



Message from the President

Greetings to all of you on this crisp late October day!

Fall is definitely here; the crimson leaves on the Bradford pear trees in my front yard are beautiful indeed.

In 1979, the AORN House of Delegates resolved that AORN promote a day each year to consumer education to enhance public knowledge regarding our perioperative role. A few years later, the observation was expanded to cover a full week. Perioperative Nurse Week is just around the corner. One purpose of community outreach activities is to create an environment that reaches out and "opens the doors to the OR."

Most people form their

ideas and impressions of what goes on in an OR from the media—the books and newspaper articles they read, the movies and television shows they watch. The media tends to present news and information from a physician's perspective. Your community outreach efforts create an opportunity for the public to meet a Registered Nurse and learn about the OR and their surgical care from YOUR perspective.

What are you doing this year to support a public outreach event? Here's wishing you much success, whether you're visiting students in their classroom, setting up a display in

your lobby or creating an Open House in the OR> Please share your event(s) with your colleagues at the November chapter meeting on the 19th.

June Ricards
President



National Legislative News

Many legislative activities are happening nationally for the association. Highlights include:

- 1) Patient Safety issues- AORN advocates and **keeping the RN in the OR!**
- 2) Scope of Practice-

opposing licensure of STs, SAs, promoting educational standards for these roles, & regular communication w/CMS (Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services)

- 3) Professional Nursing Environment-supports

the Nurse Reinvestment Act & nurse/patient ratios

- 4) Reimbursement for CRNFAs

Also, AORN supports the passage of HR 822. See website for details.

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Special points of interest:

Jane Pickelsimer's new email address (bnjpick@cox.net)

New Ambassador for Lakeside Women's Hospital — Donna James, 936-1985 (w) (donna.james@lakeside_wh.com)

November Meeting Notice

Pending...

Delegate Responsibility Outline

Delegates are required to attend: "Meet the Candidates" and "Informal Meet the Candidates" sessions.

First Forum...

First House of Delegates Meeting

Second Forum and Third Forum (tentatively scheduled)

Second House of Delegates meeting

Attend all chapter delegates meetings

Outline one educational session for publication in the chapter newsletter

Provide verification card of voting to chapter delegate chair

POINT SYSTEM

Points are accumulated in a chapter year beginning September 1 and ending August 31 of the previous educational year.

No points will accumulate from year to year.

Description	Point Value	Description	Point Value
Officers		Committees	
Vice President	4	Chair	4
Secretary	4	Co-Chair	3
Treasurer	4	Member	2
Board of Directors	2		

Meeting Attendance	Point Value	Program or Workshop	Point Value
Business meeting	3 each	Speaker	4
Committee meeting	2 each	Attendee	3
Board meeting	1 each		
Perfect attendance	5 bonus	Specialty Assembly Gov Council	3
Other			
National AORN seminar or workshop		1 per day	
Recruitment of new member		1 per member	
Re-establish attendance of chapter member (member not in attendance for 12 months)		1 per member	
CNOR		2 points	



AORN Specialty Assembly	1 per assembly
Attend nursing related college course	1 point
Belong to other nursing organization	1 point
State Council officer	1 point

Please provide documentation of the points you have accumulated. For assistance with the documentation of the business meetings that you attended contact Genevieve Zenger, Secretary (genhhatley@msn.com)

I am willing to serve as a Congress delegate in 2003.

Did you serve as a delegate last year? **Yes** **No**