

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/>

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President: Kathy R Bradley

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Nominating committee

Sheila Aiello

Education: Chic Duffy

Geri Weissmann

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Dear Chapter 1411 Members,

It is a privilege to share my first message with you as the newly appointed President-Elect of AORN Chapter 1411. I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me and excited to continue building on the strong legacy of leadership, collaboration, and professional excellence within our chapter.

This fall is filled with opportunities to connect, learn, and serve together. On September 22, we gathered for a 1-hour CEU presentation by Aerobiotix, which provided valuable insights to advance patient safety and strengthen perioperative practice. On October 4, we will join hands for a DEI service project at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg, demonstrating our commitment to compassion and equity beyond the operating room. Looking ahead, we are preparing for the ICORN Vendor Fair and Meeting on November 8 at Ascension Alexian Brothers—an event designed to foster collaboration, strengthen partnerships, and promote best practices in perioperative care.

I encourage each of you to stay engaged and involved. Whether through education, service, or sharing new ideas, your participation drives our chapter forward. Together, we can expand opportunities for professional growth, strengthen our advocacy, and cultivate a supportive community where perioperative nurses thrive.

At its core, nursing is not about titles—it is about the compassion, dedication, and excellence we bring to every role we serve. When we lead with these values and engage with purpose, we not only strengthen our chapter but also elevate the practice of perioperative nursing.

Thank you for your commitment to AORN and to our specialty. I look forward to the year ahead as we continue learning, serving, and leading—together.

Sincerely,  
Cherry Alcedo, MSN, RN, CNOR-CARD  
President-Elect, AORN Chapter 1411

## AORN Chapter 1411 Business Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

**Meeting called to order: at 6:28 PM (CST)  
by Alternate Officer: Chic Duffy**

### Attendance

- **President-elect:** Cherry Alcedo
- **President:** Kathy Bradley
- **Secretary:** Brianne Jensen
- **Board Members:** Pam Nuspl
- **Other members present:** Chic Duffy, Sheila Aiello, Geri Weissmann
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from August were approved as written.

### Treasurer's Report

- **Income**
  - Chapter Rebate for July & August: \$282.00
  - September has not yet been posted
- **Expenses**
  - Recurring Donation to AORN Foundation in July-September: \$31.50
  - Checking Account balance: \$ 5,172.54
  - Savings Account balance: \$5,001.86

### Membership

- 142 members currently, 11 are soon expiring
- Letters sent out to those who have expiring memberships
- 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)

### Education

- Aerobiotix with Dr. Garrett on September 22, 2025, at Ascension Alexian Brothers (5 pm for food & drinks, 6 pm CE presentation)
  - 18 registered so far
- AORN 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.
- **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. Philip Masnala - “Standardization of Tissue Management In the OR”
4. William Duffy - “It’s A Wonderful Life! How Your Nursing Care Has Impacted the World Around You!”

### **DEI Project & Chapter Involvement**

- Cherry submitted Feed My Starving Children as the chapter’s DEI event in October.
  - The invite link is posted at Nursing Network. Use QR code to register.
  - 6 registered so far

### **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:**

- OR Today Magazine press release
  - Request to re-send another flyer to OR Today magazine
- Questions were raised at the board meeting re: functions of officers.
  - Bylaws establish the internal operating rules detailing governance and board responsibilities.
  - Pls read Chapter 1411 bylaws posted in Nursing Network for a Dec-Jan amendment/review. The chapter bylaws was last revised in 2022 and will need to be updated.
- Zander CNOR review course fundraiser, \$50 per registrant back into the chapter
  - One weekend, 8 hours each day
  - \$295 per registrant, 12 people minimum
  - 16 CNEs for those who take the course
  - Tentative: March 14 & March 15, 2026, at Ascension Alexian Brothers
  - Spread the word at other hospitals & at the vendor fair!!
- AORN Chapter 1411 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 pm

### **ICORN Report**

- ICORN is having a monthly meeting on the second Saturday of every month to plan fundraising activities and the Fall ICORN meeting.
- IL chapters have committed to donating baskets for auction.
- Subsequent meetings: Sept 13 & Oct 11, 2025

### **AORN Board Update:**

- AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo April 11-14, 2026
    - Conference scholarship/grants are now open. See August newsletter or check [aorn.org](https://aorn.org) for further details.
  - Recap of Special Town Hall Virtual Mtg last August 13
    - Quorum established Robert’s Rules of order
- >Motion was approved by the membership @2025 HOD:

That the AORN Position Statements be presented to the HOD for final approval @annual mtg of the membership, except that any PS deemed urgent by the BOD may be approved by the members during a special business mtg of the members.

> Voted: The motion to suspend the application RROR for purposes of the electronic special business mtg was approved by members in attendance.

- 2 Position statements were approved
  - APRN in the Peri-operative Environment
  - Care of the Transgender or Gender-Diverse Patient
- AORN Governance & Delegate Voting - One Member One Vote
- Awards for Excellence - open for nominations
- Community: AORN updated its resources to FIND A CHAPTER
- Specialty Assemblies: Member run online group offering members dynamic networking, forum for communication, & promoting specialized education programs.
- Membership
  - Enhanced Leader Membership
  - New Organizational Membership - designed specifically for healthcare facilities
    - Pkg includes 6 or more team members + a leader membership + a professional development course + single subscription to eGuideline Plus
- AORN Foundation is hosting a Bingo social on November 8, 2025, at 7 pm. A fun way to connect with colleagues from other chapters. Tickets are \$10 each and winners receive \$50 gift cards.
- Guidelines Workshop in Milwaukee - October 25, 2025
  - Officers' dinner Oct 24, 2025
  - Workshop Topics:
    - ERAS: A Pathway to Excellence
    - Electrosurgery w/o the Smoke & Mirrors
    - Prevention of Unintentionally Retained Items
    - Minimizing SSIs

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brianne Jensen, Secretary

## IL Council of peri-Operative RNs \_ICORN Zoom Business Meeting Minutes

Date: September 13, 2025, Saturday 10:00 AM

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

Officers present:

Treasurer: Jennifer Gregg

Secretary- Tey O'Meara

Attendees: 1401 Andrey Ibragimov and Marge Mehas

1410 Amanda Warwick

1411 Cherry Alcedo, Chic Duffy and Tey O'Meara

1418 Jennifer Gregg

1424 Nancy Risner

Quorum reached with 5 chapters present.

**Minutes:** Approved as written with revised bylaws as discussed by the group.

**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 555 E Capri Drive, Palatine IL 60074.

**Revision of ICORN Bylaws:** The revised copy is posted in Periop Corner ICORN webpage. It will be further discussed at the Spring meeting during Expo for final approval.

**Golf Fund Raising Event:** Top Golf t

- Monday-Thursday 4pm-8pm at \$43.50/hour. Sunday-all day
- Charged per bay with a 3-hour minimum for 4-6 players. Pricing is per person.
- Choose your own menu with choices of: The Premium, Smokehouse BBQ, Fajita Fiesta or Ultimate Bites with prices ranging from \$46-27 including unlimited fountain soda, iced tea, coffee and water.
- All season venue featuring fully covered bays with heaters and misters.

The target date for this fundraising is in the Fall of 2026. Chic will check out another venue on Peterson and Cicero. Marge Mehas will check out Stoney Creek Golf Course, and Jennifer will get more information at Top Golf.

Sweatshirt fundraising is still to be determined. More details to follow.

**Fall ICORN Meeting:**

- Card Tree - Chic will make a card tree to put the donated gift cards for the silent auction.

- Baskets for auction - \$25-35 each
- Chapters committed to donate for the silent auction: 1401, 1403, 1404, 1406, 1410, 1411, 1416, 1418, 1424 also Cathy Fenton will give a personal donation. TBD: 1402, 1413, 1425, 1427
- 1411 will donate money from the sale of remaining T-shirts. Will discuss later how to split the revenue.

**Chapter Accountability Standards** is due December 31, 2025. Please make sure you update your list of officers in Nursing Network. AORN manually updates the current presidents of the chapter in the AORN map. <https://www.aorn.org/membership/aorn-chapters/find-a-chapter>

**Rise to '25:** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) chapter 7100 is in the First Place with 75 points. Chapters 1424 and 1413 are both in second place with 50 points.

**Chapter 1411** has dinner/education event on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ascension Alexian Brothers at 5pm. The speaker is Dr. Hudson Garrett on Aerobiotix. Please use entrance 8 at Eberle Building. There will be a volunteer desk to direct attendees plus signs to the Kennedy Conference Center.

#### **Board of Director updates: by Andrey Ibragimov**

- Lisa Wyant, the Executive Administrator to AORN CEO, Board of Directors & Nominating Committee, & a former recipient of Jerry G. Peers Distinguished Service Award in 2017 passed away. Her legacy of service, friendship, and grace will live on in the lives she touched. You can contribute to her scholarship funding at the AORN Foundation.
- AORN Global Conference & Expo in New Orleans, LA, April 11-14, 2026. Early registration starts in October. ~~Details to follow.~~ Sign up to be notified when registration opens. <https://www.aorn.org/surgical-expo>
- Guidelines Workshops – at Oak Creek, Wisconsin on Saturday October 25 at 7am. Dinner before Guidelines on Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for Officers. Please visit the Nursing Network Chapter Officer Group to register for these events, dinner & workshop.
- Chapter Officer Town Hall - next one is on September 18<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM CST.
- AORN Guideline for Care & Cleaning of Surgical Instruments open for public comments. The AORN Guideline for Local-Only Anesthesia will be available for public comment from August 20-September 20, 2025.
- AORN Award for Excellence are now being accepted. AORN Individual Achievement Awards are being accepted through September 30, 2025.
- AORN Mobile APP is now available and ready to download for Apple and Android users.
- Virtual BINGO for AORN Foundation - ~~looking for~~ Other chapters help co-sponsor with AORN CT 0701. Last BINGO event raised \$7500 for the AORN Foundation to support perioperative nurses' professional development. Purchase one card (\$10 donation per card) for the night or increase your chances with multiple cards per game.
- Where Innovation Meets Precision in Total Joint Arthroplasty (JAM ATL) November 22, 2025 in Atlanta.
- Upcoming Live Webinars:

1. Leaders Exchange: Bridging Perioperative Care and C-Suite Decision-Making-October 8, 2025 (sponsored by Intuitive).
2. Leader Exchange: Successful Creation of A Smoke Management Program-October 22, 2025 (sponsored by Conmed).
3. OR Leadership Essentials: Finance & Operations 2025-October 2025 with 12.0 CH + Certificate of Mastery.
4. On-Demand Webinars for Facilities: Foundations for Sterile Processing Hybrid Format 3.75 CH, 3.75 IPCH. 3.75 CE HSPA
5. ASC Academy: Expanding Service Lines Online education 3CH, 3AEU.

For more details on registration for these events, please log in to Nursing Network.

Next ICORN meeting: October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10AM CST.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am CST.

Submitted by:

Tey O'Meara  
ICORN Secretary

### AORN Chapter 1411 October DEI Project

The poster features the AORN logo at the top left with the tagline 'SAFE SURGERY TOGETHER'. To its right is 'CHAPTER 1411 AORN of Northwest Suburban Chicago'. The main title 'DEI Project' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below it, 'Join us! Volunteer at' is in a smaller blue font. The 'FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN' logo is prominently displayed in a blue box, with a graphic of two stylized figures, one kneeling and one standing, passing a bowl. The event location '740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL' is in orange. The date and time 'OCTOBER 4, 2025 2:30-4:00PM' are in large green letters. At the bottom left, contact information 'For questions, email cherry.alcedo@ascension.org' is in blue. A QR code is located at the bottom right.

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# DEI Project

Join us! Volunteer at

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

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

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

## Throwback to September



**Dr. Rebecca Vortman, DNP, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC** ✓ • 1st  
AORN National Board of Directors, Thought leader in perioperative nursi...  
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♥ Suicide Prevention Month | AORN ♥

As Associate Editor of The Stitch, I'm proud that we provided a special series to support nurses during Suicide Prevention Month. My heartfelt thanks to our authors and to The Stitch team for making this possible.

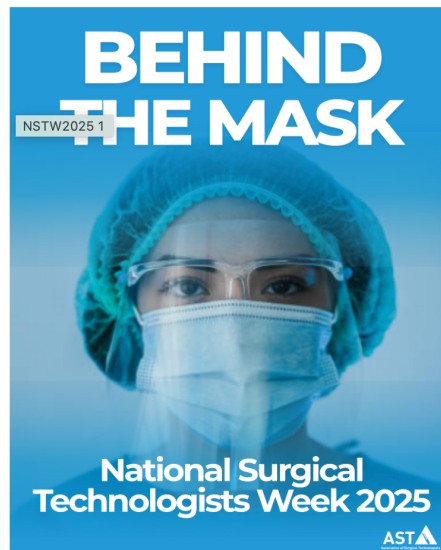
Together, we can break the stigma, support one another, and remind every nurse: you are not alone. ♥

#SuicidePreventionMonth #AORN #TheStitch #YouAreNotAlone  
#UICCollegeofNursing

<https://lnkd.in/gt5b6ndF>

## National Surgical Technologists Week 2025

September 21-27, 2025



Check out Melany Perry @ LinkedIn re: **History of how the role of Surgical Techs came to be...**

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/operatingroom\\_operatingroom-scrubtech-surgicaltechnologist-activity-7375896274434404353-mIkG/](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/operatingroom_operatingroom-scrubtech-surgicaltechnologist-activity-7375896274434404353-mIkG/)

**4CNE SEMINAR & VENDOR FAIR**  
**RSVP for Meal Headcount**

**CHAPTER  
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**4CEUs**

**Vendor Fair &  
ICORN Meeting**

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

**7:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

**Ascension Alexian Brothers,  
Elk Grove, IL**

**Scan QR code to RSVP!**

**Email [cherry.alcedo@ascension.org](mailto:cherry.alcedo@ascension.org) for questions.**

**Join us for a day of innovation, networking, and fun!**