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of Central PA

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AORN OF CENTRAL PA CHAPTER 3908

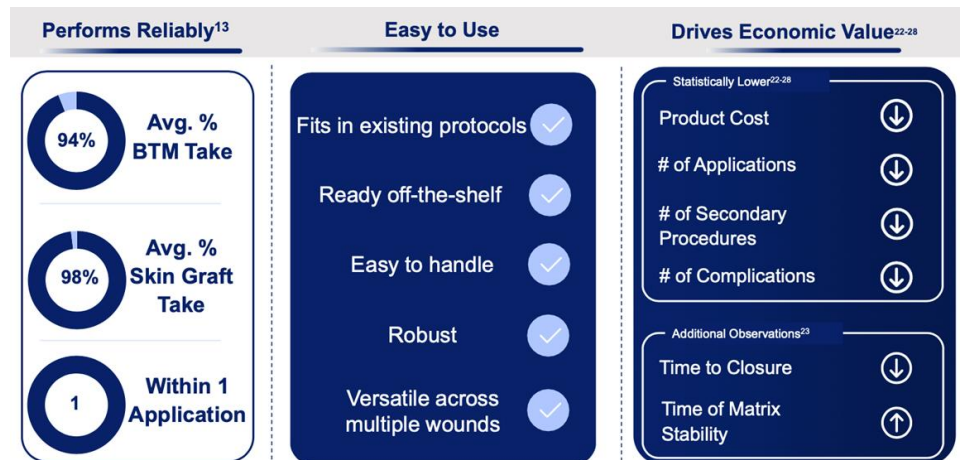
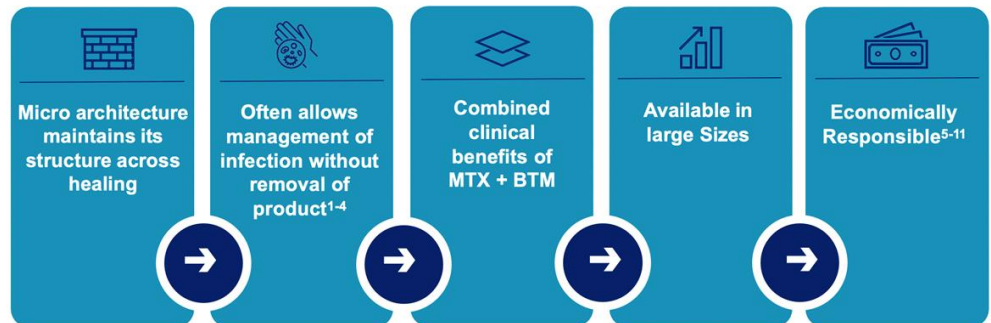
March 2026

March 10 @ 7:00pm

Educational Session: Wound Care Management

Speaker: Tyler Shackelford from PolyNovo

Also, Jamie Ridout from national AORN speaking to us on AORN
updates



Meeting will be held at Wellspan York Hospital, Room 20 on
2nd floor of Medical Pavilion
1001 S George St, York PA 17403

Dear Colleagues,

WELCOME SPRING! I'm sure many of us are looking forward to the vernal equinox and the arrival of spring on March 20 at 10:46 AM. While it's been a rough winter for many, one must admire the beauty and serenity of the snow as it blanketed the earth.

March is a busy time for AORN as we prepare for the Global Conference and Expo in New Orleans, April 11-15. On Tuesday, March 10, AORN national vice-president, Jamie Wrenshall-Ridout, will join our chapter virtually for a meet and greet and Board update. Jamie is running for president for the 2026/27 term. Tyler Shackleford, PolyNovo territory manager, will present on complex wound management afterwards. The meeting will be held at Wellspan York Hospital, 7:00 PM. Following the presentations, a brief business meeting will be held.

Our chapter is at a critical crossroad, and its existence is in jeopardy! There has been limited participation from chapter members despite the fact we have almost 300 active members. The retirees and a few long-term members are keeping the chapter alive. I've said before, if chapter members don't step up to serve on the board and assume positions of leadership, the chapter will cease to exist. I hope through this plea and call to action, chapter members volunteer to serve on the board and learn from the existing leadership. Our chapter leaders are willing to mentor members. Please fill out the **Willingness to Serve** form and return it to Patty Hufnagel.

I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend the **Meet the Candidates** program on February 28. If not, you can log on to aorn.org, type candidate bios in the search bar, and a link to the voting ballot/meet the candidates will appear. You can click on each candidate and read their election statement. Voting for national office opens on March 15 and will close on April 13. All active members are eligible to vote.

Finally, on March 18 and 7:00 PM, AORN is hosting a town hall and virtual business meeting with CEO David Wyatt and President Darlene Murdock. The link to register follows:

<https://aorncentralpa.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/150950-aorn-town-hall-and-virtual-special-business-meeting#!info>

Hope to see you at the March meeting in York!

Regards,

Kathleen Law, DNP, MS, RN, CNOR
Chapter President



January 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order by president, Kathy Law at 7:58 PM. Tonight's presentation was "Skin Safety: Preventing Perioperative Pressure Injuries" given by Michelle Browne from Mölnlycke. The presentation was worth 1.0 CEU. Thank-you Michelle, for a very informative presentation.

Kathy wished everyone a Happy New Year. Members were recognized for attending. Thank you for participating.

Minutes from November 11, 2025, meeting was reviewed. A motion by Peter Hartwell, second by Susan Glass to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for January was presented. Report will be filed.

Committee Reports:

Budget / Finance: No additional report.

Bylaws updates: No report.

Education for 2025/2026: The frequency of our meetings is every other month. We will rotate the meeting places this year between York (York Hospital) and Lancaster (Penn State Health Campus).

- ❖ February- No meeting.
- ❖ March- Meeting held at York Hospital with Tyler Shackleford presenting. Also, Jamie Ridout will join us virtually and present national BOD update and present her candidate statement.
- ❖ April- No meeting, AORN Surgical Conference and Expo April 11-14, 2026
- ❖ May-TBD, possibly a presentation from Katelyn Mertz and others, subject will be determined later.
- ❖ June- Dinner meeting

HersheyPark: Elaine Kohan will remain the contact person.

Legislation: Kathy provided an update on HB 27, Smoke Evacuation bill. Kathy and several others met up with several senators at the Capitol recently. Kathy is still meeting with PNA representatives. There is strong support for this bill. Hopefully the vote regarding this bill will go through this term.

Membership: Our chapter has 295 members.

Newsletter: No report.

Nominating: Susan Glass has agreed to fill the vacancy for President-elect for this year. Thank you, Susan!

Perioperative Nursing Award: The award will be revised to support active chapter members' attendance at the Global Expo, i.e. pay for attendee registration. More information to follow.

Ways and Means: No report.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements:

There was discussion regarding the lack of participation and attendance at our chapter meetings. We are looking for younger members to help lead the future of our chapter. Those in attendance tonight were polled to see if there was a preference for meetings- virtual vs. in person. Many of those polled favored virtual meetings.

AORN Expo- 4/11/2026 - 4/14/2026 New Orleans, LA. Registration is open.

As part of our annual charity donations, we chose organizations in our community that provide a service in our local area. The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is a recipient that we support yearly. The Teal Blanket Foundation supports women in our communities who struggle with gynecological issues, cancer surgery, therapy, transportation or even groceries and utilities. A \$1000 donation was sent to this organization. Another group in our community is HUB. It is an organization that provides meals for underprivileged students at Millersville University. A donation of \$1000 was given

to this organization. A donation of \$500 was made to Londonderry Fire Company for their annual kid's hat and glove drive.

Kathy submitted our Chapter Accountability Standards to headquarters for this year.

Adjournment: No further business noted. Motion to adjourn meeting by Peter Hartwell and seconded by Stephanie McKoin. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Hufnagel, BSN, RN, CNOR, RNFA
Secretary, Chapter 3908 AORN Central PA

AORN OF CENTRAL PA.
CHAPTER #3908
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
WILLINGNESS TO SERVE FORM

PLEASE SELECT A POSITION LISTED (PLEASE INDICATE IF WILLING TO FILL A DIFFERENT POSITION THAT IS VACANT BY PUTTING 1ST, 2ND CHOICES-IF APPLICABLE)-FOR EXAMPLE IF WANT TO BE ON THE BOARD, BUT PLENTY OF PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN THAT, AND THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS FOR NOMINATING, AND YOU'RE WILLING TO DO NOMINATING AS WELL, JUST PUT THAT ALSO AS A CHOICE. IF NOT, LEAVE BLANK. THANKS.

PRESIDENT-ELECT (1 YEAR TERM) _____

SECRETARY (2 YEAR TERM) _____

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2 YEAR TERM, 2 TO BE ELECTED) _____

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM, 1 TO BE ELECTED) _____

NUMBER OF YEARS AS AN AORN MEMBER _____

WRITE A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN AORN

PLEASE CIRCLE ANY BELOW THAT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH OR CONTINUE DOING. LIST IN ORDER IF MORE THAN ONE

WAYS AND MEANS/FUNDRAISER _____

NEWSLETTER _____

EDUCATION _____

HOSPITALITY _____

BYLAWS _____

MEMBERSHIP _____

****PLEASE RETURN FORMS TO ANY NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER, SECRETARY OR PRESIDENT BY MAY 1ST****

AORN of Central Pennsylvania - Chapter #3908

Delegate Point Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Points are for Activities earned July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025

Elected Officer / Board Member

President	5	
Immediate Past President	3	
President-elect	3	
Treasurer	4	
Secretary	4	
Board Member	3	

Committees / Representatives

Committee Chairman / Co-Chairman		*	
_____ By-Laws/Policy (2)	_____ Membership (3)		
_____ Education (5)	_____ Newsletter (5)		
_____ Educational Symposium (5)	_____ Nominating (2)		
_____ Hospitality Coordinator (3)	_____ Ways and Means/Fundraising (2)		
_____ Hershey Park Coordinator (2)	_____ Periop Nursing Award (Serniak) (2)		
_____ Legislative (2)	_____ Other (2)		

Committee Member for any committee 1 ea

Speaker at Monthly Meeting 3

Topic Presented _____

Speaker at Conference 3

Title of Program _____

National /AORN/CCI Officer 4

Position Held _____

Member National AORN/CCI Committee 4

Position Held _____

Attended Surgical Conference and Expo previous year 1

Served as a delegate 2

Moderator at Surgical Expo 2

Session Volunteer At Expo 2

Presented Poster at Surgical Conference 3

Voted for National Officers (Home or at Expo) 1

Published article in professional journal 3

Title of Article & Jou _____

CNOR/CRNFA 2 ea

Obtaining a new member 3

Each Chapter Meeting Attended (7 total possible) 1

Perfect attendance at monthly meetings 2

Participated in a chapter incentive activity (Attended or Donated) 1 ea

(ie. Wine social, or other chapter sponsored event)

_ Winery Paint social, Teal Blanket cancer bingo

TOTAL POINTS

Help Wanted



CLICK HERE to check out the volunteer information for Hersheypark! Contact Elaine Kohan with questions at lainie2285@aol.com or 717-578-6734

RAMP volunteers, please remember to bring your valid photo ID to EVERY RAMP shift to sign in.

We have Food & Beverage Shifts. Please send an email to sign your volunteers up. Include your group name in your email with the volunteer's full name and email address. Include the date(s) and shift times that they would like to volunteer for. Shifts are filled first come first served. Please see the attached Volunteer Manual for parking, check in and dress code information.

Make special note - the check in location is now in Volunteer Check In in the Historic Hersheypark Arena - the same location where volunteers checked out.

As a reminder Food and Beverage volunteers are required to take the F&B Volunteer training and fill out the F&B Volunteer Acknowledgement

Volunteers will follow these steps to complete the Food & Beverage training prior to their shift:

1. Click on the link to launch the F&B Volunteer Training 2021. This training is approximately 20 minutes in length.
2. After watching the training, you MUST fill out the form F&B Volunteer Acknowledgment form

In addition we have received RAMP Codes! If you have anyone interested in getting RAMP certified or recertified, please send your volunteer's name, email address, and we can send you the RAMP certification instructions.

The volunteer must be at least 21 years old and be willing to commit to at least 3 RAMP shifts during each year the RAMP certification is valid. RAMP certificates are valid for 2 years.

Current Available Shifts: contact Elaine Kohan at lainie2285@aol.com or 717-578-6734 if interested