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AORN OF CENTRAL PA CHAPTER 3908

September 2026

Shockwave IVL in Calcified SFA/Pop Arteries CEU

Come learn about the latest calcium treatment
modality available and earn CEU credit with a
Shockwave Representative on **TUESDAY 9/8 - 7**
PM Room 2106



**Meeting will be held at Penn
State Medical Center
2160 State Rd, Lancaster
Room 2106**

Hello periOperative Nurses,

I would like to welcome you to the start of the 2026-2027 year of the AORN Central PA Chapter #3908. The Board met in August to plan the programs for the year and have some interesting topics to share with you. Our first meeting will be held on September 8, 2026 at the Penn State Lancaster Medical Center.

This is my third time serving as President. I have been a member of AORN for over 50 years and I have been retired for about 18 years (yes I am dating myself). So you might ask – why are you doing this? I loved being an OR Nurse and I believe in the mission of the Association - “AORN defines, supports, and advocates for patient and staff safety through exemplary practice in all phases of perioperative nursing care using evidence-based guidelines, continuing education and clinical practice resources”.

So why am I doing this again? Although there are close to 300 members in our chapter less than 10% attend the meetings. That means that the same people continue to serve. Having “walked in your shoes” I know there are challenges and obligations in your daily lives, but WE NEED YOU! How has our chapter changed? We have decreased the number of meetings, we are meeting in Lancaster and York and we have a virtual meeting in January. If you want more virtual meetings, please contact me. Your input is important.

Looking forward to 2027, the AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo will be held in Philadelphia, PA – April 10-13. If you haven’t attended in the past, now is your chance. It doesn’t get any closer than this!

Work continues on the goal to pass a Surgical Smoke Bill in Pennsylvania. The Senate Appropriations Committee will be back in session on September 28. Please contact your representatives to support this important legislation.

Thank you for all you do to create a safe environment for our patients, our surgeons and our co-workers in the perioperative arena. I hope to see you September 8th.

Best Regards,
Susan Glass, MHA, RN, CNOR
Chapter President



Colleagues,

We are still working diligently to get the smoke evacuation bill passed, HB 27. Jennifer Pennock, director of government affairs for AORN, would like you to contact Senator Scott Martin, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Several chapter members live in Senator Martin's jurisdiction. Our lawmakers like to hear from their constituents. Please refer to the following letter/email for guidance which outlines the 'ask' of our chapter members. Please contact Senator Martin to get the bill out of Committee during this legislative year. We are very close and need your help! The senate will once again be convened in September. Please contact Senator Martin as soon as possible. Thank you.

Good afternoon. As you know, we have been working to get a surgical smoke bill enacted in Pennsylvania for many years. We are very close to getting a bill adopted but there are few legislative days remaining this year.

[HB 27](#) is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Your senator, Senator Martin, is the chair of the committee. Our lobbyists will be meeting with him, but we need him to hear from his constituents that you support this bill.

Can you please email Senator Martin **this week**? His email address is smartin@pasen.gov. In your message, identify yourself as a constituent and an OR nurse (or other role) and tell him that you support HB 27. You can close your email asking for his help to get the bill enacted when the Senate is back in session on September 28.

Your message can be short and simple, or you may also wish to share how surgical smoke impacts you in the operating room. The important thing is that you be respectful, identify yourself as a constituent and express your support for HB 27.

Thank you in advance for contacting Sen. Martin **this week**. Please let me know what response you receive so I can share that with the lobbyists.

Jennifer Pennock

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Director, Government Affairs

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**Email Senator Martin or any of the below
committee members.**

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VOTING MATTERS

2027 National Ballot

AORN's Nominating Committee is proud to announce the National Ballot for the 2027-2028 AORN Board of Directors and the 2027-2028 AORN Nominating Committee.

Here are your 2027 candidates:

2027 AORN National Ballot

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	STATE
President-elect (1 to be elected)	Laura Gayton, MHCA, BSN, RN, CNOR, CSSL	MO
	Karen Y. White-Edwards, MBA, BSN, RN, CSSM, CNOR	TX
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	Shaanaya Robinson, MSN, MBA, RN, CNOR	GA
	Ivelisse Vicente, MS, RN, NEA-BC, CNOR, RNFA	NY



AORN 2025-2026 CHAPTER 3908 GENERAL MEETING

May 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order by president, Kathy Law at 8:00 PM.

Tonight's presentation was "Safety Coach Simulation Training: Empowering Nurses to Speak Up in the Operating Room." One contact hour was awarded. Thank you Tracy Ross, for a very informative presentation.

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. A motion by Susan Glass and second by Elaine Kohan to approve of the minutes as written in the newsletter. Motion carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Budget / Finance: No additional report.

Bylaws updates: Bylaws were published on AORN Nursing Network to be reviewed by membership. Having heard no objections bylaws were approved as published. Bylaws will be forwarded to national.

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).

❖ June- Dinner meeting. More information to come.

HersheyPark: Elaine Kohan will remain the contact person. Elaine will forward the openings available. Elaine will send an update of what the requirements are for participating.

Legislation: Kathy Law provided an update on HB 27, Smoke Evacuation bill. There are still several upcoming sessions scheduled for this year. There is strong support for this; hopefully the vote will go through this term.

Membership: Our chapter has 286 active members.

Newsletter: Any information for the newsletter forward to Denise ASAP.

Nominating: A request for volunteers for serving on the chapter board was sent to members through the newsletter. For the upcoming year- Susan Glass will serve as president; Patty Hogue will serve as secretary; Kim Dodson will serve as treasurer. Elaine Kohan, Denise McMillan, Pat Graybill- D'Ercole, and Kathy Law will serve on the board of directors.

Perioperative Nursing Award: No update.

Ways and Means: Small Games of Chance license is up for renewal. A motion was made to renew the license by Elaine, second by Susan. Motion carried.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements:

There was discussion regarding the lack of participation and attendance at our chapter meetings. We are looking for newer members to help invigorate the future of our chapter. As we look forward to next year's meetings there was encouragement to visit the idea of working on a virtual platform for those that are unable to attend the meetings.

Kathy submitted our Chapter Accountability Standards to headquarters for this year. We received 3 stars reasons related to no increase in membership and low attendance at chapter meetings.

Next year's meetings will be split between York and Lancaster area again.

Adjournment: No further business noted. Motion to adjourn meeting by Steph McKoin and seconded by Dave Martin. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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FOR OUR CHAPTER AT THE SAME TIME!
Contact Elaine Kohan for details (see next page)

HERSHEYPARK[®]

ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX

Date	Time	Status
9/25/2026 - 1 Ticket	05:00 PM - 10:00 PM	AVAILABLE
9/26/2026 - 1 Ticket	11:00 AM - 04:00 PM	AVAILABLE
9/26/2026 - 1 Ticket	06:30 AM - 11:30 AM	AVAILABLE

[Link to Hersheypark](https://www.hersheypark.com/volunteers)

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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