

THE LAP SHEET

SEPTEMBER 2024

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President's Message

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"

-Helen Keller

I hope you had a wonderful summer, and that you had time to make memories and take a little time for yourselves, doing whatever you enjoy most. In preparing for the coming year, I reflected on AORN National's theme for the year and what it means to me, and how it impacts our local AORN chapter.

Nakeisha Tolliver, our National AORN president chose for her theme, "Together We Rise". That is a pretty powerful statement to make! I chose to align with her theme, with our Chapter 2601 theme for the year being, "We're Better Together", a statement I believe in and stand behind. In this, our 4th year after the pandemic, it is truly time to come together and shine as a chapter again. It has been difficult for society to come back from that initial year of socially isolating, with large segments of the population working from home (what a luxury!), and the advent of virtual meetings, even more movie streaming services, and having grocery store deliveries straight to your door. We should never need to leave our homes again! I would argue that while it is convenient and comfortable to stay home and let the world come to us, it is not nearly as rewarding as being together. Together we rise, indeed!

As AORN of Greater Kansas City Chapter 2601 gears up for another productive year, I hope you will commit to joining us at our in-person (and virtual!) meetings, social events, community service opportunities, and our Annual Conference and Vendor Fair, and I hope you will consider joining one of our amazing committees. As Helen Keller said, "Together we can do so much"! I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on September 17th, at St Joseph Medical Center.

Respectfully,
Cindy Davis, BSN, RN, CNOR
President 2024-2025



Thank You

Drew Paul with Xodus for
providing the dinner for the
September meeting



AORN Summer Board/Committee Meeting Minutes—Recap August 3, 2024



End of the Year Survey Results

CE TOPIC SUGGESTIONS :Precautions for patients taking Ozempic type medications; Legal; Women's health needs across the lifespan; Sterility; Best Practices; Leadership; Engagement in Nursing; Like presentations from surgeons vs canned vendor topics. With all of the AORN free CE, do we need to provide CE at every meeting? Other Comments to share; Attend baseball/hockey or other sporting event as a group and tailgate; Did not like KU-parking wasn't easy. St Joe and NKC great; Opportunity to visit actual OR's to see newest equipment and workflow; Love being part of this chapter! Host a CNOR certification course;

Split mtgs between north and south locations. I liked having 1 charity to support. Maybe find one that is not so popular and truly needs our help. Felt like RMH didn't really need our assistance. Great job this year! I have to make better effort to attend. I liked the assortment of topics. Make CE easier to obtain, rather than having to look for a link later in an email.

Fundraising Committee: Members: Libby Nasche, Teresa Kuehn

Need Chair or Co-chair

Community Service – Co-chairs Ashley Shaw and Janessa Donahue. Members: Libby Nasche, Teresa Kuehn, Mary Thun. Chose to support just one charity last year, with in-person and monetary donations. Multiple options for in person volunteer opportunities.

Social Committee: Co-chairs Janessa Donahue and Teresa Kuehn. Members Pam Bays, Anessa Langford, Mary Thun

AORN National focusing on small social gatherings to build membership. Survey suggested attending a sporting event as a group. Hike or yoga and brunch option. Happy Hour with vendor support and small educational component (like Stryker does at the annual conference, but on a small scale?) for November? Walks – Colon Cancer Coalition, Andy's Army -Spring 2025.

Nominating Committee – Chair: Erin Tharp

Members: Carly Bradley, Tessa Martin, Terri Sontheimer, Lisa McFadden

Positions to fill for 2024-2025; President Elect; Treasurer; Board of Directors x2; Nominating Committee x3
Scholarship – Chair: Marie Staples; Members: Tessa Martin; CNOR; CSSM; Nursing Student; Active member re-turning to school

Vendor Fair – February 22, 2024 Members: Pam Bays, Troy Sorbo, Mary Thun, Megan Jackson, Libby Nasche, Cindy Davis. **Needs Chair/Co-Chair;** Largest Chapter Fundraiser; attendees; Vendors. Recommendations: early bird discount, group discount; Pay options: online, cash/check, Venmo; Will be at St Joseph again-good layout for vendors, food and speaker areas. Solicit donations for give aways; Coffee/Water from St. Joseph dietary?

Annual Meeting Celebration Committee

(combines banquet committee perioperative nurse excellence, other awards, and installation of officers) **Need**

Chair or Co Chair. Members: Marie Staples, Megan Jackson, Libby Nasche. Looking for location for banquet that will be convenient; Date for banquet? Ask members to start submitting nominees for perioperative nurse of the year early in the year-mention it at each meeting to keep people thinking about it.

Member Care Committee: (includes membership, credentials and hospitality committees)

No members yet; **Need chair/co-chair.** Already have a bunch doorprizes for in person meetings

Communications Committee

members Libby Nasche, Kayla Lee

Ashley Shaw offering technical support

Will produce Lap Sheet and social media posts

Expo –April 5-8, Boston MA—Determine number of delegates we will send; Review delegate responsibilities at September meeting so expectations are clear; Delegate point sheets to be distributed at September meeting. Deadline to submit points sheets October 17 at meeting. Delegates notified in November. Will register as a group for discount unless using support from their facility. Ideas for Group shirt “We’re Better Together”

Bylaws and Policies- Need updating and approval this year.

Bylaws changes need to be voted on by membership, policies can be amended at the board's discretion.^{1st} order of business (TODAY!): discuss Vice Presidential position. Articles IV and V of our bylaws. Our elected vice president has bowed out and this position could be easily removed and absorbed by President-elect. Many chapters have already eliminated either VP or President-elect position to eliminate redundancy. It is increasingly difficult to fill these elected roles. Will post all proposed amendments to bylaws online (Nursing Network) 30 days prior to member voting. Voting can be done virtually-ie surveymonkey as polling.

Zoom Board Meetings: To be held each month on the second Tuesday

First board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 27th, due to scheduling conflict



August 24 Board Meeting

AORN Board Meeting

August 27, 2024

We're Better Together is this year's theme for Chapter 2601

Building on National's theme "Together We Rise"

Working on a T shirt for this year—Discussion had.

"In teamwork, silence isn't golden. It's deadly"

-Mark Sanborn

Order of Business: End of Year Survey results Discussed.

Treasurer's report as posted on right.

Budget Report & Proposed Budget

Meeting & Social Calendar Schedule 2023-2024 Discussed and posted later in the newsletter. Plan to Review delegate responsibilities at September meeting so expectation is clear; Discussion had.

Delegate point sheets to be distributed at September meeting & Found in this newsletter. Deadline to submit points sheets October 17 at meeting.

Delegates will be notified in November

Bylaws changes and policy updates.. Need updating and approval this year. 1st order of business will be discussing bylaws re: Vice Presidential position. Articles IV and V of our bylaws

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Zoom Board Meetings; Next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 8

Zoom board meetings will be monthly, on the second Tuesday of the month

Financial Statement May—July 2024

Checking	Beginning Balance	End of Month Balance
May	\$ 22,549.43	\$ 20,157.31
June	\$ 20,157.31	\$ 20,354.36
July		
Savings	Beginning Balance	End of Month Balance
Jan -March	\$ 19,377.68	\$ 19,425.92
April - June	\$ 19,425.92	\$ 19,474.28
Certificate of Deposit (COD)		
\$6,853.36		
Interest Rate	0.0150%	

RaiseRight Gift Card Fundraising



RaiseRight is to help non-profits raise funds. We now have an account under The Association of Operating Room Nurses- Greater Kansas City up and running. There is an app for google or apple you may download on your phone or go to:

<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=63XX5BZ3UTBG>

Our organization, and you the purchaser, will earn money throughout the year and will get a check at years end. Once you purchase your gift card you receive it immediately via email notice that it is in your "wallet" on your account, or you may send one as a gift via email to friends/family!

Treasurer Report:
May-July. 2024
Megan Jackson



**Deadline for the next
Newsletter:
October 10th**

**Send to:
RNASHLEYSHAW@GMAIL.COM**



FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting & Social Calendar Schedule 2024-2025

- ▶ September 17th- St. Joseph Medical Center - Speaker TBD
- ▶ October 15th - NKCH/speaker TBD.
- ▶ November 19th- Social event (with vendor support)?
- ▶ December - No Meeting
- ▶ January 14th- Virtual Meeting
- ▶ February Vendor Fair - Feb 22nd 0700-1430 St. Joseph Medical Center
- ▶ March -No Meeting
- ▶ April 15th - North Kansas City Hospital
- ▶ MAY Banquet DATE TBD

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE—LOUANN HUFFMAN

-We are still looking to members who work or live in KS to assist in pushing Surgical Smoke Legislation forward in KANSAS

Scholarship Opportunities

- AORN EXPO First Time Attendee - Applications will be accepted through October 17, 2024 Will be announced at January meeting.
- Nursing Student - This Scholarship award will be for \$350.00, to be applied toward tuition, for a nursing student interested in practicing perioperative nursing after graduation. Applications due March 1st 2025 and will be announced March 31st 2025
- Member Scholarship - To qualify for this Member Scholarship, please verify active participation in AORN within the last year. This scholarship award will be for \$250.00, to be used by the AORN member to help defer school expenses in furthering their education Due to Marie Staples by April 1,2025.
- CNOR To qualify for this CNOR Scholarship, please verify active participation in AORN within the last year. This scholarship award will be \$200.00 to be used by the member to cover the application for exam fee. Due to Marie Staples by April 1,2025.
- CSSM To qualify for this CSSM Scholarship, please verify active participation in AORN within the last year. This scholarship award will be \$250.00 to be used by the member to cover the application for exam fee. Due to Marie Staples by April 1,2025.
- Application Instruction available at [AORN KC](#) Nursing Network Page & email application to Marie S.

mstaples3367@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Focus this year on donations to [Bags of Fun Kansas City](#)
- Their Mission: To deliver a Bag of Fun to every child fighting a long-term or life-threatening condition.
- Their Vision: We exist to bring joy, laughter and relief to every child whose health and happiness is threatened and/or compromised.
- Tuesday, October 1st 6:00pm= 8pm we will be Stuffing Bags of Fun for the Children.
- Up to 15 people invited to join 😊 • **Sign Up @ Meeting**



Fundraising Committee

Chairs: NEED CHAIR OR CO CHAIRS Members: Libby Nasche, Teresa Kuehn

Open to ideas for Fundraising—Please Reach out!!

Past successes with Bingo and Silent Auction—do we continue with this?

CNOR prep course this year?

EVENT Pictures—May Banquet



SAVE THE DATES

Social Event

9/21—Learn Bunko @ Mary's –
Olathe, KS 10 am-12 pm

Sign up @ Meeting

November 19th– Social Event with
Ethicon—Time/Location TBD

VENDOR FAIR

**Saturday,
February 22th 2025**

More information to come



AORN Conference & Expo

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HAPPY Surgical Tech Week !!

September 15th– 21st 2024



***We Appreciate working along
side you all!!***



AORN KC Presents:

AORN Member Benefits - Did you know?
& Navigating Your Recertification

By: Jocelyn Chalquist & Libby Nasche

SEPTEMBER 17th 2024

Xodus Sponsored Dinner @ 5:30 pm

Business Mtg @ 6 pm

Topic Presentation @ 7:15 pm

NO CE PROVIDED

Location:

St. Joseph Medical Center
Education Building D
1000 Carondelet Dr,
Kansas City, MO 64114



Interested in attending Expo in Boston

(Circle) YES or NO

Name _____

(Please Print)

AORN OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

Point System for Chapter 2601 Delegate Status

Activity dates between July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Business Meeting Attendance (at location) (2 points per meeting)

Indicate Attendance: Sept___ Oct___ Jan___ Mar___ Apr___ (write in 2 points for each month)

Bonus Points: Add 5 points total (not monthly) for perfect attendance for Business Meetings (Sept-Apr)

TOTAL ATTENDANCE POINTS _____

COMMITTEES (Please write in number of points on each line)

CHAIR/CO-CHAIR (10 points)

MEMBER (5 points)

___ Award Entry
___ Credential
___ Community Service
___ Fundraising
___ Hospitality/Membership
___ Newsletter
___ Nominating
___ Program
___ Public Relations/Social Media
___ Workshop/Vendor Fair

CHAIR/CO-CHAIR (6 points)

MEMBER (3 points)

___ Banquet
___ Budget
___ Bylaws & Policy
___ First Time Attendee
___ Legislative
___ PeriOp Nurse of the Year
___ Scholarship
___ Teller

EVENTS

(Points listed for each item, please circle each number that applies and document details on next page)

___ 5 ___ Ambassador for Communication (Location: _____)

___ 5 ___ Mission Trip(s)

___ 10 ___ Attended Bingo

___ 5 ___ PeriOp Speaker

___ 10 ___ Certification

___ 5 ___ Chapter Delegate (for Nashville)

(Circle) CNOR/CRNFA/CSSM/Other (List)

___ 5 ___ Self Appointed Delegate (for Nashville)

___ 10 ___ Officer/Board Member

___ 5 ___ Moderator at Surgical Conference

Position: _____

___ 5 ___ Session Volunteer at Surgical Conference

___ 10 ___ National Candidate/Committee Member

___ 5 ___ Attended Summer Planning Meeting in August

___ 10 ___ Attended Legislative Activities

___ 5 ___ Attended Workshop/Vendor Fair

___ 10 ___ Speaker/Poster Entry at Expo

5 Attended Community Service at RMC Fall

___ 10 ___ Membership NOT Lapsed

5 Attended Community Service at RMC February

___ 10 ___ Voted for National Officers

5 Attended Social Hour with Baxer	(Circle) HOME or at EXPO
5 Attended Breakout Session November	10 Published/Featured in Professional Journal/Magazine
Recruited New Members (see next page for points)	
College Nursing Course (see next page for points)	10 PeriOp Nurse Week Activity
Community Service (see next page for points)	10 Attended Banquet/Installation of Officers

CREDENTIAL CHAIR INITIALS _____ TOTAL POINTS _____

DOCUMENTATION DETAILS

Recruited New Members: (5 Points/Member, Max 15) List name(s) _____

College Nursing Course: Name of University _____

Working towards or Graduated with: (circle) Bachelors / Masters / Doctorate

Credit Hours Earned Per Semester: FALL _____ SPRING _____

Graduation Date (if applicable): _____

Full-Time Student (minimum 12 hrs/semester or 4 classes) 10 Points Total (Max)

Part-Time Student (less than 12 hrs/semester) 5 Points Total (Max)

Community Service Activities (donation of your time): Please give Details/Organization/Number of Times

AORN Chapter Sponsored Activities 15 Points Total (Max) _____

Non-AORN Activities 10 Points Total (Max) _____

Professional Organization Member (in addition to AORN/ANA): _____

Surgical Conference Poster Entry: Title/Number _____

National Candidate/National Committee Member: _____

Published/Featured in Professional Journal Magazine: _____

Surgical Conference (Expo) Moderator/Session Volunteer: _____

Mission Trip: (List group, country, project description) _____

PeriOp Nurse Week Activity/PeriOp Speaker (gave presentation): (detail date, activity, location, audience)

Activities to Promote Perioperative Nursing/Chapter Incentive Activities/Legislative Activities: _____

Mentor Other Chapters/National Conference Individual Award: _____

Completed forms must be postmarked/emailed by October 15, 2024

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