



AORN Columbia River Chapter 3801 Board Member Introductions

President | Megan Maygra

- ▶ **Current Position:** Nursing Professional Development Specialist
- ▶ **Employer:** PeaceHealth Shared Services Center
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Education
- ▶ **Education level:** Masters
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR, CSSM, & additional certifications
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** Over 15 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** Yes
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** CSSM test writing, AORN Ambassador, Chapter VP, Periop 101 administrator, CNOR Coach, speaker, Board Member

My Why: I have learned a lot being a board member and vice-president of this chapter. I am happy to continue the momentum and move our chapter forward with the newer generation of nurses. I would like to be inclusive in our coverage of the entire state of Oregon and SW portions of Washington.

About Me: Megan J. Maygra, MBA, MSN, RN, CSSM, CNOR, NPD-BC is a highly experienced Perioperative Nurse with over 20 years of dedicated service in surgical care. Her career began in the U.S. Navy as a Surgical Technologist, where she served both domestically and internationally. Following the completion of her nursing degree, Megan continued her operating room practice in Bremerton, Washington, later expanding her clinical expertise to include Trauma, Burns, and Pediatric surgery in the Portland metropolitan area.

Throughout her career, Megan has held progressive roles in clinical education, management, and leadership. She is the founder of a Nurse Consulting business, through which she contributes to both legal and educational initiatives. Megan holds dual graduate degrees: a Master of Science in Nursing Administration and a Master of Business Administration.

Currently, she serves as a Nursing Professional Development Specialist within a multi-state health system, where she supports the growth and advancement of nursing professionals across diverse care settings.

Megan is an active member of the Columbia River Region AORN Chapter and is passionate about volunteerism, gardening, and spending quality time with her family.

President-Elect | Haley Mooster

- ▶ **Current Position:** Staff RN
- ▶ **Employer:** The Vancouver Clinic
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Ambulatory
- ▶ **Education level:** Masters
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** Over 15 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** No
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** Been member and involved in several monthly meetings prior to new current role in or and teaching

My Why: Be more involved

About Me: 26 years or experience including education and leadership

Vice-President | Mary Russell

- ▶ **Current Position:** Retired FNP
- ▶ **Employer:** Retired
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Hand/Plastic
- ▶ **Education level:** Masters
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR & additional certifications
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** Over 15 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** Yes
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** BOD CRR, past National CEAC committee, multiple National committees, Past president OSCPN and founder, currently on the planning committee, multiple CRR positions

My Why: Whatever is needed

About Me: Bio on request. Very committed to our chapter.

Secretary | Tami Garrett

- ▶ **Current Position:** NPD Educator for surgery
- ▶ **Employer:** Providence Portland Medical Center
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Perioperative
- ▶ **Education level:** Masters
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** 5-10 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** No
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** Attended first in-person AORN conference, participated in chapter meetings, and delivered a post-conference presentation.

My Why: I would like to see some changes on how others can benefit from being a chapter member. With the update in how to obtain CNOR recertification, we should do our due diligence of providing opportunities for others during chapter meetings to obtain points in various ways. Encouragement of professional development is key to helping others grow and provide opportunities they never knew they had.

About Me: I very experienced in being in various committees through Providence and previously Legacy Health. I have both lead meetings and participated along with providing information to caregivers post meeting. I am very driven to learning new information and would like to work more in the political process. I have taught clinical academy and know there are opportunities for new nurses to grow and to learn current surgical skills. We need to make sure we are aligning perop101 curriculum with the most current information. I would also like to see more colleges offer perioperative education electives for our future nurses and provide nurses with best practice in sterile technique, patient safety, patient advocacy, and communication. I currently do weekly in-service meetings where I am either giving the presentation or setting up for others to provide presentations including surgeons and vendors. I hope that you will see that I have potential for my own personal growth and that I can also help create opportunities for others to obtain new knowledge.

Treasurer | Kara Wright

- ▶ **Current Position:** RNFA
- ▶ **Employer:** Kaiser
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Surgery
- ▶ **Education level:** Bachelors
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** Over 15 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** Yes
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** Delegate for Members at large, Education classes Denver, Co., Attending multiple Congresses

My Why: I enjoy being involved locally and hoping to get my coworkers interested. I would like more involvement.

About Me: I have been an OR nurse since 1988. I have witnessed many changes during this timeframe. I have seen things change from Drs preference to evidence-based practice. I enjoy studying about research and EBP and would like to share and develop this interest with the next generation of OR nurses. Since financial support involves everyone, I feel that being involved in this aspect will help me to understand how to help others get involved.

Board Member | Beckie Scott

- ▶ **Current Position:** Circulating RN
- ▶ **Employer:** Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Neuro, Ortho
- ▶ **Education level:** Bachelors
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** 2-5 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** No
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** I received my CNOR certification last year and wish to continue that momentum.

My Why: To better myself in the OR nursing role. To better advocate for my patients as well as my fellow RNs.

About Me: Having 15 years experience in the operating room, the first 10 as a surgical technologist, has given my valuable insight and knowledge to better enhance my patient care interaction and advocacy. I strive for quality and innovation throughout my shift, insuring the best care possible for every patient. By serving as a board member, I will expand on that knowledge and be part of the bigger picture.

Board Member | Christine Taylor

- ▶ **Current Position:** Registered Nurse
- ▶ **Employer:** OHSU
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Cardiac, vascular, general, ortho and neuro
- ▶ **Education level:** Bachelors
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** 5-10 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** No
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** Active AORN member and nationally certified OR nurse. Serving as UB committee treasurer, I lead efforts toward unit certification and have organized training for 20+ staff. Previously engaged in Texas-based educational events and committees focused on policy, pressure injury prevention, and surgical site infection reduction.

My Why: I would love to be afforded the opportunity for personal skills development, personal fulfillment and the opportunity to contribute to the AORN's success and mission.

About Me: I have been an active member of the AORN since entering the OR environment. I am nationally certified. I am active participant with my UB committee as the acting treasurer and am very focused on getting my peers nationally certified. I have coordinated in person educational training sessions hosting 20+ staff. I was very active on multiple committees in my prior facility with the focus of policies and procedure, pressure injury prevention and surgical site infections. I am passionate about patient care and staff safety. I am seeking a more active role within my local chapter.

Board Member | Jill Jonason

- ▶ **Current Position:** Staff RN
- ▶ **Employer:** PeaceHealth Southwest
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:**
Neuro/robotics/general/urology
- ▶ **Education level:** Bachelors
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** Over 15 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** Yes
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** Current secretary and Past board member

My Why: Love the education opportunities

About Me: I am humbled to be considered for a leadership role in AORN-3801 Columbia River as a returning board member. I have been an OR nurse for over 26 years and am currently a staff RN in the main OR at PeaceHealth Southwest Washington Medical Center. Early in my OR nursing career, I was fortunate to have a nurse educator who stressed the importance of active involvement in AORN. This led me to obtain my CNOR and to become a lifetime AORN member. I have served as a board member in past years and am currently our chapter secretary. Through these roles, I have strived to foster more involvement in AORN, especially for our newer OR nurses. Through AORN we have the opportunity to remain lifelong learners with a strong voice in quality patient care. If chosen as a board member, I will continue to advocate to boost connectedness among our many chapter members through conferences and networking activities. Thank you for your consideration!

Board Member | Judy Lucchesi

- ▶ **Current Position:** Staff RN
- ▶ **Employer:** Providence Milwaukie hospital
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Ophthalmology
- ▶ **Education level:** Masters
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR;
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** Over 15 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** Yes
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** Currently on AORN Columbia River region board
Served on National AORN CEAC.

My Why: Involvement in the chapter to help guide direction and educational opportunities. To help promote the profession.

About Me: Have been involved in the operating room for several years and involved with AORN. Have MSN in nursing education and am passionate about continuing education and following evidence-based practice for operating room nurses. I believe that supporting our profession and nurses also provide improved outcomes for our patients.

Board Member | Nikki Neiswinter

- ▶ **Current Position:** RNFA
- ▶ **Employer:** KSMC
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** RNFA
- ▶ **Education level:** Bachelors
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** 10-15 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** Yes
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** Board member With Portland chapter AORN, President Central Illinois AORN Chapter in Quincy, IL Great River region now defunct.

My Why: I like being involved and helping when I can.

About Me: I have 20 years of experience in the OR. 5 of the years as a traveler. I have experienced many different hospitals and have always followed AORN guidelines, and they have never steered me wrong. I served as the President of the West Central Illinois Chapter of AORN, which sadly I believe is defunct now. I moved to Portland, OR 7 yrs ago and have been an active member of the Columbia Chapter AORN group for at least 5 of those years and served on the board for at least 3 of those years. I would again like to serve as a board member. I look forward to many great years to come with the Columbia River Region AORN.

Committee Member | Donna Huey

- ▶ **Current Position:** Director of Surgical Services
- ▶ **Employer:** Samaritan Pacific Community Hospital
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Peri-op
- ▶ **Education level:** Masters
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** Over 15 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** No
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** I actively engage with AORN and CCI through professional development, conference participation, and integration of national standards into perioperative education. I promote CNOR certification and lifelong learning, shaping curriculum and mentoring staff. My involvement includes chapter meetings, peer collaboration, and advocacy for excellence in surgical care.
- ▶ **My Why:** I would be honored to serve as a member of the Columbia River AORN Chapter because I believe in the power of collaboration, mentorship, and shared professional growth. As a long-time educator and advocate for excellence in the OR, I see this as an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to our regional perioperative community. I'm passionate about supporting nurses at all stages of their careers, and I'm eager to help advance the mission of AORN through education, engagement, and leadership. Being part of this chapter would allow me to give back to a profession that has given me so much.

About Me: My name is Donna Huey, and I currently serve as Director of Surgery at Samaritan Health Services. In this role, I'm accountable for 24/7 operations across multiple surgical units, including the Main Operating Room, Ambulatory, PACU, Endoscopy, Sterile Processing, and Anesthesia Services. I've spent my career leading high-performing teams, improving patient outcomes, and driving sustainable change through evidence-based practices and lean management strategies.

Over the years, I've led initiatives that have significantly reduced surgical site infections, launched new service lines including robotics, endovascular, plastics, and urology. Implemented advanced billing systems that have improved revenue capture and operational transparency. I'm proud of the work I've done to optimize resource allocation and elevate care standards, but what I value most is the opportunity to mentor and support others in their professional growth.

My passion for perioperative nursing runs deep. I've been an educator for many years, and I believe strongly in the power of shared learning, collaboration, and continuous improvement. Whether I'm working alongside frontline staff or partnering with executive leadership, my goal is always the same: to create environments where nurses feel empowered, supported, and inspired to deliver exceptional care.

I bring a unique blend of technical expertise, strategic vision, and a deep commitment to patient safety. My experience spans high-volume areas like Endoscopy, PACU, and Preoperative Admission Screening, and I've developed a strong foundation in specialty areas such as bloodless surgery and regulatory compliance. I'm also well-versed in survey readiness and accreditation standards, and I work closely with hospital departments to ensure alignment across clinical and operational directives.

I'm seeking a role with the Columbia River AORN Chapter because I want to give back to the profession that has shaped my career and my purpose. I believe this chapter plays a vital role in advancing perioperative nursing across our region, and I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute, collaborate, and help shape its future. I bring not only leadership experience but also a genuine desire to connect with others, share knowledge, and support the next generation of surgical nurses.

Serving on the chapter would allow me to continue advocating for excellence in perioperative care, while also learning from the incredible professionals who make up our community. I'm ready to listen, lead, and serve, and I would be honored to earn your vote.

Committee Member | Elizabeth Brown

- ▶ **Current Position:** Staff nurse
- ▶ **Employer:** Salem Health
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Ortho, Ortho Trauma, Total Joints
- ▶ **Education level:** Bachelors
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** Under 2 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** No
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** I attended the 2025 AORN conference and currently serve on my hospital's Culture of Safety Committee and Count Board Committee. While I have not previously participated in professional organizations, I bring experience from a small specialty hospital where I influenced best practices.

My Why: I want the Columbia River nurses to have a voice in best practice for their patients and themselves. I want to learn how to influence practice changes.

About Me: I started my perioperative journey as a circulating nurse at a pediatric orthopedic facility. I was sent to a community college program to learn the basics of scrubbing and filled that role as needed. I then moved into learning post anesthesia care roles and even the preoperative nursing role. I worked there for a total of 18 years. I have since moved to a level 2 trauma facility and work mainly in ortho (trauma, general ortho, sports med, and totals) but have expanded my practice to include all service lines with adults (except eyes and hearts). I have a passion for doing what is evidenced based and what is best for patients' health and wellbeing as well as the safety for staff members.

Committee Member | Stephanie Wolgast

- ▶ **Current Position:** Operating Room Manager
- ▶ **Employer:** Providence Medford Medical Center
- ▶ **Specialty Areas:** Operating room, general and vascular
- ▶ **Education level:** Masters
- ▶ **Certifications:** CNOR
- ▶ **Years as an AORN Member:** 2-5 years
- ▶ **I've previously held an elected position:** No
- ▶ **Prior Involvement:** I have attended two AORN conferences one in San Antonio and one in Nashville. I have had my CNOR certification through CCI since 2007.

My Why: I would like to use my knowledge from working in the Operating Room as a nurse and now as the operating Room manager to be more involved in improvements and education surrounding best practice.

About Me: I started as a surgery scheduler many years ago and the excitement of what was going on around me was all it took for me to pursue a nursing degree. I went to nursing school to specifically be an OR nurse and that is where I started. I started in vascular and general and moved to the team lead and when we started an open heart program I volunteered and worked as the team lead for that specialty for a little over a year when that program sadly came to an end. I continued as a team lead and eventually became the charge nurse and now I am the OR manager. I love the operating room and feel like it has enriched my life in so many ways. I recently earned a master's degree in Nursing leadership and management and want to continue to expand my role in all things healthcare/surgery related. I have worked along side surgeon and anesthesiologists and I feel like those relationships helped me gain a foundation once I became manager and I feel like we need to encourage more of growing our own to have staff excited to potentially grow into a leadership position.