

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

Sec: Brianne Jensen

Treas: Tey O'Meara

Board Members:

Ellyn Mayer

Pam Nuspl

Geri Weissmann

Nominating committee

Sheila Aiello

Education: Chic Duffy

Geri Weissmann

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Dear Colleagues,

In a year marked by social change, workforce shortages, and evolving technology, nursing continues to stand as a steady force of progress, compassion, and innovation. Despite the undeniable challenges such as staffing crises, rising patient acuity, and the emotional toll of care delivery, nurses across all specialties are not just hanging in there – we're pushing forward, addressing what matters, and making real improvements.

In operating rooms across the country, nurses remain committed to safer environments, especially when it comes to protecting teams from harmful smoke during procedures. Thanks to persistent advocacy, more states are now requiring smoke evacuation systems and that's a direct result of nurses raising their voices and getting involved.

Peri-operative nurses know our strength also lies in our ability to work as a unified team, speaking up for safety for our patients, and for each other. And mentorship - quietly passing down hard-earned experience which supports nurses as they grow into confidence. The times may be uncertain, but one thing is clear: nursing is moving forward - and we're doing it together.

Kathy Bradley RN CNOR  
President, AORN 1411

## 1411 Zoom Business Meeting Minutes \_July

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 6:30 pm CST**

- **Called to order by Chic Duffy**
- **Attendance**
  - President elect: Cherry Alcedo
  - Secretary: Brianne Jensen
  - Treasurer: Estela O'Meara
  - Board Members: Geri Weissmann Pam Nuspl
  - Nominating Committee: Sheila Aiello
- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Minutes from June approved as written
- **Treasurer's report**
  - Savings: \$5,001.82
  - Checking: \$4,941.04
  - Expenses: \$379.43
  - Income: \$54.00
- **Education**
  - According to Chapter Accountability Standards, the minimum CE requirement is 3 per year
  - September 9, 2025, Tuesday: speaker: Dr. Garrett, organized by Cherry
  - November 8, 2025, Saturday: Vendor Fair (4 CEs) speakers:
    - David Reinhart on "Unlocking Magnet Potential: Showcasing Perioperative Program Excellence"
    - Philip Mansala on "Tissue Management in the OR"
    - Jamie Ridout on "Can Implicit Trust in Our Teams Lead to Medical Errors"
    - Bill Duffy on "It's a Wonderful Life: How Your Nursing Care Has Impacted the World Around You"
- **Membership as of July**
  - Active: 150
  - Expired: 51
  - Be sure to add friends on Nursing Network! Should you choose to do so, NN will only allow 10 names per day.
- **Legislative -**
  - NLF meeting will be on July 21, 2025 (Chic)
  - Join Recurring NLF Zoom Meeting every 3rd Monday  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85340237621>  
Meeting ID: 853 4023 7621
- **Old Business**
  - Fundraising:
    - Will continue to do split-the-pot raffle during face-to-face events/meetings
    - Will continue to sell remaining T-shirts
  - Stryker Demo Bus has to be scheduled a year or two in advance

- **New Business**

- Zoom Installation of new chapter officers, viz:
  - Pres-Elect - Cherry Alcedo
  - Secretary - Brianne Jensen
  - Board of Director - Pam Nuspl
  - Nominating Committee - Sheila Aiello
- New Task Force Members
  - Chapter newsletter - Brianne
  - Education - Sheila
- AORN Chapter Survey - results will be announced in November
- **Pls review:** Chapter bylaws in Nursing Network, last revised in 2022
- Register to attend next COTH Meeting - Aug 21, 2025
- **Urgent:** Pls check your July 14 email from NN notification>Your Weekly Activity Update>[AORN Virtual Town Hall and Special Business Meeting](#)
  - Members will be asked to approve 2 position statements:
    - APRN in the Peri-operative Environment
    - The Care of the Transgender or Gender-Diverse Patient)

- **ICORN Report**

- ICORN meets every 2nd Saturday of the month to plan for fundraising activities & for the Fall ICORN meeting.
  - ICORN announcements are found in AORN's Periop Corner ICORN webpage: <https://hub.aorn.org/periopcorner/s/group/0F9Ux00000000zMKQAQ/icorn-illinois-state-council>
  - ICORN Business Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84564694087?pwd=EljSC8ORPg2PUV6xesPLGDiAbrevWE.1>  
Meeting ID: 845 6469 4087  
Passcode: 671979
  - Next zoom meeting dates: July 12, Aug 9, Sept 13, Oct 11
  - ICORN auction baskets for donation - Each IL chapter is asked to donate \$25 baskets of any kind for auction
  - Gift card tree for auction - Individual donations of unused gift cards
  - Ideas are welcome!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Brianne Jensen  
Secretary

## IL Council of peri-Operative RNs ICORN

### Zoom ICORN Business Meeting Minutes Meeting Date: Saturday, July 12, 2025

**Meeting called to order** by Chairperson, Chic Duffy at 9:06 am (CST)

**Officers Present:** Chic Duffy, Chairperson; & Jennifer Gregg, Treasurer

**Roll Call:** Total of 10 attendees & 7 chapters represented.

1401 Tian Dunlap, Jo Davies, Andrey Ibragimov, Marge Mehas

1403 Marilyn Shigley, Judy Field

1404 Becca Vortman

1411 Chic Duffy

1416 Crystal Bricker

1418 Jennifer Gregg

1424 Nancy Risner

**Review** June minutes approved & seconded

#### **What ICORN is all about**

- ICORN Bylaws - **Pls read, review, & comment**
  - Posted in Periop Corner ICORN webpage

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- Art II Purpose

*The purposes of this organization are*

1. *To assemble local chapters for consultation, advice or discussion.*
2. *To gather and disseminate information regarding legislation that will likely impact health care and/or perioperative nursing practice in the state of Illinois.*
3. *To coordinate local chapter response to healthcare and nursing issues and to speak as a unified voice on those issues.*
4. *To network among members on issues of interest by sharing ideas and communications such as newsletters, etc.*
5. *To educate members on issues impacting professional nursing when appropriate.*
6. *To encourage and promote evidence-based professional nursing practice among the members.*
7. *To promote interest in Perioperative Nursing as a career.*
8. *To share educational information to the benefit of all members through virtual applications.*

**Vendor Fair** - hosted by Chapter1411

- Speakers x4
- Finalizing flyer for attendee registration
- Finalizing flyer for vendor registration

#### **Request to Share Chapter Activities/Events**

- Read Art II.D

#### **Welcome Letter to ICORN**

- Art III

- Chic sent out an ICORN welcome letter to her chapter members to bring awareness of ICORN presence
- Sample letter sent to chapter presidents thru email & thru NN

### Funding of Hosting Chapter

- Read Art IV E

### ICORN Revenue for Nov 8

- **Auction baskets** - chapters that agreed to donate:
  - 1401 Dunlap
  - 1403 Shigley
  - 1404 Vortman
  - 1406 Kohles
  - 1410 Fenton
  - 1411 Duffy
  - 1416 Bricker
  - 1418 Gregg
  - 1424 Risner
  - TBD = 1402, 1413, 1425, 1427
- **Individual voluntary donations**
  - Send monetary donations for the Fall event to: Treasurer Jennifer Gregg. 555 E. Capri Dr. Palatine, IL, 60074
  - Gift card tree - extra gift cards sitting in your wallet for the longest time.
    - Duffy, Dunlap, et al
  - Wine Bottle/s - Gregg, Duffy, et al
- **ICORN Pins** - sell \$5
- **T-Shirt/Sweatshirt** - TBD
- **Bingo Social** - TBD depending on time allowed

### Other Discussions:

- Education - Crystal Bricker to act as education resource for IL chapters
- ICORN revenue for Fall 2026 - Golf event by Chapter 1418 Jennifer Gregg
- Chapter Town Hall update by Andrey Ibragimov
  - Guideline Workshop in Milwaukee
  - Chapter Engagement task force - decision by November as to what chapters should be like.
  - Chapter Officer Mentor Group - Support group for training of new officers
- Board Update by Becca Vortman
  - Ballot will be released sometime in August
  - Board update will be posted in Periop Corner ICORN webpage
- Vendor info from Nancy Risner
  - Stryker - Holly Cornwell 812/369-0189
  - Ethicon - Brad Hanchak 630/352-9888.
- Chapter Challenge: Rise to 25
  - AORN Chapter 1424 now a 3-way tie for 2nd place
  - More info to follow from Nancy Risner, Chapter 1424

**Pls Note: Next ICORN Zoom meeting: August 9, 2025 @10:00am**

Meeting adjourned at 0950

*Submitted by:*

*Chic Duffy BSN, RN, CNOR*

## AORN Linda Groah Leadership Development Grant

**AORN Linda Groah Leadership Development Grant. Please log on to your AORN portal account to complete nominations before the September 30, 2025 deadline. Happy nominating and let's support and recognize those we know are deserving of this grant.**

The Linda Groah Leadership Development Grant program is designed to support the future trailblazers of perioperative nursing. This program seeks to identify and support aspiring nurse leaders who demonstrate exceptional promise in clinical leadership, innovative thinking, and a strong commitment to advancing the field of perioperative care.

Selected nominees will receive a grant with the following inclusions:

- AORN Leader Membership
- 2026 AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo Leadership Summit registration + Expo grant
- Access to leader-specific educational opportunities and support

*Please note: All nominees must be nominated by a colleague, supervisor, or a professional peer. Self-nominations will not be accepted.*

Submission deadline is **Tuesday, September 30th at 11:59 p.m. PDT.**

**There will be no exceptions, so please plan accordingly.**

Reminder: Nominations can be saved and resumed at a later date. You may edit your answers and submissions up until the submission deadline.