-1430 St.
Joseph Medical Center
March Expo - Virtual Meeting Topic/Date 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

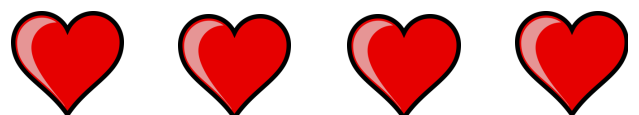
COMMUNITY SERVICE



Upcoming Opportunity: 2/29/24 Leap Day at RMH—FULL—
THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

More Opportunities will be available in the future!

Always Collecting: Pop Can Tabs (Melissa H.); Eye glasses;
Pill bottles (Please remove labels).



SAVE THE DATES

NEXT MEETING:

VITRUAL MEETING:

March 19th

**In Process of getting CE.
Fire Safety In the OR—
Kamil Makhnejia, MBID**



Love



BINGO

Saturday April 27th

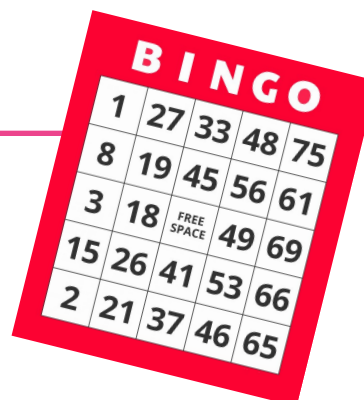
Abdallah Shrine

Oasis Room (downstairs)

5300 Metcalf Ave

Overland Park, KS 66202

**Sign-in begins at 6:30pm / Event
from 7-9pm \$20 person**



MAY BANQUET

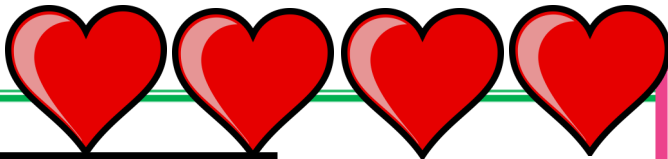
Tuesday, May 14th, 2024

- **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.
(Drinks not included)

Perioperative Nurse of the Year

It's time to nominate a great Perioperative Nurse to be honored at our end of the year Banquet. There are many Perioperative Nurses out there that do a great job and deserve to be recognized.

Send nominations to **Libby Nasche** at enasche1@hotmail.com by March 11th. The nominees will be announced and voted on at the April 16th meeting and recognized at the May 14th Banquet. Thank you all for being great perioperative nurses!



**Deadline for the next
Newsletter:**

Feb 29th

Send to:

RNASHLEYSHAW@GMAIL.COM

January 2024 Meeting Minutes By Secretary: Tracy

- Meeting was January 23rd Welcome by President Libby Nasche
- Next meeting will be in person on April 16th at North Kansas City Hospital
- Treasurer report noted and the group informed the board voted to change our CD to Community America for better return rates.
- Vendor Fair is February 24th from 7-3. 6,5 CEUs, still waiting to hear if the CEUs will transfer for scrub techs. Please signup and talk it up to your co-workers will need to include your state and license number
- Megan will register delegates by February 1
- Chapter t-shirts will be available to order end date is February 15th. 28\$
- Scholarship for first time attendee to Tessa Martin still not applicants for CNOR, CSSM, Nursing student or member going back to school
- Still accepting money for Ronald McDonald house to @cynthia-davis-463 will be helping at the hose on February 29th, currently have enough volunteers
- All those applying for new positions for next year will need to submit a brief bio for the March newsletter and will be read at the March meeting
- Bingo fundraiser will be April 27th at the Shriners, need committee help
- May banquet is May 14th please pay by April 29th. 45\$/person you may Venmo to @AORN-KCAORN please note it is for the banquet
- Bylaws were proposed to the chapter to be voted on at the April meeting

AORN CHAPTER 2601



CASH BAR

SILENT AUCTION

FUNDRAISER

Saturday, APRIL 27, 2024

Abdallah Shrine

Oasis Room (downstairs)

5300 Metcalf Ave

Overland Park, KS 66202

Sign-in begins at 6:30pm / Event from 7-9pm

\$20/person

Venmo - AORN KCAORN

Online @

<https://aornkc.nursingnetwork.com/>

(\$5fee added)

Bring Cash or Check to April 16th Meeting

@ North KC Hospital

**Bingo Prizes
Raffle Prizes
50/50 Raffle**



Contact Libby Nasche at enasche1@hotmail.com
for any questions.