

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

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Treas: Tey O'Meara

Board Members:

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Nominating committee

Sheila Aiello

Education: Chic Duffy

Geri Weissmann

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## AORN Foundation Announcements:

Consider supporting your professional goals through the following grants:

- Linda Groah Leadership Development Grant - the nomination form is now open through September 30, 2025
- Funding to help support travel to Expo - Mid-October thru November 30, 2025
- CNOR, CSSM, and CNAMB certification grants by CCI - December 2025 thru February 14, 2026
- Academic Scholarships - January 1st thru June 15, 2026

## Guidelines Workshop:

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## AORN 1411 NWSCC Business Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

**Meeting called to order: at 6:30 PM (CST)  
by Alternate Officer Chic Duffy (Board Member)**

### Attendance

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

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

### Treasurer's Report

- **Income**
  - Chapter Rebate for July & August: \$242.00
- **Expenses**
  - Recurring Donation to AORN Foundation in June: \$10.50
  - Checking Account balance: \$ 5,172.54
  - Savings Account balance: \$5,001.86

### Membership

- 149 members; 20 are expiring in the next 30 days.
- Letters sent out to those who have expiring memberships
- If you know any of your staff or colleague who needs to change their membership to

1411, please contact AORN's chapter services: [cs@aorn.org](mailto:cs@aorn.org)

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### Education

- Aerobiotix with Dr. Hudson Garrett on September 22, 2025, at Ascension Alexian Brothers
- According to Chapter Accountability Standards, the minimum CE requirement is 3/year
- Save the date: Nov 8, 2025 \_4CNE Seminar & Vendor Fair at Ascension Alexian Brothers (Elk Grove) Brothers Hospital. The ICORN meeting will take place after the education sessions.
  - 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. Bill Duffy - "It's A Wonderful Life: How Your Nursing Care Has Impacted the World Around You!"
    4. Philip Mansala - "Standardization of Tissue Management in the OR"

- On August 13, the following position statements were approved during the AORN Virtual TownHall & Special Business Mtg:
  - APRN in the Peri-Operative Environment
  - The Care of the Transgender or Gender-Diverse Patient
- Until Aug 30 - Public Commenting on the Guideline for the Safe Use of Surgical Energy Devices (this is a title change from the former Guideline for Electrosurgical Safety).
- October 25: Guidelines Workshop in Milwaukee
  - Attendees x5 per facility gets 50% off registration
  - Individual attendees \$40 ea. Chapter officer discount code: GW-CHAPOFF

### **Chapter Involvement**

- Cherry submitted a DEI Project for a Feed My Starving Children chapter event in October. See pg 6 for flyer

### **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:**

- Vendor Fair update by Cherry Alcedo, President Elect. Breakfast sponsor confirmed.
  - Will post registration links - for colleagues & for vendors
- AORN Global Conference & Surgical (GCSE) Expo April 11-14, 2026, New Orleans.
  - Pls let Tey O'Meara know if attending the 2026 GCSE before October for early registration group discount.
- Stryker Demo Bus - according to the rep, we need to schedule our request a year in advance. Will try to schedule this for the Vendor Fair in November of 2026.
- Read Chapter 1411 bylaws for next meeting discussion.

### **ICORN Report**

- ICORN is having monthly meetings on the second Saturday of every month to plan fundraising activities for the Fall ICORN meeting.
  - Next meetings: Sept 13 & Oct 11. Refer to AORN's Periop Corner ICORN webpage for Zoom link.
  - ICORN fundraising will be from:
    - Auction baskets - donations are from different IL chapters
    - Individual donations
- Encourage colleagues to join the AORN Foundation Bingo Social on November 8, 2025, at 7 pm. It is a fun experience for nationwide & international chapters to engage with.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brianne Jensen

Secretary

## IL Council of peri-Operative RNs \_ICORN

### Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 9, 2025, Saturday 10:00 AM Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chic Duffy ~~Crystal Bricker~~ at 10:00 am

Officers present:

Treasurer: Jennifer Gregg

Secretary- Tey O'Meara

Attendees:

1401 (Tiana Dunlap)

1411(Kathy Bradley, Chic Duffy, Tey O'Meara)

1403 (Marilyn Shigley and Judy Field)

1418 (Jennifer Gregg)

1404 (Becca Vortman)

1424 (Lisa Coy)

1403 (Lynn Kohles)

Echapter (Penny Smalley)

Quorum reached with 7 chapters present

**Approval of Minutes:** August Minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current Balance: \$3,031.56

Annual fee for chapter members remains \$20/year. Dues are paid during the Spring meeting. Fees may be paid electronically or by mail to Jennifer Gregg 110 E. Fremont Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60016.

**Revision of ICORN Bylaws:** Changes made by the group noted and Chic will post the revised copy in AORN's Periop Corner ICORN webpage.

The current ICORN bylaws was last revised 2022.

According to the bylaws, "...changes can only be made by authority of a quorum of chapters during a regular or special business meeting. Revisions must be made available to all members of ICORN at least two months in advance of the vote to change."

The ICORN bylaws had been posted at the Periop Corner webpage since September 2024, then again posted twice in July 2025.

At this meeting, with a quorum of 7 chapters represented, a collaboration of independent thinkers from different chapters brought some revisions to the ICORN bylaws. Discussions are as follows. Everyone is encouraged to raise further discussions on succeeding monthly special zoom meetings held every 2nd Saturday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. Next meetings will be on Sept 13 & Oct 11.

Submitted by:

Tey O'Meara

ICORN Secretary

## AORN Chapter 1411 September CE



# AORN Chapter 1411 Meeting

## Mastering Modern Sterile Techniques: A Deep Dive into the New AORN Guidelines

### Date:

September 22, 2025

Food and drinks available at 5:00 PM CDT  
CE presentation begins at 6:00 PM CDT

### Location:

Ascension Alexian Brothers

800 Biesterfeld Road  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
(Kenndy Conference Rooms, First Floor)



[Register Here](#)

### Session Objectives:

- Describe the significant changes in the new AORN Guidelines for Sterile Technique and understand the rationale behind these updates.
- Apply the updated sterile technique guidelines effectively in various clinical scenarios.
- Review the core components of a comprehensive air quality management program.

### Session Overview:

This engaging and informative continuing education session is designed specifically for perioperative clinicians seeking to enhance their understanding and application of the latest AORN Guidelines for Sterile Technique. As standards evolve to meet the complexities of modern surgical environments, staying abreast of the latest guidelines is crucial for ensuring patient safety and optimal surgical outcomes. This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of the updated guidelines, components of an air quality management program, emphasizing practical applications, critical updates, and the integration of these practices into everyday surgical procedures. Participants will engage in interactive discussions, case studies, and scenario-based learning to solidify their understanding of sterile technique principles and how they can be effectively implemented in their current practice settings.

### Accreditation Statement:

This program is accredited for 1.0 hours of continuing education for nursing professionals and Infection Preventionists.

### Presenter:



J. Hudson Garrett Jr., Ph.D., MSN, MPH, MBA, FNP-BC, IP-BC, PLNC, CMRP, HACP, HACP-IC, LTC-CIP, CIC, DICO-C, CPPS, CPHQ, CVAHP, CPXP, CDIPC, CPHRM, CHIPP-B, FACDONA, FAAPM, eFACHDM, FAPIC, FAOM, FRSPH, FNAP, FAHVAP, FACHE, FSHEA, FIDSA

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**AORN Chapter 1411 October DEI Project**



# DEI Project

Join us! Volunteer at



**740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL**

**OCTOBER 4, 2025**

**2:30-4:00PM**

For questions, email  
[cherry.alcedo@ascension.org](mailto:cherry.alcedo@ascension.org)



## Legislative Report NLF July 2025

### Federal Update

**Amy Young, General Counsel & Director of AORN Government Affairs**

- Distraction of the month - Epstein issue
- AORN Evaluating Tax & Spending Bill signed July 4th - to understand the implications to members
- Medicaid cuts - Rural Stabilization \$50 bil fund
  - Includes a \$50 billion **Rural Health Transformation Program** designed to mitigate the impacts of Medicaid cuts on rural areas. This program aims to support states in transforming their rural healthcare systems, focusing on improving access, enhancing technology, and ensuring the long-term financial stability of rural hospitals. However, the \$50 billion fund is **significantly less** than the estimated \$137 billion in Medicaid cuts expected in rural areas.
- DOMINO effect - AORN leaning on local level from all members & leaders to make sure AORN knows what's happening in facilities as far as patients, revenues, workers. These issues trickle to AORN >hospitals> Periop 101 fails >group membership fails.
- Federal Legislative -
  - ✦ Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act,
  - ✦ Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act of 2025 - "The Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act is a commonsense bill that recognizes the vital contributions of our Nurse Corps members by removing the unnecessary tax burden on their scholarships and student loan repayments.
  - ✦ Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act -the bill reauthorizes (1) loan repayment and scholarships for nurses; (2) loans for nursing faculty development; (3) advanced education nursing grants; (4) grants for increasing nursing workforce diversity; and (5) nurse education, practice, quality, and retention grants.
  - ✦ Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act - This bill expands the role of nurse practitioners and physician assistants in providing services to injured federal workers under the federal workers' compensation program
- Nursing Coalition support - there's Action alert set-up to share stories
  - ✦ Nursing Coalition Community + Office of Mgt Ombudsman hosting a mtg to discuss nursg priorities
- National Conf of state legislature- national membership org of legislators (state reps & senators) will consider policy changes & new policies during their annual National Legislative Summit in Boston on its week of August
  - ✦ Committee on health tech & communication - will be considering a policy on AI in healthcare
- Jen AORN working w/ avamed to educate state legislators on Surgical Smoke Evac (SSE)

### State Update

**by Jennifer Pennock, Associate Director of AORN Government Affairs**

- Most legislatures adjourned for summer
- Most state fiscal yr starts July 1st
- Legislative recess - ATTEND opportunities for local town hall mtgs with your legislators
- NC - 19th state for SSE legislature to go into effect Jan 2026