

AORN 1411

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Education: Chic Duffy

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## Happy Nurses' Week

[To the tune of "Peace Train"  
by Cat Stevens]

Now I've been happy lately  
Thinking about celebrating Nurses Week  
And I believe it could be  
Something good has begun;

Oh I've been smiling lately  
Dreaming about the nursing world  
And I believe it could be  
Zero tolerance to errors;

Cause on the edge of darkness  
There rides the peace train  
Oh peace train bring my nursing practice  
To the Nightingale pledge of safety;

Now I've been smiling lately  
Thinking about celebrating Nurses Week  
And I believe it could be  
Something good has begun;

Oh, patient safety sounding louder  
Glide on good patient outcomes  
Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah  
Come on now, patient safety first;

Yes, nursing pledge holy roller  
Everyone act on the pledge for safety  
Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah  
Come on now, peace train...

## Chapter 1411 Membership Update 2026:

**Membership: 154**

# IL Council of peri-Operative RNs \_ICORN

## ICORN Business Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2026, Saturday

8:00 PM @ AORN Community Hub, NOLA Convention Center

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chic Duffy at 8:05pm

**Officers present:**

Treasurer: Jennifer Gregg

Secretary- Tey O'Meara

**Roll Call:** Chapters represented-1401,1402, 1403,1404,1406, 1411,1416,1418, 1424.

There was a total of 27 attendees, 10 of whom were candidates for AORN National Ballot. A quorum was met with 9 chapters represented.

**Welcomed the following AORN National Candidates:** Jamie Wrenshall-Ridout (PE), J.D. Butchert (VP), Rebecca Vortmann (Secretary), Cassandra Munro (Secretary), Richard Dorrittie (BOD), Stephanie Battiste (BOD), Jamie Weber (BOD), Lindsey Joyce (NC), Kristy Gottschalk (NC), The guest candidates were given time to introduce themselves and answered the question, "What is your favorite OR instrument" just for fun and to catch their candid moments.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from March 28, 2026 approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as of November 7, 2025— — — \$3,056.56

Current Balance as of April 10, 2026— — \$2,793.31

**Income:**

ICORN dues from Chapters 1406 (\$100), 1424 ((\$20), 1402 (\$40), 1418 (\$100),1404 (\$100)

Total dues paid— — — — — \$ 360.00

Fall ICORN Meeting (Silent Auction and Split the Pot) — — \$ 797.50

Total Income— — — — — \$1,157.50

**Expenses:**

Stipend for Speaker Jamie Ridout @ ICORN Fall Meeting—\$ 100.00

Expo Room rental NOLA— — — — — \$ 50.00

Returned Dues Chapter 1404— — — — — \$ 100.00

Top Golf Fundraising Deposit for event on 5/31/2026— — — \$1,020.75

ICORN Sponsorship for AORN Foundation Virtual Bingo— \$ 150.00

Total expenses----- \$1,420.75

**ICORN dues** remain \$20/year. Jennifer Gregg will notify each chapter with outstanding dues and where to send the payment.

### **Top Golf Fundraising:** May 31, 2026

1. Topgolf fee (includes 3-hour golf time and buffet lunch)
  - ◆ Admission price: \$100 for adults,
  - ◆ \$75 for kids (under 10y/o).
  - ◆ Jennifer Gregg created a QR code for payment. Check flyer for details,
2. Chapter incentives:
  - ◆ Rollback chapter revenue:
    - Chapter rollback of \$12.50/\$100 admission.
    - Chapter rollback of \$2:50/\$75 admission.
  - ◆ Auction baskets - Chapters participating in the auction will get all the \$\$\$gains.
3. Vendor sponsorship:
  - ◆ Platinum Vendor sponsorship of \$450
  - ◆ Standard sponsorship fee is \$300.
  - ◆ All chapters encouraged to recruit vendors. Tiana Dunlap, chapter 1401 president, is actively recruiting more vendors.
4. Chapter 1401 will fund \$50 for each early registrants from their chapter.
5. Flyer created by Chic will be sent out through e-mail, WhatsApp, Nursing Network. (See last page)
6. Headcount is needed ASAP.

### **Old Business:**

1. ICORN By-laws have been revised, approved, and in place.
2. Chic was encouraged by previous ICORN Chair Crystal Bricker's suggestion of doing a monthly Zoom meeting. The special monthly meetings created close knit participation among different IL chapters. The monthly meetings facilitated ease in planning fundraising events and sharing pertinent information to chapter officers. WhatsApp was added as another form of communication besides email and text messaging.
3. Additional fundraising, such as candlelight bowling, was tabled for the next meeting.
4. Fall event: Vendor Fair sponsored by 1411, was a big success and was able to raise \$797.50 for ICORN. Thanks to all the chapters who donated baskets for the silent auction. There were 17 vendors present. Chapter 1411 acquired use of square card and Zelle which were very beneficial in facilitating attendees' payments on time.

**New Business:**

1. Thanks to the 2026 AORN BOD & Executive team for creating an AORN-sponsored dedicated Nursing Network page for State Councils.
2. CAS Focus group met during Expo. Feedback needed to make CAS application user friendly & more inclusive, especially for chapters who are struggling with their membership growth.
3. Chapter 1402 President Jamie Carver shared their success story of the Glow Bingo fundraising event, organized and put together by 7 of their active members, which brought in \$4,700 income. They were able to sell 167 tickets @\$10/ticket.
4. Chic brought to the ICORN mtg the "2025 Periop Nurses Week (PNW) Proclamation". According to AORN's Government Affairs, there were only a few states that followed up on this initiative. As this is an annual legislative effort, IL will be proactive in the PNW Proclamation letter submission for 2026 & beyond, i.e., allow 2-4 months for governor to sign.
5. Acknowledgments:
  - ✦ Foundation Donations:
    - > BINGO Foundation donation \$150
    - > On behalf of ICORN, Duffy's donated for the Lisa Wyant Scholarship Fund. Lisa Wyant (Sept, 2025) was the Executive Administrator to AORN CEO, Board of Directors & Nominating Committee, & a former recipient of the Jerry G Peers Distinguished Service Award in 2017.
  - ✦ Congratulations to the following Illinois Chapters \_Rise to 25% winners
    - > First place-1424 Maywood chapter -75 points
    - > Second place 1413 Graue Mill-----50points
    - > Third place 1425 Urbana Champaign-25 points
  - ✦ Congress Poster Submissions:
    - > 1402, Chapter President Jamie Carver
      - \_Poster #26 "Building Talent from Within: A Surgical Tech Extern Program"
      - \_Poster #228 "From Survey To Safety: Using Staff Feedback to Strengthen Double Gloving Compliance"
    - > 1406, Chapter President Lynn Kohl

**Next 2026 Fall ICORN meeting: October 10, 2026** to be hosted by Chapter 1416 Twin City Illinois, Crystal Bricker. More details will be posted later.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:07 PM.

Submitted by: Tey O'Meara, ICORN Secretary

**2026 Congress Delegate Reports**  
**AORN Surgical Conference & Expo**  
**April 11-14, 2026 New Orleans, LA**

**Delegate Report by Tey O'Meara**

**AORN Foundation Expo Scholarship Grant**

Annually, AORN Foundation offers a variety of academic scholarships and grants to the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo. The notice for application for the Expo grant is emailed to all members usually at the beginning of October with instructions on how to access the AORN website to complete the form. All candidates are notified by the beginning of February as to whether you are receiving the scholarship or your application has been denied.

The application requires a narrative of your professional accomplishments, involvement in your local chapter, and how you will continue your mission to empower the membership and pay it forward.

The funding helps assist members financially with the cost of attending the conference thereby helping them to access education, innovation, and networking opportunities without the added worry of expenses.

This year I was fortunate enough to be one of the recipients of a \$1,500 scholarship grant from Stryker through the AORN Foundation. As a retired member of chapter 1411, I was very grateful for the financial assistance to defray the cost of registration, hotel, airfare, and food expenses. This allowed me to continue my mission to help strengthen our local chapter's member engagement and share relevant information learned during the conference.

As chapter 1411's Treasurer, I keep the chapter financially sound and provide monthly and annual expense reports to the members. I also assist in organizing and planning face-to-face dinner/education sessions and special chapter events. To promote the member's interest, I continue networking with former colleagues, and members of other Illinois chapters. I also currently serve as ICORN's secretary.

I encourage members to take advantage of this opportunity not just for Expo Scholarship grants but also for academic advances such as completion of your BSN or earning an advanced degree.

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Delegate Report by Pam Nuspl

AORN 2026 New Orleans lighting the pathway was an incredible experience with many ah-ha moments networking with AORN RN's from Illinois ... from across the states and world. It was a privilege as well to be present when Chic Duffy received the Outstanding Nurse Philanthropist Award.

The exceptional support and partnership of Johnson & Johnson, Solventum/3M, and Stryker along with all the Vendors at the vendor hall made the time at Expo even more worthwhile.

Past President Murdock has lit the path for 2026-2027 President David Reinhart's vision to build with purpose.

AORN's 2026-2030 strategic plan focuses on 3 areas.

1. Elevate the Periop nursing profession
2. Empower Periop leadership
3. Expand audience and reach

Three keynote speakers shared how facing obstacles, overcoming fear and having a positive mindset can open opportunities to make a difference.

After Greg Offner overcame his medical challenges, he now viewed work as an opportunity to engage with others and make a positive difference.

Michelle Poler's challenge to become irreplaceable by being your authentic self ... discover your talents/worth and tap into your full potential.

Melissa Stolkwell was the 1st female American soldier to lose a limb in active combat. With a positive mindset, she overcame obstacles, relearned to walk and made a choice "not to let this slow me down." Melissa realized that she's done more and met more people with one leg, than if she had 2 !

Take what makes you different, believe you can do anything you put your mind to!

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### **Delegate Report by Brianne Jensen**

#### **2nd Forum**

- AORN Position Statement on Preventing Wrong-Patient, Wrong-Site, Wrong-Procedure events
  - This statement was created to address the ongoing issue of procedural "never events" and to maintain that these events must be prevented
  - Revise this statement with updated references & strengthen the belief that these events must be prevented
  - Healthcare professionals share an ethical and professional duty to provide safe care that supports optimal outcomes for all patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures. The number of reported wrong-patient, wrong-site, wrong-procedure events is continuing to rise
  - Key elements: dedication to safe and optimal patient outcomes, implementation of standardized evidence-based practices, interdisciplinary approach to safe surgery, and perioperative nurse advocacy for patients
  - Changes: emphasized the continued increase in the number of reported procedural never events, included belief statements that support implementing standardized evidence-based practices to prevent wrong-patient, wrong-site, wrong-procedure events
- AORN Position Statement on the Role, Value, and Scope of the Perioperative Nursing Professional Development Practitioner and Specialist
  - Affirms that the Perioperative Nursing Professional Development (NPD) & Specialist role is essential, non-rotating, and ensures safe, equitable, and evidence-based perioperative care.
  - Key elements: core role expectations that are specialized & require expertise, a transformational leader, and hold relevant academic and specialty certifications

- Change: Role definition change from essential educator or mentor to specialized, non-rotating transformational leader with continuity and system-level influence, and scope of responsibilities change from onboarding and competencies to simulation, EBP, mentorship, resilience, and system-level QI
- AORN Position Statement on the Value of Clinical Learning Activities in the Perioperative Setting in Undergraduate Nursing Curricula
  - Revise this statement to align perioperative education with current evidence, accreditation standards, and modern workforce needs. It positions the perioperative clinical learning as a strategic solution to the national OR nurse shortage.
  - Key elements: perioperative clinical experience is essential, the perioperative environment offers unique, high acuity learning, core nursing competencies are developed and reinforced in the OR, multiple delivery models, perioperative experiences align with all 10 AACN essentials, and early exposure supports workforce sustainability
  - Change: purpose & scope defined as declares perioperative clinical experience vital, essential, and intentionally required in all curricula. Add in detailed competencies: critical thinking, situational awareness, clinical judgement, teamwork, communication, advocacy, systems-based practice, and safety protocols. Revise student outcomes & career pathways to highlight increased student interest, improved skills, and informed career decision-making.

### **1st House of Delegates**

- Approved: AORN Position Statement on Artificial Intelligence in Perioperative Nursing
- Approved: AORN Position Statement on RN First Assistants
- Approved: AORN Position Statement on Preventing Wrong-Patient, Wrong-Site, Wrong-Procedure events
- Not approved & Moved to Committee Review: AORN Position Statement on the Role, Value, and Scope of the Perioperative Nursing Professional Development Practitioner and Specialist
- Approved: AORN Position Statement on the Value of Clinical Learning Activities in the Perioperative Setting in Undergraduate Nursing Curricula

### **2nd House of Delegates**

- Nominating Committee Report
  - 338 individuals nominated as potential candidates
  - 63 nominees submitted candidate applications
  - 20 candidates selected for the ballot
  - Streamlined application process & platform
  - Restrictions related to photos with active board members were lifted
  - Nominees for Nominating Committee: Stephanie Ayala, Kristy Gottschalk, Michell Griffin, Jaimeson Hatch, Lindsey Joyce, Adam McKew, Ray-an Talatala
  - Nominees for Board of Directors: Stephanie Battiste, Richard Dorritie, Bryanne Harrington, Amanda Heitman, Natalie Jones, Jaimie Weber, Imelda Wright
  - Nominees for Secretary: Cassandra Munro & Rebecca Vortman
  - Nominees for Vice President: Lisa Bailey & JD Buchert
  - Nominees for President Elect: Brenda Larkin & Jamie Wrenshall-Ridout
- Recap
  - No longer in a turnaround
  - AORN Combined: \$38.5M revenues
  - Reserves have grown 250% in 10 years
  - 2026-2030 Strategic plan
    - Goal 1: Elevate the perioperative nursing profession

- Goal 2: Empower perioperative leadership
- Goal 3: Expand audience & reach
- Voting Results for 2026-2027
  - Nominating Committee: Stephanie Ayala, Kristy Gottschalk, Ray-an Talatala
  - Board of Directors: Stephanie Battiste, Richard Dorritie, Natalie Jones
  - Secretary: Rebecca Vortman
  - Vice President: JD Buchert
  - President Elect: Jamie Wrenshall-Ridout
- Local Community Project
  - 500 pots decoratively painted & planted for a local senior center
  - 1,000 healthy snack boxes assembled for four local organizations that serve low-income BIPOC families
  - Origami crane mural made & donated to the Rainbow Childcare Center
- Expo 2027
  - Theme: Building with purpose
  - Where: Philadelphia, PA
  - When: April 10-13, 2027

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Delegate Report (Pictures) by Chic Duffy

Pls see another pdf attachment

May Observances & Awareness

- May Day/Labor Day: Friday, May 1
 - Star Wars Day ("May the 4th be with you"): Monday, May 4
 - Cinco de Mayo: Tuesday, May 5
 - World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day: Friday, May 8
 - Mother's Day: Sunday, May 10
 - Armed Forces Day: Saturday, May 16
 - International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia: Sunday, May 17
 - World Day for Cultural Diversity: Thursday, May 21
 - Memorial Day (US): Monday, May 25
- Weekly & Monthly Observances
- Military Appreciation Month: Entire Month
 - Mental Health Awareness Month: Entire Month
 - Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention Month: Entire Month
 - Be Kind to Animals Week: May 3–9
 - Hurricane Preparedness Week: May 3–9
 - National Nurses Week: May 6–12
 - American Craft Beer Week: May 11–17
 - National EMS Week: May 17–23
 - National Teachers' Day: May 6
 - National Receptionist Day: May 13
 - National Hamburger Day: May 28



**ATTN: AORN 1411 PERIOP NURSES
DINNER/EDUCATION WITH KERICIS
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 5:30 PM
PERRY'S STEAKHOUSE IN SCHAUMBURG
RSVP ONLY <https://forms.gle/ZxJZ1eZrevUGYgYW8>
ANY QUESTION? PLS ASK CHERRY**