

AORN 1411

- Chapter 1411 Group webpage: aornnwchicago.nursingnetwork.com
- ICORN Group webpage: <https://hub.aorn.org/periopcorner/s/group/0F9Ux00000000zMKAO/icorn-illinois-state-council>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AORN1411/>

Officers:

President: Kathy R Bradley

Pres Elect: Cherry Alcedo

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Treas: Tey O'Meara

Board Members:

Ellyn Mayer

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Geri Weissmann

Nominating committee

Sheila Aiello

Education: Chic Duffy

Geri Weissmann

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## ACTION ALERT

**Take Action for Title VIII!**

### When Nurses Speak, Washington Listens.

*When we invest in nurses, we invest in our nation's health and the future of healthcare.*

*As we continue to confront ongoing challenges – from public health crises to workforce shortages – **it is critical to reauthorize the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs.***

**Urge your Members of Congress to support the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025 today to help protect funding for nurses!**

**Find out more:** <https://ana.quorum.us/campaign/TitleVIII2025>

*Thank you for your continued advocacy on behalf of the profession and patients!*

Visit [RNAction](https://rnaction.org/SitePages/Homepage.aspx) (<https://rnaction.org/SitePages/Homepage.aspx>) for more opportunities to engage on top nursing priorities.

Best,  
Katherine Rowe  
Grassroots Advocacy  
Coordinator  
American Nurses Association



## **AORN Chapter 1411 Business Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025  
Meeting called to order: at 6:30 (CST) PM  
by Alternate Officer Chic Duffy (Board Member)**

### **Attendance**

- President-elect: Cherry Alcedo
- Treasurer: Tey O'Meara
- Secretary: Brianne Jensen
- Board Members: Ellyn Mayer, Geri Weissmann, Pam Nuspi
- Nominating Committee: Sheila Aiello, Chic Duffy

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from May approved as written.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Income**

- Chapter Rebate for June- not yet posted as of June 10th

#### **Expenses**

- Recurring Donation to AORN Foundation in June: \$10.50
- Checking Account balance: \$5,226.47
- Savings Account balance: \$5,001.47

### **Education**

- According to Chapter Accountability Standards (CAS), the minimum CE requirement is 3 per year. There was a total of 3 CE offerings from January to May. Additionally, the Vendor Fair in November will have 3-4 CE offerings. Possible speakers:

1. Jamie Ridout (AORN Secretary)- "Can Implicit Trust in our Teams Lead to Medical Errors?"
2. David Reinhart (AORN President Elect) - "Unlocking Magnet Potential: Showcasing Perioperative Program Excellence"
3. Rebecca Vortman - "When Perioperative Nurses Talk, Legislators Listen: Driving Change in Health Policy"
4. Bill Duffy "It's A Wonderful Life: How Your Nursing Care Has Impacted the World Around You!"

- The Vendor Fair is scheduled to be on November 8, 2025, at Ascension Alexian Brothers Hospital until 1 pm. The ICORN meeting will take place around 2 pm. Membership: As of June 10th, the current chapter member count is 147. There are 23 expired memberships. Chic sent out a reminder letter.

- If you know any of your staff or colleague who need to change their membership to 1411, please contact AORN's chapter services: [cs@aorn.org](mailto:cs@aorn.org)

### **Old Business: Opportunities for fundraising**

- Will continue the Split the Pot Raffle at face-to-face events and meetings.
- Continue to sell T-shirts.

### **New Business**

- There will be a Zoom Installation for new officers at 6:30 pm on July 8th. There is

not enough time to plan a face-to-face celebration. Everyone agreed to have it next year instead. Cherry Alcedo will be President-elect, and Brianne Jensen will be Secretary and Pam Nuspi as member of the Board of Directors. Chic will post the link for the Zoom Invitation on Nursing Network.

- National Time Out Day- June 11th. Please share your pictures on how you celebrated this special event.
- Stryker Demo Bus- according to the rep, we need to schedule our request a year ahead of time. The chapter will try to schedule for Vendor Fair in November of 2026.

Legislative Report - see below.

#### ICORN Report

- ICORN will have a monthly meeting every second Saturday of the month to plan fundraising activities for the Fall ICORN meeting. The next zoom meeting is scheduled on Saturday, June 14th, at 9 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Brianne Jensen  
Secretary

## Legislative

### AORN National Legislative Forum (NLF)

June 16, 2025

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#### Federal Updates:

Senate version of Tax & Budget Bill (different version from Big Beautiful Bill)

- > Senate's self-imposed deadline July 4th
- > Significant tax cuts & spending provisions
  - Boost to the state & local tax (SALT) deduction cap
  - Changes to tax brackets - exemptions for CA & NY
  - Deduction for tips & overtime pay

- Provisions related to border security, welfare, & infrastructure
- Higher debt ceiling
- **Reauthorization of Title VIII Funding:** The Act proposes reauthorizing funding for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs from FY2026 through FY2030. This reauthorization aims to address nurse shortages and improve the quality of healthcare, especially in underserved areas, representing an investment in the nursing profession and the nation's health.
- **Medicaid** - Significant changes. Reduces federal funding for Medicaid by \$1 trillion over ten years. ANA initiative - share your concerns on what implications this has in your facilities.
  - Cuts to Medicaid would result in hospital and clinic closures, especially in rural areas, and would force nurses to shoulder even heavier workloads, leading to burnout, attrition, and ultimately, worse patient outcomes.”

## Chapter Officer Town Hall (COTH)

### AORN Chapter Officer Town Hall Meeting

#### Business Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 7 pm CST**

#### ● Opening Announcements

- David Reinhart, DNP, MBA, RN, CNOR, FAAN, AORN President-Elect

#### ● Lighting the Pathway

- AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo
- April 11-14, 2026, New Orleans, LA
- Poster abstract submission due by July 14, 2025

#### ● AORN Guidelines Workshops

- Local one-day workshops welcoming ALL members of the perioperative team
- Closest local workshop: Milwaukee, WI, October 24, 2025
- Registration opens in July 2025
- Guidelines, education, case studies, hands-on demonstration, & networking
- Topics:
  - Enhanced Recovery After Surgery: A Pathway to Excellence
  - Electrosurgery Without the Smoke and Mirrors
  - Prevention of Unintentionally Retained Surgical Items
  - Minimizing Surgical Site Infection

#### ● Upcoming Events

- Leader Exchange: Fostering Nurse Wellbeing & Care Team Culture on July 31, 2025, 1pm EST (**free!**)
- AORN Foundation Bingo Social on Saturday, November 8, 2025, 7 pm EST

- **AORN Individual Achievement Awards** (Learn more: <https://www.aorn.org/get-involved/periop-community/award-programs/individual-achievement-awards>)
  - Amy Brunson, MSN, RN, CNOR, NE-BC
  - Applications open July 1 - September 30
  - Updated mentorship awards
  - New award: Barba Edwards Innovation Award -recognizes perioperative nurses who are change agents and drive innovation whether large or small, significantly advance perioperative nursing practice or uniquely address unmet needs in the perioperative arena.
- **Molnlycke Health Care**
  - Chad Flora, RN, BSN, CNOR, Clinical Director - [chad.flora@molnlycke.com](mailto:chad.flora@molnlycke.com)
  - Presentation: “Implementing A Climate of Safety”
    1. Available CNE - Biogel has a newly accredited continuing education program
      - At least 1 month lead time to request a CE chapter education session
    2. Consensus Documents/Recommendations on surgical gloving - similar to clinical practice guidelines & is the result of a multi-disciplinary systematic review of evidence that was conducted on gloving practice in surgery
    3. Standardized guidelines to enhance clinical outcomes & improve safety
      - Four focus areas: glove fit, double gloving, indicator systems, and glove damage & glove change protocol
- **AORN Mentor Program**
  - Courtney Becker, Membership Community & Engagement Specialist
  - Mentor Programs
    1. Member Mentor Program
    2. Chapter Management Mentor program (New) - chapter officers can now connect with other officers and get insight & advice on best practices for chapter management  
<https://aornmentoring.chronus.com>
  - Be a mentor
    - You have the experience and guidance to help the next generation of chapter officers build and sustain a successful chapter.
  - Be a mentee
    - Looking for guidance as a chapter officer on best practices in your role
  - Steps to get started: Sign up or log in with your AORN Hub login > select chapter management > complete profile > find your match.
- **Nursing Network: How to Update Your Officers**
  - Kerilyn Johnson, MS, Sr. Manager, Chapter & Community Engagement
  - How to update chapter officers - AORN Chapter Officer Group on Nursing Network >click Moderator Panel >click Board of Directors and Committees\_Manage > Members > Add a Committee Section > Publish
  - Update yearly

- [Kjohnson@aorn.org](mailto:Kjohnson@aorn.org) for any questions

- **Chapter Relations Updates**

- Find Your Peri-operative Community & Map
  - Cross-reference to see what other chapters are doing
  - Non-members can access
  - Specialty assemblies are listed & linked directly to Nursing Network
- Make sure chapter events are updated in Nursing Network
- Chapter Membership Challenge: Rise to '25
  - Chapters across each state work together to grow their overall membership by 25% at the end of the year.
  - Trial memberships are included & must retain membership for the year-end results.
  - Trial memberships are \$1 for 2 months
  - Monthly prizes & tracking started April 1, 2025
  - Year-end totals will include all memberships from Jan 2025 to Dec 2025
  - May Winners!!
    - 1st place: Chapter 2904 (AORN of Northern Nevada)
    - 2nd place Tie: **IL Chapter 1424 (AORN of Maywood)** & Chapter 7100 (AORN KSA Chapter)
- 2025 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chapter Project●
  - The organization chosen should support a diverse and/or underrepresented community group
  - All events must take place by December 31, 2025
- Chapter Excellence Awards applications will open September 1, 2025
- QR codes and Zoom meeting recordings are available online @ Nursing Network:  
<https://aornchapterofficers.nursingnetwork.com/page/102043-2025-chapter-officer-town-hall-recordings>

- **Upcoming Chapter Officer Town Hall Meetings**

- Thursday, August 21, 2025
- Thursday, September 18, 2025
- Thursday, October 16, 2025
- Thursday, November 13, 2025

***“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.” ~Audre Lorde***

*Submitted by:*

*Brianne Jensen, RN, BSN, CNOR*

*Secretary*

**ICORN****Zoom Business Meeting Minutes****Meeting Date: Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025****Meeting called to order** by Chairperson, Chic Duffy at 9:00 am (CST)**Officers Present:** Chic Duffy, Chairperson; Jennifer Gregg, Treasurer**Roll Call:** Chapters represented--1401, 1403, 1406, 1410, 1411, 1418, & 1424

There was a total of 11 attendees, 7 Chapters present. The following in attendance were Chic Duffy (Chapter 1411), Marilyn Shigley (Chapter 1403), Cherry Alcedo (Chapter 1411), Nancy Risner (Chapter 1424), Cathy Fenton (Chapter 1410), Andrey Ibragimov (Chapter 1401), Tiana Dunlap (Chapter 1401), Marge Mehas (Chapter 1401), Jennifer Gregg (Chapter 1418), Lynn Kohles (Chapter 1406), & Kathy Bradley (Chapter 1411).

The monthly ICORN Fall Meeting is held as a planning session for the ICORN Fall Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Ascension Alexian Brothers to be hosted by Chapter 1411.

**Fundraising:**

- Silent Auction
  - ✦ Chapter Baskets with a \$25.00 Cap, Split the Pot, Gift Cards have a flat rate for the Silent Auction
  - ✦ State Pins—2 companies mentioned per Cathy Fenton. Pins were previously sold at \$25.00/pin. To sell now per Cathy Fenton at \$5.00 per pin.
  - ✦ Cathy Fenton mentioned silent auction, Gift Card Tree with a cap of \$25.00 for Chapters to donate.
  - ✦ Bingo Social during Lunch Break to sell \$5.00 per card to play.

**Finance:**

- Hosting Chapter 1402 from Southern Illinois, Jamie Carver, received \$500.00 from funds in 2024 for hosting ICORN meeting. Crystal Bricker, Chair & Jennifer Gregg, Treasurer were present at this meeting.
- Cathy Fenton mentioned No Gift from ICORN should be offered to the hosting chapter. This has not been the practice.
- Kathy Bradley discussed T-shirts for Fundraising. She is to find another company to help make t-shirts.
  - ✦ Cathy Fenton stated of having too many t-shirts & trying to get rid of all the t-shirts she has already.
  - ✦ Somebody suggested to make a quilt blanket from the shirts.
  - ✦ She suggested sweatshirts are more usable.
- Cathy suggested to have chapters or individuals donate whatever amount gift cards & make a “Gift Card Tree” for auction. Cathy Fenton & Nancy Risner to donate gift cards and will talk with their chapter members.



- Bingo tentatively planned for a lunchtime fundraising activity during ICORN Fall meeting.
- Fundraising Revenues:
  - ✦ To benefit ICORN: Auction Baskets donated by chapters & BINGO Social
  - ✦ To benefit the hosting chapter: Vendor Fair & Split-the-Pot
  - ✦ Chic to message to Graue Mill Chapter to reach out [gecejakson@aol.com](mailto:gecejakson@aol.com)

**Congratulations:**

- Nancy Risner (Chapter 1424), recipient of AORN's Chapter Challenge "Rise to 25" spoke about reaching out to other institutions to join AORN Chapter 1424. Nancy will write an article about their chapter's successful recruiting process.

**AORN's Periop Corner (PC)**

- has moved out chapter connections to Nursing Network.
- PC is currently dedicated for clinical discussions. However, state councils have not been moved out.
- Hence, ICORN news & announcements can still be found in PC's ICORN webpage: <https://hub.aorn.org/periopcorner/s/group/0F9Ux00000000zMKQAQ/icorn-illinois-state-council>
- Chic requested for chapters to post their newsletters, chapter events, or any updates on Periop Corner ICORN webpage. Lynn Kohles (1406) & Andrey Ibragimov (1401) mentioned that their chapter events are on the NN platform.

**Nursing Network** - Andrey stated that AORN will only sponsor Nursing Network for 3 years. Thereafter, each chapter will pay a fee for small, medium, large chapter size.

**Challenges of Running for National Office** - Andrey Ibragimov spoke about his challenging experience in running for national office. Running for Board is tough. If there is a way to mobilize our own state members via chapter communications, this would lessen discouragement. Members present encouraged Andrey to not give up, take the challenges, build resume of accomplishments by serving on national committees.

Next meeting is **July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 9:00 am** on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am

*Submitted by:*

*Jennifer Gregg BSN, RN, CNOR*

*Secretary*



**INSTALLATION OF 1411 NEW OFFICERS**

