

AORN 1411

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- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AORN1411/>

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President: Kathy R Bradley

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Board Members:

Chic Duffy

Ellyn Mayer

Pam Nuspl

Geri Weissmann

Nominating committee

Sheila Aiello

Education: Chic Duffy

Geri Weissmann

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## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

As we close out another meaningful year, I want to thank each of you for the dedication and heart you bring to our chapter. Together, we've continued to uphold the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. This year, our chapter made a real impact through our DEI focused initiatives, from supporting October's **Feed My Starving Children** to our November's community outreach **Be a Neighbor, Feed a Neighbor** food drive (which collected 522 lbs. of food for a local food pantry), along with ongoing donations to other community organizations. Your compassion continues to strengthen both our profession and our community.

After a successful IL State Council (ICORN) Seminar and Vendor Fair last November, and looking ahead, we're excited to build on this momentum with new educational opportunities and upcoming projects designed to support your growth and deepen our chapter's mission.

Thank you for all you do, for your patients, for our profession, and for this chapter. I'm truly proud of what we've accomplished together, and even more excited for what's to come.

Happy Holidays,

Kathy Bradley

President Chapter 1411

## AORN Chapter 1411

### 1411 Business Zoom Meeting Minutes Meeting Date: November 11, 2025, Tuesday

Meeting called to order by Chic Duffy at 6:00 (CST) PM

Officers present:

President-Elect

Treasurer-Tey O'Meara

Other members present:

Ellyn Mayer, Pam Nuspl, Geri Weissmann

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes unable to be approved due to lack of quorum with only 3 members from the board.

**Membership:** 146 active members, 17 members expiring next 30 days

#### Treasurer's Report:

There were 17 Vendors present at the Vendor Fair on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Edwards Life Sciences provided bagels, pastries and coffee for breakfast but did not stay for the event. Stryker sponsored the lunch with sandwiches, drinks and cookies. Diane Baran from Glenbrook Hospital donated cookies for the afternoon snack. There were a total of 58 paid attendees, with 8 walk ins and 5 no shows.

#### Income:

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Vendors              | \$4,800.80        |
| Attendees:           | \$1,160.00        |
| <b>Total Income:</b> | <b>\$5,960.80</b> |

#### Expenses:

|                                                |                             |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Amazon Gift cards X4 @\$50 each for Honorarium | \$200.00 (for each speaker) |
| Stickers                                       | \$ 35.74                    |
| Square Card Reader                             | \$ 58.99                    |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                          | <b>\$294.73</b>             |

**ICORN Income:** The silent auction (\$645) and split-the pot (\$152.50) went very well. The event generated a total of \$797.50 for ICORN.

#### Additional Income and Expenses for the month of November:

|                                                   |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Chapter Rebate from AORN for October and November | \$ 360.00  |
| AORN Registration for 4 delegates                 | \$2,260.00 |

**Checking account balance as of November 21, 2025**      \$8,214.27

**Savings account balance**      \$5,001.98

The monthly recurring donation to the AORN Foundation was discontinued due to additional fees being taken. The \$10.00 monthly donation turns into \$10.50 because of the fee. There is also a system change on how to

give the donation. The system is not user friendly and unable to make the necessary switch despite efforts to make the change. The chapter will give an annual donation of \$200 to the AORN Foundation during Surgical Expo as we used to do in the past.

**Education:** The attendees were very pleased with the topics and the excellent speakers chosen for the Vendor Fair. We were very honored to have the members of the board to present at the event: President-Elect David Reinhart, and Vice President Jamie Ridout.

Three of the candidates were present and able to speak of their platform and intentions when elected: Jamie Ridout for President-Elect, Rebecca Vortman for Secretary, and Lindsey Joyce for Nominating Committee.

#### **Acknowledgement:**

- Ascension Alexian Brothers (AAB) has once again generated a big crowd. A big **thank you** to the staff of AAB Operating Room for helping with the set-up and providing any assistance needed. AAB's Chief Nursing Officer Amanda Kunash was present to give the opening remarks and expressed her support of the event.
- Thanks to Cherry Alcedo, Brianne Jensen and Sheila Aiello for promoting the use of Square Card allowing vendors to pay with credit cards. The use of Zelle to facilitate payments, of the attendees vs conventional mailing of checks through snail mail, was also very beneficial. All the vendors were able to pay on time because of the 3 payment options.
- Thank you for your awesome leadership, Cherry (Alcedo) contacting the vendors, planning the event, and mobilizing the AAB staff.
- Special thanks to Geri Weissmann for bringing table covers & single-handedly manning the registration and selling split the pot tickets and pins.
- Thank you Pam Nuspl for making copies of the schedule, Silent Auction signs, and any last-minute copying needed for the event.
- Thank you to Nick Balistreri for doing all the IT work and making announcements to facilitate the flow of the event.
- Thank you Tey for your hospitality of welcoming in your home two board members: Vice Pres. Jamie Ridout & Board member Dr. Rebecca Vortman.
- Thank you Chic for aligning the speakers & putting together the auction items.
- Thank you Bill & Chic for sponsoring the dinner/wine tasting evening before the Nov 8 event.
- Thank you to all the speakers (Bill Duffy, Jamie Ridout, David Reinhart, Philip Maslana) for such great educational presentations.
- Thank you Sherry Goldstein for doing the logistics on Maslana's CE application.
- Success was made possible by all members in attendance! Thank you!!!

**Lessons Learned at the 2025 Vendor Fair:** To make the next event more efficient and allow better flow of traffic, the following recommendations were suggested:

1. The registration should be closed 5 days before the event to reconcile all payments ahead of time.
2. A standard-size table should be offered to all vendors.
3. No setting up tables on both sides of the hallway for safety & better flow of traffic.
4. Some vendors should be assigned at the other hallway near the Kennedy Conference room and keeping entrances open to allow doors to close in case of emergencies (Fire Safety Recommendations-all entrances or exit doors should not be blocked) and for better flow of traffic.
5. The Vendors' signs will be posted the day before to make it easier for the Vendors to find their assigned spot.
6. Place event schedule on each vendor's table.
7. Email vendors direction and schedule before the event.
8. Geri will continue to send a reminder message and directions to the attendees.

9. Assignments will be given ahead of time to the volunteers/workers to know everyone's role on the day of the event.
10. Someone will be assigned to bring fruit and water.
11. Provide folders for each attendee. Folders will contain event schedule & paper evaluations. Certificates of Attendance to be handed out after each presentation evaluations are submitted.
12. If possible, ask the vendors if they will allow us to take part in the ordering of food, to have a better idea of what food to order, number of servings and time of delivery.
13. The Food line should be available on both sides of the table to shorten the wait.
14. Geri will bring her big coffee pot next year so we can have it available sooner.
15. Bring extra folding tables from home to use for registration and setting up raffle prices to have the regular tables available for the vendors' use.

**DEI projects:**

- The chapter, through Kathy Bradley, is collecting old shoes to support St Margaret Mary School in Algonquin. The gently used shoe drive will be from December 1, 2025-January 28, 2026. Please bring your boxes of shoes on the January & February live CE events.
- Kathy Bradley also initiated a food collection in her neighborhood. Donations will be given to Algonquin Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry. This is also a chapter sponsored event and a DEI project.
- Still waiting for AORN to give us the \$500 for the Feed My Starving Children DEI project. Once received, the money will be donated to FMSC.

**Next Business Zoom Meetings:**

- **Chapter 1411- Dec 9 @6pm** to finalize the accounting of the Vendor Fair proceeds and charity donations before the end of the year.

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[pwd=Hjy5lboqhUdzPY2qbP9aPVOpJx78gY.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84954570448?pwd=Hjy5lboqhUdzPY2qbP9aPVOpJx78gY.1)

Meeting ID: 849 5457 0448

Passcode: 048690

- **ICORN - Dec 13 @10am**

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Meeting ID: 845 6469 4087

Passcode: 671979

Submitted by: Tey O'Meara

Treasurer, 1411 NWSCC

**IL Council of peri-Operative RNs \_ICORN****ICORN Business Zoom Meeting Minutes****Date: November 8,2025, Saturday 2:00 PM**

Meeting called to order by: Chairperson Chic Duffy at 2:00 pm

Officers present:

Treasurer: Jennifer Gregg

Secretary- Tey O'Meara

**Attendees:**

1401 Carlo Butacan, Josephine Davies, Tiana Dunlap and Marge Mehas

1402 Jamie Carver

1403 Judith Field, Marilyn Shigley, Tracy Little

1404 Rebecca Vortman

1406 Lynn Kohles

1410 Joyce Neff

1411 Cherry Alcedo, Sheila Aiello, Kathy Bradley, Chic Duffy, Sherry Goldstein, Brianne Jensen, Marie Kuzniarek, Joanne Matsakis, Tey O'Meara and Geri Weissmann

1418 Jennifer Gregg

1424 Lisa Coy

Quorum reached with 9 chapters present.

**Minutes:**

- Monthly special meetings approved monthly.
  - Bylaws VI.A.5 states: **Chair** calls extra meetings as deemed necessary by circumstances after conferring with the Chair-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Official spring minutes discussed but pending approval.
  - Bylaws VIII states: The Council will meet to conduct business at least two times a year. Additional meetings may be called if urgent matters warrant.
  - Bylaws VIII.B states: Meetings will be held in the fall & spring.

**Treasurer's Report: Current Balance: \$3056.56.** 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.

### Income:

ICORN dues received from 1401, 1404, 1403 \$300

### Donations:

#### A. From IL Chapters & Presidents:

- 1401 Tiana Dunlap \_\$25 Visa
- 1402 Jamie Carver \_\$25 Target Gift card
- 1403 Marilyn Shigley \_Basket - Coffee theme
- 1404 Deborah Antonacci \_Basket
- 1406 Lynn Kohles \_Basket - scents Wax & Warmer's Holiday
- 1410 Amanda Warwick \_ \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$25 TX RoadHouse
- 1411 Kathy Bradley \_Host chapter
- 1418 Jennifer Gregg \_Wine, Cooper Hawk certificate
- 1424 Nancy Risner \_\$25 GC

#### B. From Individual Members

- 1401 Tiana Dunlap \_3 GC (\$10Starbuck, \$25Target, \$20Amazon)
- 1404 Rebecca Vortman \_"The Wellness Store" Sustainable Basket
- 1410 Cathy Fenton \_\$25 Champagne bottles
- 1411 Tey O'Meara \_\$20 Starbucks GC, Door prize bags,
- 1411 Tey O'Meara \_Housing hospitality of Jamie Ridout & Rebecca Vortmab
- 1411 Cherry Alcedo \_CNOR Basket
- 1411 Joanne Matsakis \_3Baskets of AORN Mugs
- 1411 Chic Duffy \_Basket Candles, Basket Christmas Wine tubs, Basket CNOR book/bag/pack, VANI Leather Purse, Door prizes, Wine wraps
- The Duffy's (1401Bill & 1411Chic) - hosted "dine before event" for out of town speakers

**Total Income** \$325

### Expenses:

- Westin Boston (Internet/Hybrid Zoom Meeting Prep) \$1420.05
- **Total Expense** \$1420.05

**New Business:**

- There is usually an election for chair-elect during the Fall Meeting. The members suggested for Chic to stay for another year. Chic agreed to stay as Chairperson for another term as requested.
- Chic wanted some ideas on how to improve communication with Illinois Chapter Presidents.
  - o 1413 Graue Mill - no president listed in the AORN map.
  - o 1425 Urbana Champagne - Pres Kathryn Swan works in the same system with Crystal Bricker. Crystal will send her a work email.
  - o 1427 Rush chapter does not have a listed President on the AORN map. Please let Chic know if you have any information regarding this chapter.
- Nursing Network: Starting January of 2028, chapters will start paying monthly for using the Nursing Network platform. The payment depends on the size of the chapter. Periop Corner is still available for state councils and educational updates. AORN is still managing Periop Corner whereas Nursing Network is a third-party vendor.
- Utilize social media platforms. Everyone agreed Tik Tok is not a good choice for posting. We will be posting this Nov 8 event at AORN#1411 Facebook page once all the pictures are available.
- Please use the link below for ICORN communication and updates.  
<https://hub.aorn.org/periopcorner/s/group/0F9Ux00000000zMKAQ/icorn-illinois-state-council>

**Old Business:**

- Discussion on fundraising plans was tabled for the next Zoom meeting.
- The efforts to have a Hybrid meeting in Boston was very expensive. Only one person was able to join. According to the other chapter presidents, they did not receive the communication on the Zoom meeting.

**Fall ICORN Meeting:**

- Chapter 1411 was very aggressive in posting flyers in social media.
- What's new for the chapter: Additional form of payments aside from checks are the use of Square Card & Zelle. These formats allowed vendors/members to pay with a credit card. It was very beneficial and facilitated receiving their payments on time.

- Monthly meetings to stay connected with the chapters is going smoothly. WhatsApp is also helpful to communicate with officers from other Illinois chapters.
- Rebecca Vortmann and Sherry Goldstein highly recommended Philip Maslana from UIC to speak on his study on Tissue Tracking. All the speakers were very engaging and presented excellent topics. It was an honor to have the presence and support of the AORN Board members (Pres-Elect David Reinhart; Secretary Jamie Ridout (running for President-elect); Rebecca Vortman, Board of Director (running for Secretary).
- Lindsey Joyce from Minneapolis also came to show her support. She is running for Nominating Committee.
- Thank you to all the chapters who donated to the Silent Auction: **1401 Chicago Chapter** Tiana Dunlap, **1402 Southern Illinois** Jamie Carver, **1403 Rockford** Marilyn Shigley, **1404 Central Illinois** Antonacci/Vortman, **1406 South Suburban Chicago** Kohles, **1410 Southwest Illinois** Warwick/Fenton, **1411 Host Chapter** Kathy Bradley, **1416 Twin City Illinois** Crystal Bricker, **1418 North Regional Illinois** Jennifer Gregg, **1424 AORN of Maywood** Nancy Risner.
- Revenue raised: The Silent Auction generated \$645 and the split-the-pot \$152.50
- There was a total of 17 vendors present and 58 attendees.

### Member's Corner:

- Periop Nurses Weeks starts on November 9, 2025. AORN emailed out the proclamation of Periop Nurses Week on the last week of October. The PNW document is on Governor JB Pritzker desk and will be publicized in Periop Corner's ICORN webpage as soon as its available.
- Bill Duffy suggested putting ICORN in the map by doing a Monkey Survey sending questionnaires as to what the chapter's needs are and/or ways to improve communication.
- Geri Weissman will contact a Graue Mill 1413 member who works at VA. The Graue Mill is in First place in the "Rise to 25" membership contest. Maywood 1424 is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place whose current President Nancy Risner is very active in recruiting new members.
- Ballot of 2026-2027 candidates are available. Familiarize yourself with the names on the ballot. Three are currently here in our midst - Jamie Ridout, Rebecca Vortman, Lindsey Joyce.

### Zander CNOR Review Course



- **Save the date:** March 14-15, 2026 at Ascension Alexian Brothers Kennedy Conference Room, 800 Biesterfield RD Elk Grove Village 6007.
- Early registration fee received before Feb 14 \_\$295. Regular registration Feb14-Mar7 \_\$320.
- 16.0 contact hours provided. Meals on your own
- After attending you will receive 120 days of access to a recording of the class, an invitation to a virtual study group, and 200 practice questions to help you prepare for the exam.
- Has higher passing rate than AORN review course.
- For further information you may contact Wendy Zander at E-mail: [wendy@perioped.com](mailto:wendy@perioped.com) or by Phone: 803-271-0744

**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 chapter presidents in the AORN map. <https://www.aorn.org/membership/aorn-chapters/find-a-chapter>

**The next ICORN Zoom meeting will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm, CST.**

Submitted by,

Estela O'Meara

ICORN SecretarySubmitted by:

Estela O'Meara, ICORN Secretary

## AORN Chapter Officer Town Hall Meeting

### Business Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 7 pm CST**

- **Opening Announcements**

- Kerilyn Johnson, MS, Sr. Manager, Chapter & Community Engagement
- Darlene Murdock, 2025-2026 AORN President
  - Nurses light the path
  - Board of Directors: Denver in December
  - November is Native American Heritage Month & Men's Health Awareness Month!

- **Happy Perioperative Nurses Week!**

- November 9-15, 2025
- AORN Website Treasure Hunt
  - Prizes include 2 AORN memberships, free attendance at AORN Expo 2026, a free copy of AORN 2026 guidelines, and an AORN Foundation tribute vase
- Show your periop pride! Celebrate your team, honor a mentor or friend, and be an advocate

- **AORN Expo 2026: Lighting the Pathway**

- AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo registration is now open!
- April 11-14, 2026, New Orleans, LA
- Register by October 31, 2025, for a chance to win a free 4-night hotel stay
- Register online at [aorn.org/surgicalexpo](https://aorn.org/surgicalexpo)
- Group registration rates & registration refundable up to 4 days before
- The AORN Foundation Expo grant application deadline is November 30, 2025
- Giving Thanks, Giving Back
  - Between now & Thanksgiving, a portion of your Expo registration fee will be donated to a New Orleans food bank
- Meeting space available at the expo to host a chapter meeting
  - Request form: [bit.ly/expo2026\\_chaptermeetings](https://bit.ly/expo2026_chaptermeetings)
- Chapter challenge
  - The chapter with the highest percentage of members registered by April 1, 2026 will win a \$500 donation to your chapter.

- **Upcoming Events**

- OR Leadership Essentials: Finance & Operations Series On-Demand Course
- Southeast Reconstruction Summit: One-day total-joint event on November 22, 2025, in Alpharetta, GA

- **AORN Foundation**

- Anne Kochevar, Development Specialist
- Certification Grants open November 1, 2025 - February 15, 2026
  - Encourage coworkers to get CNOR!
- Academic Scholarships open January 1, 2026
- Expo grant application is open now until November 30, 2025

- Owens & Minor is matching all donations to the AORN Foundation up to \$20,000 now until December 31, 2025
- Share your story & Inspire the Future
  - If you have received financial support from the AORN Foundation, use the AORN toolkit to share your experience.

- **ConMed**

- Steve Burke, Marketing Manager: Smoke & Energy
- Mission: Delivering the technology & partnership that healthcare professionals deserve
- Will have in-booth education at AORN Expo, 10 free credit hours
- On-demand resources available
- Partnering with your chapter
  - Continuing education & peer-to-peer learning: smoke evacuation, insufflation
  - Education events: dinners, luncheons, facility events, webinars, local conferences
- Supporting AORN Initiatives
  - ConMed Clear the Air Program to help facilities achieve the AORN Go Clear Award
  - Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS)

- **AORN Governance**

- David Wyatt, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CNOR, FAORN, FAAN
- Delegates & Voting
  - 2 categories of members: voting & non-voting
  - All RNs who are AORN members are voting members
  - All voting members can vote in elections for leadership & on AORN business during the House of Delegates.
  - Review sheet can be found on Nursing Network under Expo 2026

| Membership Type   | Voting or Non-Voting |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| New to Profession | Voting               |
| Standard          | Voting               |
| Leader            | Voting               |
| AORN/APNSA        | Voting               |
| Retired           | Voting               |
| Organizational    | Depends on RN status |
| Associate         | Non-Voting           |
| Student           | Non-Voting           |

- **Nursing Network: Ensuring Safe Zoom Meetings**

- Kerilyn Johnson, MS, Sr. Manager, Chapter & Community Engagement

- Ensure you create meetings with registration or have a waiting room to avoid being zoom “bombed”
- [Kjohnson@aorn.org](mailto:Kjohnson@aorn.org) for any questions
- **Chapter Relations Updates**
  - Chapter Officer Summit Advisory Group
    - 6-8 current chapter officers to advise on content & agenda for Chapter Officer Summit
    - Requirements: attending 2026 Expo & available for 3-4 meetings before January 15, 2026
    - Email your name, chapter name, & chapter number to [Kjohnson@aorn.org](mailto:Kjohnson@aorn.org) by Friday, November 21, 2026.
  - Chapter Office Update Form
    - Updating your officers on your Nursing Network page does not update them in the AORN database. Be sure these are updated!!
  - Chapter Membership Challenge: Rise to ‘25
    - Grow your chapter membership by 25% by the end of 2025
    - Trial memberships are \$1
    - Year-end totals will include all memberships from January through December 2025
    - October winners: Chapters 4305 (TN) & 4306 (TN)
  - 2025 Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Chapter Project
    - The organization your chapter chooses should support a diverse and or underrepresented community group
    - All events must take place by December 31, 2025
  - Chapter Excellence Awards
    - Chapter excellence award applications are now open until December 31, 2025
    - Each winner will receive one 2027 Expo registration!
  - 2025 Chapter Accountability Standards
    - One change: removed ranges
    - Chapter Accountability Standards Survey has been sent out & is on Nursing Network
    - Only ONE officer per chapter should complete the survey
    - All surveys must be completed by December 31, 2025
  - AORN Chapter Resource Book
    - Coming 2026
    - Chapter management, officer roles & responsibilities, chapter marketing, chapter education, journal club, advocacy & much more!
- **Next Chapter Officer Town Hall Meeting:** Thursday, January 22, 2026, 6 pm CST

*“The earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon it” ~ Chief Joseph*

Submitted by:

Brianne Jensen, BSN, RN, CNOR  
Secretary, AORN 1411

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**AORN RN = ANA Member**

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## Holiday Greetings from AORN Chapter 1411 Officers





## **DUTCH TREAT**

**Hi Everyone  
You're Invited!**

**Please join us for a cheerful evening of  
connection and celebration at our  
Holiday Business Meeting**

**Date: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Time: 6:15 PM**

**Location: Fox Tail on the Lake  
1177 Howard Ave.**

**Des Plaines, IL. 60018**

**Let's wrap up the year with good company,  
warm conversation, and a touch of holiday  
spirit.**

**Kindly RSVP by December 1, 2025**

**1411aorn@gmail.com**