

THE CUTTING EDGE

Central Oklahoma AORN # 3701

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President's Message

The month of March has arrived and with it signs of spring. Even though our weather has hinted that we are still in the throws of winter, I heard birds singing this morning when I went out for the newspaper. We have been blessed once again with a relatively mild winter and now we can look forward to the new beginnings of spring.

For those of you who were unable to attend the February meeting, we enjoyed wonderful food from Ted's, followed by an informative presentation on leadership provided by Betty Shultz, the national

President Elect of AORN leadership.

There will be a short business meeting this month to discuss the candidates running for national office and other business that will take place at AORN's 50th Congress in Chicago. Please plan to attend to provide your thoughts and opinions to the delegates and alternates who will be attending.

Other upcoming events to consider include the Federal Affairs Conference and Lobby Day in Washington, DC, May 5-6 and the AORN Leadership Conference in



CO, July 26-27. The best way to continue to learn and grow in your profession is to stay involved.

June

**March Meeting-March 18, 2003
Integris Baptist Medical Center
Building D
Classrooms K & L**

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Participation Key to Membership Satisfaction

One of the keys to ensuring that members are satisfied with their membership is to actively involve them in the organization. Through this participation, they create a bond with the organization and with their colleagues. As a result, they are more likely to express their satisfaction through continued membership and involvement.

As an AORN Member Ambassador, you can also play an important role in helping your newly recruited members find ways to be involved in AORN. Involvement can be as simple as attending chapter meetings or helping out as a local chapter fundraiser. As new members become more interested in making a contribution to the association, you can help direct them to opportunities such as serving as chapter officer, serving as a delegate at Congress, writing an article for publication, presenting at an educational event, or volunteering for a national committee.

According to Louis Benson, Ph.D., who presented on "nuts and

members to become more involved, we should have criteria that would qualify volunteers for participation. He cites the following prerequisites:

- Belief in the perioperative nursing profession;
- Interest in giving to others;
- Cooperative and helpful attitude when working with others.

One of the challenges for any professional association is to remove barriers that limit participation, particularly among newer members. One of these barriers is simply lack of information on opportunities available. Some of the potential means for participating include:

- Volunteer role as a committee or task force member;
- Voting as a delegate at Congress;
- Submitting an article for publication in a chapter, state council, or specialty assembly newsletter or for the AORN Journal or SSM;
- Presenting at a conference or educa-

tional event;

Volunteering for a committee or task force;

Attending a chapter meeting or an AORN educational event such as the multispecialty conferences or AORN Congress.

The first step in involving members is to ask them to be involved. While it sounds simple enough, this is one of the most overlooked steps. Second, find out how the member would like to be involved, including their interests, their skills or expertise, and the amount of time they can commit. Finally, provide a job description of the activity or task to be done. Once the member does get involved, be sure to thank them for their hard work and continue finding new ways in which to enlist their involvement.

"VIP Briefings"
AORN Member Ambassador Program



How would you like to be involved?

50th ANNUAL AORN CONGRESS-Chicago, IL

March 23-27, 2003

50 Years of Excellence/Vision to

Highlights include:

- Education & General Sessions;
- General theme of Patient Safety First;

- Managers' Program, including exclusive exhibit times;
- Spanish sessions;
- Nursing School Students and Faculty welcomed

- without charge; and
- 50th Anniversary Party on the Navy Pier.





Sacral Nerve Stimulation for Refractory Voiding Dysfunction

Dr. Daniel Culkin

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Tuesday, March 18, 2003

7:00

Coordinated by Genevieve Zerger

Short Business Meeting to follow

Come and discuss issues with...

Our Congress local chapter delegates