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SAFE SURGERY TOGETHER

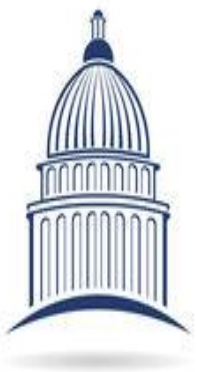
Capital North Carolina
CHAPTER 3413



September 2025

President's Message

Jennifer LaFlamme BSN, RN, CNOR– Capital AORN President



Dear AORN Capital Chapter Members,

As I step into the role of president for the 2025-2026 term, I am both inspired and honored to serve our exceptional chapter. We have made remarkable strides together, and I am eager to build upon our shared commitment to excellence in perioperative nursing.

This year, we will champion collaboration and innovation within our community in the Triangle. I envision a chapter where members feel empowered to contribute their insights, challenges, and triumphs. Your experiences are not just valuable—they are essential to elevating our standards of patient care.

We will continue to provide impactful educational opportunities, dynamic networking events, and vital resources that align with our mission to advocate fiercely for our profession. I urge each of you to engage actively—whether by attending meetings, volunteering for committees, or sharing your expertise. Our diverse membership is our greatest strength; every voice adds to our collective impact.

As we embark on this transformative journey, let us confront the challenges in our field with determination. Together, we possess the power to drive meaningful change and advocate for policies that uphold our unwavering commitment to safe and effective surgical care.

Thank you for your trust and support as we move forward. I am excited to collaborate with each of you as we shape a bold and promising future for our chapter and profession.

Warm regards,

Jennifer LaFlamme BSN, RN, CNOR

President, AORN Capital Chapter #3413 2025-2026

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Capital AORN May Meeting

**Jessica Combs-
Teleflex- Closing
the Gap
(Port-site Hernia)**

**Special Thank You to
Teleflex
For Providing Dinner!**

**Thank You to All Who
Attended !!**



Meeting Calendar & Information

We are now holding our Business portion of the meeting prior to the education at 6p

Please join us virtually via Microsoft Teams!

Next Meetings

**Thurs. Sept. 18— WakeMed Raleigh/Conference Dinning 2&4
(3000 New Bern Ave. Raleigh, NC)**

Eliza Hughes-BD- *Surgical Solutions/Surgiphor*

**Thurs. Oct. 16— WakeMed Raleigh/Andrews Center
(3000 New Bern Ave. Raleigh, NC)**

**Thurs. Nov. 20— WakeMed Raleigh/Andrews Center
(3000 New Bern Ave. Raleigh, NC)**

December Holiday Party TBD—

In-Person/Virtual Meeting Information

Thurs. Sept. 18— WakeMed Raleigh/ Conference Dining 2&4
(3000 New Bern Ave. Raleigh, NC)

Eliza Hughes-BD- *Surgical Solutions/Surgiphor*

NOW Meeting Virtually Via Microsoft Teams



Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 226 278 543 438 8

Passcode: 75JB9Zn2

Dial in by phone

[+1 984-204-1384,,996322086#](#) United States, Raleigh

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 996 322 086#

Join on a video conferencing device

Tenant key: wakemed@m.webex.com

Video ID: 118 431 729 3

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For organizers: [Meeting options](#) | [Reset dial-in PIN](#)

Meeting Calendar & Information

****Our Chapter Meets
In Person (Free Food)
&
Via WebEx (Free CE)***

***Every
Third Thursday of the
Month at 6pm****



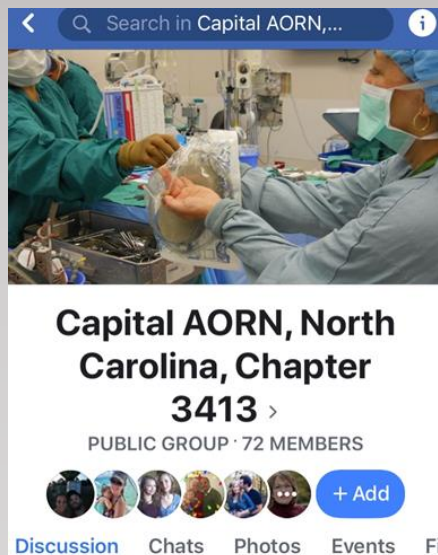
Our chapter has projects already in place but if you have a community service project you feel Capital AORN should participate in please contact us and let us know. Currently we support the following groups:

Lions Club Eyeglasses
Myco Orphanage Project
Passionate Purses



Check Us Out on Face Book

*Capital AORN
North Carolina
Chapter 3413*



*We would love to hear
more from you the
chapter members!*

*If you have something
that you would like to
add to our monthly
newsletter please send
it to me!*

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Community Service Projects

***Lions Club (Eye glass collection)-
Collecting at Sept. Meeting**

**Items to Donate: Old Glasses,
Frames or Lens**



**“Save One Life,
You Are a Hero,
Save a Hundred Lives,
You Are a Nurse”**

Willingness to Serve



***Be Thinking About Our
Committees & Projects for 2025-2026
(See Below & Attached for Form)***

***Our chapter counts on you to support these
wonderful chapter & community activities***

We couldn't do it Without YOU!



Willingness to Serve Capital AORN # 3413

I understand that this is a statement of my willingness to serve my chapter. I am not committing myself to a specific assignment until the chapter nominating committee has contacted me and I have accepted a nomination to an office, committee or project.

Please list below those committees or projects on which you would be willing to serve

Name _____ Date _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Home Address _____

Place of Employment _____

Standing Committee(s):	Budget & Finance	_____
	Delegate Selection	_____
	Hospitality	_____
	Liaison to NC Council	_____
	Membership	_____
	Newsletter	_____
	Perioperative Nurse Week & Patient Safety	_____
	Policy & Bylaws	_____
	Programs	_____

Special Committee(s):	Legislative/Nurses Night NC Leg.	_____
	Patient Safety	_____
	Student Nurse Liaison	_____
	Tellers	_____
	Regional Conference	_____
	Chapter Conference	_____
	Social Media Liaison	_____

Project(s):	Lions Club Eyeglasses	_____
	Myco Orphanage Project	_____
	Passionate Purses	_____
	Speaker at Chapter Meeting	_____

Committee/Project Chair **Yes**_____ **No**_____

(Please * each item if interested in Chair) 08/24

AORN Legislative News

***“Alleviate the Dangers of Surgical Smoke”
Our HB 67 PASSED!!!***

***Goes into effect Jan. 1 , 2026
(Start getting your policies ready!! 😊)***

***Thank you to Everyone
for your Amazing Work!!***

Click Link Below for more information
**[House Bill 67 / SL 2025-37 \(2025-2026 Session\) - North
Carolina General Assembly](#)**

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE SENATE AUDIO CALENDARS COMMITTEES GOV OPS BILLS & LAWS DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING ABOUT

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House Bill 67 / SL 2025-37

Healthcare Workforce Reforms.
2025-2026 Session

VIEW BILL DIGEST

VIEW AVAILABLE BILL SUMMARIES

EDITION	FISCAL NOTE
Filed	
Edition 1	Fiscal Note
Edition 2	
Edition 3	
Edition 4	
Ratified	
SL 2025-37	

Last Action: Ch. SL 2025-37 on 7/1/2025

Sponsors: Reeder; Campbell; Potts; Lambeth (Primary)
Almond; Belk; Biggs; Carney; Cervania; Chesser; Clamplitt; Colvin; Harrison; F. Jackson; N. Jackson; Kidwell; McNeely; Paré; Ward; Willingham; Willis; Zenger

Attributes: Public; Text has changed

Counties: No counties specifically cited

Statutes: 110, 131E, 58, 90 (Chapters); 110-91, 131E-147.2, 131E-78.4, 150B-19, 150B-21.3, 58-3-169, 58-3-230, 58-3-241, 58-50-296, 58-56-26, 58-56A-55, 90-1.1, 90-11, 90-12.03, 90-12.4, 90-12.4B, 90-13.1, 90-13.2, 90-14, 90-14.2, 90-18, 90-18.1, 90-18.4, 90-21.160, 90-21.161, 90-21.162, 90-21.163, 90-21.164, 90-21.165, 90-21.166, 90-21.167, 90-21.168, 90-21.169, 90-21.170, 90-21.171, 90-21.172, 90-21.173, 90-21.174, 90-21.175, 90-21.176, 90-21.177, 90-21.178, 90-21.179, 90-21.180, 90-21.181, 90-21.182, 90-21.183, 90-21.184, 90-21.185, 90-21.186, 90-21.187, 90-21.188, 90-21.189, 90-21.190, 90-21.191, 90-21.192, 90-21.193, 90-21.194, 90-21.195, 90-21.196, 90-21.197, 90-21.198, 90-21.199, 90-21.200, 90-21.201, 90-21.202, 90-21.203, 90-21.204, 90-21.205, 90-21.206, 90-21.207, 90-21.208, 90-21.209, 90-21.210, 90-21.211, 90-21.212, 90-21.213, 90-21.214, 90-21.215, 90-21.216, 90-21.217, 90-21.218, 90-21.219, 90-21.220, 90-21.221, 90-21.222, 90-21.223, 90-21.224, 90-21.225, 90-21.226, 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Schedule

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 7 AM** Registration opens
- 7-8 AM** Continental Breakfast
- 8 AM-2:30 PM** Exhibitor Set-up
- 8 AM** Welcoming Remarks
- 8-8:15 AM** Greeting from AORN
- 8:30-9:30 AM** Opening Keynote
sponsored by **CONMED**
- 9:45-10:45 AM** Education
- 11 AM-12 PM** Education
- 12-1:30 PM** Lunch & Learn
sponsored by **Piedmont**
 Northeast Georgia Health System

Join us for a complimentary lunch while learning about the latest Perioperative topics. Our 'Lunch and Learn' event features 15-minute, vendor-sponsored sessions designed to introduce valuable resources that enhance efficiency and improve patient care.

- 2-3 PM** Afternoon Keynote
- 3-6 PM** Exhibit Hall Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 7 AM** Registration Opens
- 7 AM** Continental Breakfast
- 8-9 AM** Education
- 9-11 AM** Exhibit Hall Brunch

Fuel up for a fantastic day two at the Exhibit Hall Brunch! Mingle with vendors over breakfast bites, sip on refreshing mimosas and Bloody Marys, and make valuable connections - all in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

- 11:15-11:30 AM** Daisy Foundation Awards Presentation

Celebrate Nursing Excellence at the Daisy Awards! Witness the heartwarming stories of nurses who go above and beyond, making a profound difference in patients' lives. Join us as we honor the Nurse Leader of the Year and Lifetime Achievement award recipients and be inspired by the transformative power of compassionate care.

- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** Closing Keynote
- 12:30 PM** Closing Remarks
- 1-2 PM** State Council/Chapter Meetings

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8:30-9:30 AM

OPENING KEYNOTE

The Power of Nursing During These Challenging Times



Ernest J. Grant, PhD, DSc(h), RN, FADLN, FAAN, Vice Dean, Duke University School of Nursing

This presentation will explore the evolving role of nurses and the power of nursing in addressing contemporary healthcare challenges. It will emphasize the importance of advocacy in ensuring patient-centered care, promoting self-care and professional development among nurses, and advancing the nursing profession. By leveraging innovative technologies, fostering resilience, and embracing continuous learning, nurses can effectively navigate the complexities of modern healthcare. The session will provide practical strategies and insights to empower nurses to be strong advocates for their patients, themselves, and the broader healthcare community.

sponsored by CONMED

9:45-10:45 AM

Won't You Be My Neighbor? The Power of You—Circles of Care, Catalysts for Change



Kim Tuemler, JD, BSN, RN, CNOR, RYT 200, Wylie Tuemler, Attorney Nurse Consulting

This panel presentation explores how nurses are transforming their hospital halls and neighborhood blocks into powerful platforms for political advocacy. Won't You Be My Neighbor? highlights the critical role of nurses as grassroots change agents working within their professional and community circles to create safer surgical environments and drive impactful policy reform. Panelists will share real-world experiences leading state-level advocacy efforts on pressing nursing issues such as:

- Circulator staffing requirements
- Full practice authority for nurse practitioners
- Legislation to combat workplace violence in healthcare

11 AM-12 PM

Peer Messengers: An Evidence-Based Approach to Safety, Support, and Respect in the Work Environment



Alice M. Krumm, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CNOR(E), Director, Partner Engagement, Faculty, Vanderbilt Health CPPA, Adjunct Instructor, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

As healthcare becomes more complex, so do the teams delivering care. Clinical teams are interdisciplinary and must navigate uncertainty while maintaining high standards. Safe, quality care depends on both individual autonomy and cohesive teamwork. High-performing teams are built on accountability, open communication, and a shared commitment to patient safety.

2-3 PM

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

It Shouldn't Hurt to Go to Work: Creating Safe Circles of Care



Ric Cumming, EdD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Chief Operating Officer, ChristianaCare

Health care workers are 5 times more likely to experience violence than workers in other settings. ChristianaCare, an academic health system in Delaware, is addressing this issue with a comprehensive, values-driven prevention program. Rooted in our core values of Love and Excellence, the initiative includes systemwide civility efforts, a zero-tolerance policy backed by a Patient and Visitor Code of Conduct, de-escalation training, robust reporting systems, and a strong focus on prevention and employee well-being. The result: measurable improvements in workplace safety and culture.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8-9 AM

It's A Wonderful Life: How Your Nursing Care Has Impacted the World Around You



William J. Duffy, RN, MJ CNOR, FAAN, Independent Nurse Educator and Consultant

Like the character George Bailey, in the movie It's a

Wonderful Life, nurses face challenges in our professional lives. And like George, we may experience doubts about the value of our career choice. Those doubts can lead to burnout. This talk will highlight the true impact of your care. We will explore how our being present means more than technical expertise in that the true meaning of being a nurse changes the lives of those we serve. A celebration of nursing.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

CLOSING KEYNOTE

Ethical Decision Making and How to Build Moral Muscle



Jason Lesandrini, PhD, FACHE, HEC-C, LPEC, Assistant Vice President of Ethics, Advance Care Planning and Spiritual Health, and Language Access Service, WellStar Health System

Ethical leadership from everyone, whether one has a title, is essential to providing high-quality care. The Perioperative setting requires ethical leaders who uphold personal and professional standards and empower their teams to recognize their collective influence in creating safe, compassionate environments where each team member's contribution strengthens the quality of patient care. The circles of care that perioperative nurses create for patients are strengthened through ethical leadership principles. In this interactive session, we'll explore the landscape of what it means to be an ethical leader, both from a personal characteristic standpoint, but also from a behavioral standpoint. For example, participants will engage in Ethical Decision Making and learn how to build their moral muscles.

We will be announcing our 2025 Perioperative Nurse of the Year at this meeting! Hope to See You There!



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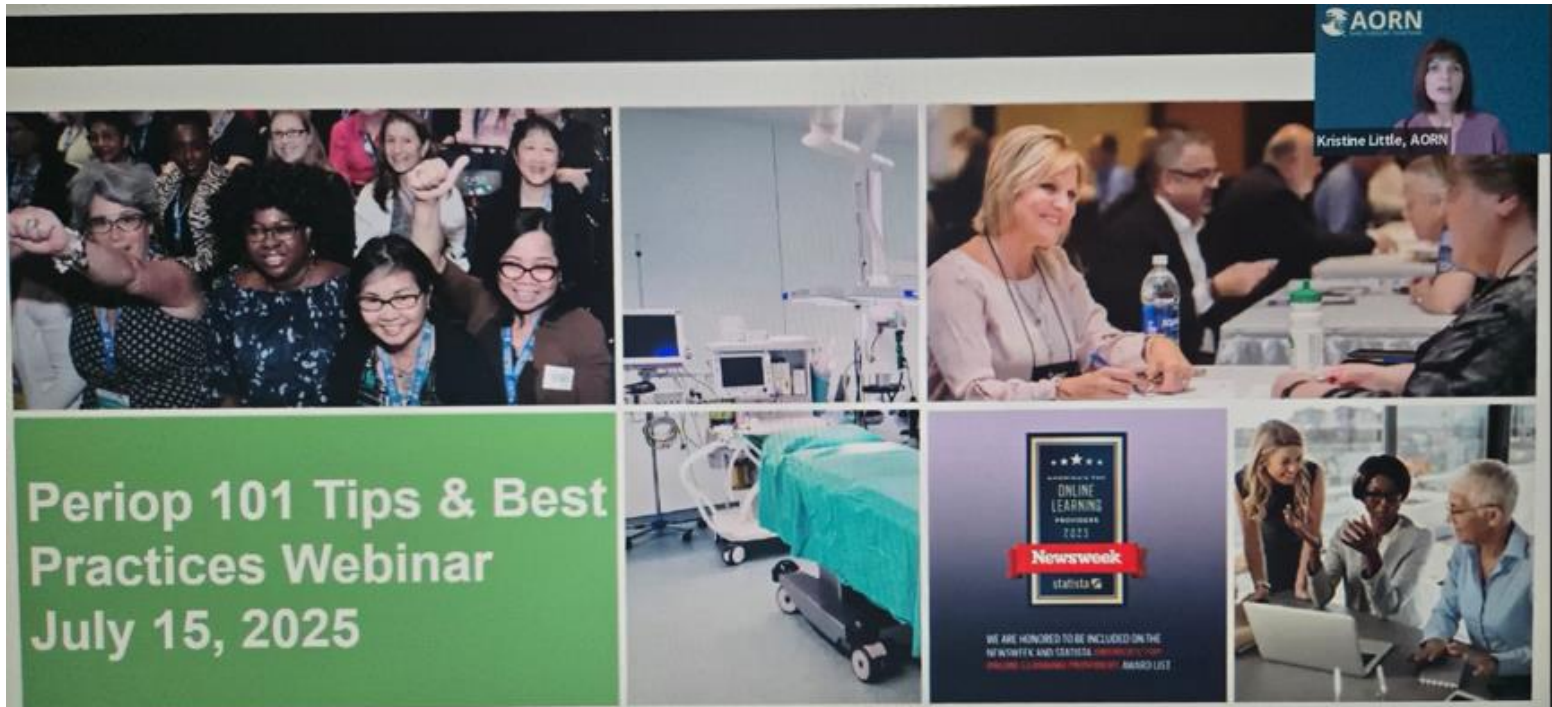
The DAISY Award is an international recognition program started in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Pat's family experienced first-hand the difference his nurses made in his care through clinical excellence and outstanding compassionate care. The family created The DAISY Award to express gratitude to nurses and to enable other patients, families, and staff to thank and honor their special nurses.



Congratulations Mary Pennington on your Retirement!



Cheers to a New Adventure! Congrats Kristine!!



**Periop 101 Tips & Best Practices Webinar
July 15, 2025**

Kristine Little, MSN, RN, CNOR
Perioperative Education Specialist
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***New Role at AORN Headquarters
Perioperative Education Specialist***

AORN Rise to '25 Chapter Incentives



Rise to 25 is now LIVE! | AORN Chapter Officer Group | Nursing Network

Rise to 25 is a Membership Challenge for chapters and states with monthly and year-end prizes. Check this out!

- Chapters across each state will work together to grow their overall membership by 25% by the end of the year.
- A friendly competition to engage chapters, strengthen the community, and boost membership.
- Trial memberships are included – but must retain membership for year-end results.

Prizes:

State-Level Prizes

- States that achieve 25% growth: Each chapter in the state wins \$500.
- The state with the highest growth overall: Special trophy & bragging rights at AORN Expo 2026.

Chapter-Level Prizes

- Top-growing individual chapter (even if their state doesn't reach 25%): 1 free registration to AORN Expo 2026.

Ongoing Monthly Incentives

- Top 2 chapters with highest growth by percentile announced each month.
- Winners earn Rise Points redeemable for prizes at year-end.

Each month, the top two chapters with the highest membership growth by percentile will earn:

1st Place – 50 Rise Points

2nd Place – 25 Rise Points

Redeem Rise Points for AORN Swag (Chapters can accumulate points and redeem them for exclusive rewards):

25 Points

- AORN Compression Socks (Set of 5)
- AORN Periop Proud Tumbler (Set of 5)

50 Points

- Wellness Basket – Perfect for Chapter Meeting Raffles
- I ♥ Periop Nursing Tote (Set of 5)

100 Points

- Lunch Set: AORN Periop Proud Lunch Box & Tumbler (Set of 10)

200 Points

Registration to AORN Expo 2026

On Your Mark, Get Set, GO!

- Monthly prizes and tracking start April 1, 2025.
- Year-end totals will include all memberships from January thru December 2025 (current, not lapsed).
- Monthly winners will be announced on Nursing Network, COTH, and in the CLB.
- Year-end winners will be announced in January 2026 and at Expo 2026 (along with the fab trophy...).



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CHAPTER 3413

Saturday, March 21, 2026

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Third Annual Workshop

Current Trends in Central Sterile Practices

Best practices for instrument processing and regulatory requirements remain consistent across healthcare facilities yet continually evolve.

This workshop is for perioperative leaders, nurses, surgical technicians, and central sterile technicians who work in hospitals and ambulatory surgery settings.

We encourage, welcome, and invite all staff at every level to participate

in this exciting educational opportunity!

Details to Follow



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Renewing your membership is now more affordable in 2025:

- Monthly plans now start at **just \$11.99**.
- Save over 26% with our reduced 1-year standard membership—**now just \$125**. Plus, save even more with multi-year and lifetime membership reduced rates.

[Renew Your Membership](#)

Questions about Delegates & Voting??

*See below from the recent AORN town hall
Watch for more information from AORN*

Role of a Delegate

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A DELEGATE?

All AORN voting members have the opportunity and responsibility to participate in the governance of the association by both voting for the board of directors and nominating committee as well as voting on AORN business at the House of Delegates (HOD) and any special business meetings held between Congresses.

WHAT IS A CHAPTER-DESIGNATED DELEGATE?

Chapters may designate voting members to attend Expo and may fund those members. These "chapter-designated delegates" have the same one vote in elections and HOD business as every other voting member.

Allotted Chapter Delegates

WHY IS AORN SENDING MY CHAPTER A NUMBER OF ALLOTTED DELEGATES?

Prior to 2010, AORN used a delegate governance system where chapters were assigned a certain number of delegates based on their membership totals, and those assigned individuals voted on behalf of their chapter at Expo. This system was replaced by the "One Member – One Vote" governance structure that AORN uses now. The suggested delegate count information for each chapter may be used as a tool to determine funding for sending members to Expo each year.

CAN CHAPTERS SEND MORE OR FEWER OF THEIR ALLOTTED CHAPTER-DESIGNATED DELEGATES?

Yes. The number of delegates assigned to a chapter is a suggestion, not a limit. Chapters are encouraged to send (and fund if possible) as many members as possible to Expo.

Additionally, chapters should motivate every member to vote for AORN leadership.

Roll Call at Congress

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ROLL CALL AT CONGRESS?

During the roll call, all states report on the total number of delegates from their state attending the Forums and HOD that year (including states which do not have an active chapter). This number is not limited to only "chapter-designated delegates" and should include all members from a state attending the business sessions.

DO I HAVE TO BE PRESENT FOR THE ROLL CALL TO LATER VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES?

No. The roll call is ceremonious and designed to celebrate members' attendance at the business sessions. Voting in the House of Delegates is not limited to those who attended previous Forums or House of Delegates sessions.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	VOTING OR NON-VOTING
New to Profession	Voting
Standard (includes trial, monthly payors and Lifetime)	Voting
Leader (includes Lifetime)	Voting
AORN/APNSA (includes Leader)	Voting
Retired	Voting
Organizational	Voting and Non-voting, depending on RN status
Associate	Non-voting
Student	Non-voting

Thank you to National AORN for providing this helpful clarification for our chapters

AORN Capital Chapter May 2025 Business Meeting Minutes

Roll Call: 10 in person, 3 online

Quorum met

Call to Order: 1804

Facilitator: K. Little, president

Welcome: (K. Little)

Thank you to Jessica Combs and Teleflex for the meal and 2.0 CE's tonight.

Member Update as of 5/12/25 of 129 members. Have increased by 12 since February.

Approval of minutes for April 2025. 1st Motion by L. Finch, 2nd Motion by C.

Lenhart. ACCEPTED

Committee Reports:

Treasurer (D. Roub): April 2025 deposits \$424.00 expenses: \$6962.48 balance \$28,210.47

NC State Council update (A. Heitman):

Carolina State Council: in Morehead. Free registration with 8.0 CE's

Southeastern State Council Conference with OR Today: in St. Augustine, Florida, November 1-2, 2025. Looking for attendee & vendors to register. Please share with your contacts.

Nominations for Periop Nurse of the Year due by 10/1/2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarship Recipient Experience from Expo 2024 (C. Hicks):

K. Little spoke on her behalf but was not in attendance due to a scheduling conflict.

NEW BUSINESS

AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo 2025 Highlights (K. Little): Find more info on the discussions held in Forums on the website.

AORN EXP 2026 update (K. Little): looking for posters and abstracts, and education session speakers. Please submit it through the website.

National Office nominations (K. Little): open until May 31, 2025.

Chapter Vote: none

Adjourn:1827

Recorder: (J. LaFlamme)

Board of Directors Meeting 2025-2026

August 21, 2025 @6:30 pm

Presiding: J. LaFlamme

Virtual only via Google Meet

Call To Order: **1832**

Meeting Ends: **1924**

Roll Call:

Quorum:

ROLE	NAME	PRESENT
President	J. LaFlamme	Yes
President Elect	L. Finch	Yes
President ex officio	K. Little	Yes
Secretary	B. Cox	Yes
Treasurer	D. Roub	No
Board of Directors	C. Bradley	Yes
Board of Directors	C. Lenhart	Yes
Board of Directors	M. Pennington	Yes
Committee Member	A. Heitman	Yes
Committee Member	A. Ibajesomo	No

Welcome: (J. LaFlamme): Use Google account for all communication, meetings, and scheduling instead of personal email.
capitalaorn3413@gmail.com

Reports:

- **Treasurer** (D. Roub): Financial report for 20-26 year-end, plan for Audit, Tax deadline, and organize budget committee. Fundraising?
 - **Beginning Balance: \$26, 151.35**
 - **Ending Balance: \$28 ,243.35**
 - **Income \$26,142.85 Total**
 - **Expenses: \$17,699.23**
- **Membership** (J. LaFlamme): pass to the President-elect for monitoring, reporting, and member contact. Nursing network platform. Recruitment events.
 - **142 active members**

- **Bylaws** (J. LaFlamme); Is this under a committee? **Yes**
 - Last review? **Last Reviewed March 2025 By Laws and Policies**
 - Need updating? **Yes**
- **Communication:**
 - Newsletter (A. Heitman): **Waiting on the Meeting Site Locations and the Education Topics**
 - Social Media (L. Finch): **Facebook-Can automate linking from Nursing Network to Facebook**
 - Nursing Network (J. LaFlamme):
 - **Last Board Meeting was March 8, 2025**

Old Business: (J. LaFlamme): any pending issues?

New Business:

- **Monthly business meetings for 2025-2026** (J. LaFlamme): set dates for North and Cary locations. Need speakers for Education and CE's.
 - **September Meeting is in Raleigh Conference Dining 2/4**
 - **Perioperative Nurses Week-send out something from Nursing Network**
- **Board Meeting Schedule:**
 - virtual work well?
 - **Preference is to meet in person before a business meeting**
 - **1 week prior (9/11) to the business meeting**
- **Committee for Nominations:** schedule for nominations, election date.
- **Committee for Scholarships:**
 - Expo Scholarship this year?
 - **Add this as a budget item**
 - **Only offered registration**
 - Due date for applications?
 - **October?**
- **Volunteering activities for 2025-26:**
 - **Winter Holiday party: December 18 Holiday Party**
- **Bank Update:**
 - Get a debit card to avoid OOP expenses for members.
 - **Set reserve fund (set aside money) for Expo and fund the president**
- **Sterile Processing Workshop: March 2026.**
 - First meeting?
 - **September business meeting**

Closing Remarks: (J. LaFlamme):

Next Board Meeting: September 11, 2025?

Next Business Meeting:

- Thursday, Sept 18, 2025 at: (location) and virtual
 - 6:00 pm business/6:30 pm Dinner/Education

Carolinas Council of periOperative Registered Nurses

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2025

The meeting was held during Spring conference as well as via ZOOM. Amanda Heitman, Chair brought the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair – Amanda Heitman 3413 (Via ZOOM)

Chair Elect- Vacant

Secretary - Kim Adler 3402

Treasurer- Lady Sue Bell 3415

Board Members - Mary Pennington 3413 (Via ZOOM)

Tina McEachin 3403 (Via ZOOM)

Past Chair- Absent

OTHER ATTENDEES/MEMBERS:

See sign up:



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MINUTES:

- Attendance taken

- Quorum present to vote on any motion brought before the council. And for Voting on Ballot.

- Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:



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- Lisa Finch 1st
- Kana Cross 2nd
- Passed unanimously.

- Treasurers report:

- NC:

- Current account balance as of 5/14/25 \$7792.47
- All NC chapters



Treasurers%20Report.pdf.docx

- Projected Budget 2025/2026
 - Donations. \$1000 per year
 - AORN Foundation \$200 per year
 - Chair Expo NC - \$1000
 - Daisy Award \$150
 - Legislation support NCNA \$1500
 - Misc. expenses \$500
 - (Includes IT and zoom)
 - Total Projected budget for 2025/2026 \$4350.00

Presented by Lady Sue, 2nd by Brenda Davis 3401

- SC: None available this is from last meeting

Date:	Transaction:	Balance:
03/31/2025	Balance	\$ 366.72
04/03/2025	Deposit (SE Conference)	\$ 5475.31
04/03/2025	Balance	\$ 5842.03

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

North Carolina--HB390 Alleviate Dangers of Surgical Smoke- House Rep. Cunningham/White, waiting for vote with Senate, reach out to your legislators for support



HB 390 2025.pdf

Karen Lemmons—NC Updates

Passed the house Health committee with only one reading, April 8, 2025. It's in the Senate Rules committee. All indication is that NC will be the next State with smoke free legislation.

Please reach and thank/contact your legislators.

This is a copy of the Rules committee: If you know any of them, please reach out and encourage the support of our bill.



Senate Rules
Committee Member:

If any one is off and can attend an event June 4, to support the NCANA for all the support that they have shown us. Please try to attend. Details in the link:



NCANA Event
6-4-2025.pdf

South Carolina—Bill170- Surgical Smoke Evacuation System

Lisa Crissman –SC Updates

Bill 170 passed the Sente and is in the house. Went to the 3M committee 3rd to last week in April to move forward. It was tabled until next year due to other competing bills. It will be one of the first bills for next year.

Lastly, legislation on the national level, please reach out to your senator and representatives to oppose the massive Medicaid cuts. These cuts will affect all hospitals as well as the people.

OLD BUSINESS:

Would like to bring back Nurse of the Year award

- Here is a list of past recipients



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e%20Nurse%20of%2

- Leigh anne Bartlett will work with Lady Sue to adapt the current form for ease of use.
- Here is the current form, more information to follow.



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We have partnered with OR today for another SEC.

- Southeastern Conference (SEC) information and update.
 - States involved are the Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee.
- The Power of You: Circles of Care
- Place St Augustine, FLA
- November 1 and 2 2025
- Get the word out.
- We will have our fall meeting after the conference.
- The question was brought that how we would receive funds since the Carolinas are together.
 - Double?
 - The same amount as the other states
 - Someone suggested maybe keeping treasury separate to receive maximum amount of funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election Ballot were passed out. Currently we have 4 positions coming to an end or opened. Voting is in person. Kim will try to develop some way to have other options for voting for next year.
- Results of Ballot:
 - Chair elect: (filling a vacancy; filling last year of term) Kim Tuelmer SC
 - Secretary: Kim Adler NC
 - Board members x2: Terri Richardson NC
Sherrie Mannarino SC
- Congratulations
- Mary Pennington reminded everyone that Nominations is for national board and nominating committees are opened until May 27, 2025.
- Social Event for new officers
 - A suggestion was made to hold at the fall conference.
 - After pooling the people at the meeting and on the call, it was decided to plan something Friday evening. More details to follow.
- Chapter 3401 wanted to thank everyone for their support and are happy to report that they have started to grow and thrive.
- Lastly, think about the Spring Carolina councils meeting, Capitol chapter has an event, or the Coastal chapter event in May. With the other meeting being at Expo.

WORKING ITEMS:

- SEC
 - Each State Council responsible for silent auction items
 - This is how we make our monies from the conference.
 - Again, asking chapter within each state to make a basket for the auction.
 - Another idea was for gift cards especially with anyone traveling/flying to Florida since it can be a distance to drive.
 - Get the word out we want this to be as successful as last years.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Adler, Secretary