

## **2009-2010 AORN COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES**

### **AORN ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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Susan K. Banschbach, RN,MSN,CNOR	AdHoc

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Linda K. Groah, RN,MSN,CNOR,CNA,FAAN	Ex Officio
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### **AORN BOARD COMMITTEES**

#### **CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE**

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Rose E. Seavey, RN,MBA,CNOR,ACSP	Member
David A Wyatt, RN,MPH,CNOR	Member

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Anne Marie Herlehy, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Deborah G. Spratt, RN, MPA, CNA, CNOR	Member
Rhonda L. Anders, RN,BSN,MSM,CNOR	Member
Peter B. Graves, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Darin Prescott, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC	Member
Rosemarie Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Rose E. Seavey, RN,BS,MBA,CNOR,ACSP	Member
Victoria M. Steelman, PhD,RN,CNOR,FAAN	Member
David A. Wyatt, RN,BSN, MPH,CNOR	Member
Susan K. Banschbach, RN,MSN,CNOR	Ad Hoc
Linda K. Groah, RN,MSN,CNOR,CNA,FAAN	Ex Officio
James Cousin II	Staff Consultant

**Purpose:**

Ensure financial growth and viability of AORN minimizing risks and safeguarding assets

**Initiatives:**

1. Review and approve the annual budget
2. Review and discuss the periodical financial results of AORN
3. Approve major unbudgeted transactions (expenses and capital items)
4. Review and discuss the annual auditor's report
5. Review, discuss and monitor internal controls
6. Address financial issues that impact the viability of AORN

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**POLICY COMMITTEE**

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Rosemarie Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
David A. Wyatt, RN,BSN, MPH,CNOR	Member
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**BOARD CHAPTER VISIT TASKFORCE**

Darin Prescott, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC	Chair
Deborah G. Spratt, RN, MPA, CNA, CNOR	Member
Victoria M. Steelman, PhD,RN,CNOR,FAAN	Member
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**BOARD LIAISONS - COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES**

**Advanced Practice Nurses Task Force**

Victoria M. Steelman, PhD,RN,CNOR,FAAN
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**AORN International Relations Committee**

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Anne Marie Herlehy, RN,MSN,CNOR

**AORN Ombudsman**

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**Awards Committee**

Sarah Anne Fairchild, RN,BSN,MS,CNOR

**Bylaws Committee**

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**Congress Education Planning Committee**

Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR  
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**Continuing Education Approval Committee**

Darin Prescott, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC

**Leadership Development Task Force**

Anne Marie Herlehy, RN,MSN,CNOR

**Legislative Committee**

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**Membership Committee**

Rose E. Seavey, RN,BS,MBA,CNOR,ACSP

**National Committee on Education**

Darin Prescott, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC

**Nursing Practices Committee**

Peter B. Graves, RN,BSN,CNOR

**Nursing Research Committee**

Victoria M. Steelman, PhD,RN,CNOR,FAAN

**Perioperative Environment of Care Task Force**

Deborah Spratt, RN,BSN,MPA,CNOR,CNAA

**Perioperative Nursing Dataset Task Force**

Rosemarie Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR

**Recommended Practices Committee**

David A. Wyatt, RN,BSN, MPH,CNOR

**Scholarship Committee**

David A. Wyatt, RN,BSN, MPH,CNOR

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**BOARD LIAISONS - SPECIALTY ASSEMBLIES**

**Advanced Practice Nursing**

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**Ambulatory Surgery**

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**Cardiothoracic**

Rosemarie T Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR

**General Surgery/Gynecology**

Rosemarie T Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR

**Integrated Health Practices**

Darin Prescott, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC

**Federal Nurses**

Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR

**Leadership**

David A Wyatt, RN,MPH,CNOR

**Minimally Invasive Surgery/Lasers/Robotics**

Rose E. Seavey, RN,MBA,CNOR,ACSP

**Multicultural Nursing**

Darin Prescott, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC

**Neurosurgery**

Rhonda L. Anders, RN,BSN,MSM,CNOR

**Nurse Educator/Clinical Nurse Specialist**

Anne Marie Herlehy, RN,MSN,CNOR

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Rosemarie T Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR

**Ophthalmology**

Peter B. Graves, RN,BSN,CNOR

**Orthopedic**

Deborah G. Spratt, RN,MPA,CNAA,CNOR

**Pediatrics**

Rhonda L. Anders, RN,BSN,MSM,CNOR

**Perioperative Nursing Informatics**

Victoria M. Steelman, PhD,RN,CNOR,FAAN

**Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery**

Peter B. Graves, RN,BSN,CNOR

**Retired Nurses**

Victoria M. Steelman, PhD,RN,CNOR,FAAN

**RN First Assistant**

Rhonda L. Anders, RN,BSN,MSM,CNOR

**Rural/Small Hospital**

David A Wyatt, RN,MPH,CNOR

**Sterile Processing/Materials Management**

Rose E. Seavey, RN,MBA,CNOR,ACSP

**Trauma**

Deborah G. Spratt, RN,MPA,CNAA,CNOR

**Vascular/Endovascular**

Rose E. Seavey, RN,MBA,CNOR,ACSP

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**CA Operating Room Nursing Council of California**

Rose E. Seavey, RN,MBA,CNOR,ACSP

**CO Colorado State Council of AORN**

David A Wyatt, RN,MPH,CNOR

**CT Connecticut State Council of Operating Room Nurses**

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**FL Florida Council of Operating Room Nurses**

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- IN Indiana Council of Operating Room Nurses**  
Rhonda L. Anders, RN,BSN,MSM,CNOR
- KY Kentucky State Council of Perioperative Nurses**  
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- LA Louisiana State Council**  
Rosemarie T Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR
- MA Massachusetts State Council**  
Charlotte Guglielmi, RN,BSN,MA,CNOR
- MD/DC Maryland/Washington, DC State Council**  
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- MI Michigan Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses**  
Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR
- MN Minnesota State Council**  
Darin Prescott, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC
- MS Mississippi Council of Perioperative Nurses**  
Sarah Anne Fairchild, RN,BSN,MS,CNOR
- MO Missouri Perioperative Nurses State Council Nurses**  
David A Wyatt, RN,MPH,CNOR
- NC North Carolina Council of Operating Room Nurses**  
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- NJ New Jersey State Council of Perioperative Nurses**  
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- NY New York State Council**  
Deborah G. Spratt, RN,MPA,CNAA,CNOR
- OH Ohio Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses**  
Deborah G. Spratt, RN,MPA,CNAA,CNOR
- OK Oklahoma State Council of Perioperative Nurses**  
Sarah Anne Fairchild, RN,BSN,MS,CNOR

**OR Oregon State Council of Perioperative Nurses**

Victoria M. Steelman, PhD,RN,CNOR,FAAN

**PA Pennsylvania Council of OR Nurses (PCORN)**

Rose E. Seavey, RN,MBA,CNOR,ACSP

**SC South Carolina Council of Perioperative Nurses**

Rhonda L. Anders, RN,BSN,MSM,CNOR

**TN Tennessee State Council of AORN**

Rhonda L. Anders, RN,BSN,MSM,CNOR

**TX Texas Council of Operating Room Nurses (TCORN)**

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**VA Virginia State Council**

David A Wyatt, RN,MPH,CNOR

**WA Washington State Council**

Victoria M. Steelman, PhD,RN,CNOR,FAAN

**WI Wisconsin State Council**

Rosemarie T Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR

**WV West Virginia State Council**

Rhonda L. Anders, RN,BSN,MSM,CNOR

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**AORN ADHOC LIAISONS**

**Alliance for Nursing Informatics**

Carol A. Petersen, RN,BSN,MAOM,CNOR                      Liaison

**Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)**

Beverly A. Kirchner, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC                      Liaison  
Bonnie G. Denholm, RN,MS,CNOR                                      Staff  
Marisa Tapia, RN, MSN, CNOR, CNS                                      Alternate Staff

**Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Collaborative Group**

Beverly A. Kirchner, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC                      Liaison  
Linda K. Groah, RN,MSN,CNOR,CNAA,FAAN                      Staff

**American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF)  
Board**

Bonnie G. Denholm, RN,MS,CNOR                                      Liaison

**American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Perioperative Care**

Mary Jo Steiert, RN,BSN,CNOR Liaison Appointment (Term expires 10/2011)  
Linda Groah, RN,MSN,CNOR,CNAA,FAAN Staff

**American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Team Education in Surgery**

Charlotte Guglielmi, RN,BSN,CNOR Liaison Appointment (Term expires 10/2011)

**American Institute of Architects (AIA) Healthcare Guidelines Revision Committee**

Ramona L Conner, RN,MSN,CNOR Liaison

**American Medical Association (AMA)**

Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR Liaison  
Jane Kusler-Jensen, RN,MBA, CNOR Liaison  
Linda Groah, RN,MSN,CNOR,CNAA,FAAN Staff

**American National Standards Institute (ANSI)**

Evangeline Dennis, RN,CNOR,CMLSO Liaison

**American Society for Testing and Materials Subcommittee (ASTM)**

Janet Lewis, RN,MA,CNOR Liaison

**American Nurses Association (ANA) Organizational Affiliates**

Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR Liaison  
Charlotte Guglielmi, RN,BSN,CNOR Liaison  
Linda Groah, RN,MSN,CNOR,CNAA,FAAN Staff  
Catherine Kleiner, RN,PhD Staff

**Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI)**

Ramona L Conner, RN,MSN,CNOR Liaison

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee**

Joan C. Blanchard, RN,BSN,MSS,CNOR,CIC Liaison

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Surgical Care Improvement Project Steering Committee (SCIP)**

Linda Groah, RN,MSN,CNOR,CNAA,FAAN Liaison

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Technical Expert Panel-Infections (sub group of SCIP)**

Joan C. Blanchard, RN,BSN,MSS,CNOR,CIC Liaison

**Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Consensus Group**

Jacklyn J Schuchardt, RN, MSN, CNOR, CNS Liaison

**Coalition For Patients Rights**

Rosemarie Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR Liaison

**Council on Surgical and Perioperative Safety**

Sharon McNamara, RN, MS, CNOR

Liaison Vice Chair (Term expires 10/2010)

Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR

Liaison

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Staff

**Industry Partners on Patient Safety**

Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR

Liaison

Twilla Barlow

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**JCAHO Ambulatory Care PTAC Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations**

Becky D. Small, RN,BC,MS,CNOR

Liaison

Bonnie G. Denholm, RN,MS,CNOR

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**JCAHO Health Information Technology Advisory Panel**

Carol A. Petersen, RN,BSN,MAOM,CNOR

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**Nursing Spectrum Advisory Board**

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Liaison

**United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) OPTN**

Victoria M. Steelman, RN,PhD,CNOR

Liaison

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**AORN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES****The following applies to all committees and task forces:**

1. The Board liaisons will work with the committees and task forces to enhance communication between the Board, staff and committees/task forces
2. AORN Staff and volunteer members – There is an expectation that committees and taskforces will use Specialty Assembly experts as advisors

**ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES TASK FORCE**

Anita Shoup, RN,MSN,CNOR

Chair

Melanie L. Braswell, RN,MS,CNS,DNP,CNOR

Member

Rachel A. Hottel, RN,CNOR

Member

Debra T Moore, RN,MSN,CNOR

Member

Victoria M. Steelman, PhD,RN,CNOR,FAAN

Board Liaison

Robin R Chard, PhD,RN,CNOR

Staff Consultant

Kim Simkins

Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Promote perioperative advanced practice nursing through research, collaboration and education

**Initiatives:**

1. Monitor issues impacting advanced practice nursing and submit action items to the Board for consideration
2. Determine the effectiveness of the APN SA in meeting the needs of the CNS and NP
3. Work to develop/revise AP, NP and/or CNS competency statements

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**AORN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mary Jo Steiert, RN,BSN,CNOR	Chair
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Patricia Hercules, RN,BSN,MS	Member
Laura S. Kerby, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Ruth P. Shumaker, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Cheryl Pederson, RN,BSN	Liaison (3M Health Care)
Kyle Rahn	Liaison (Mercy Ships)
Gene E. Robinson	Liaison (Integrated Medical Sys Inc)
Dan S. Sandel	Liaison (Sandel Medical Industries LLC)
Brigid Scanlan Eiyneck	Liaison (Scanlan International Inc)
Irini Antoniadou, RN	Advisor (Sweden)
Dolores S. Damasco, RN	Advisor (United Arab Emirates)
Jane Helen Reid, RGN,MSc,DPNS,PGCEA	Advisor (Great Britain)
Linda M. Socha, RN,BSN	Advisor (Canada)
Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR	Board Liaison
Charlotte Guglielmi, RN,BSN,MA,CNOR	Board Liaison
Anne Marie Herlehy, RN,MSN,CNOR	Board Liaison
Linda K. Groah, RN,MSN,CNOR,FAAN	Ex Officio
Susan K. Bakewell, RN,MS,BC	Staff Consultant
Gretchen A. Bliss, CMP	Staff Consultant
Brian Tepp	Staff Consultant
Sue Hardin	Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Develop international initiatives and relationships base on the principle of collaboration and respect, to optimize AORN's role, reputation and contribution to healthcare via the global stage

**Initiatives:**

1. Evaluate strategies from the international strategic plan;
  - Study days
  - Determine participation in the Pan-Asian JONA conference in November 2009
  - International chapters
2. Develop international guest relations for 2010 Congress
3. Develop a strategic relationship with Mercy Ships
4. Solicit international posters and speakers for 2010 Congress

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**AORN OMBUDSMAN**

Vivian C. Watson, RN,CNOR	Chair
Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR	Board Liaison
Brian Tepp	Staff Consultant

**Purpose:**

The appointed AORN Ombudsman will objectively investigate complaints or concerns between association members and the AORN Board of Directors, other members and/or staff of the association. The intent for the complaints and/or concerns to be resolved with a mutually acceptable solution or referred to the President.

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**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Diana S. Mc Dowell, RN,MSN,CNOR	Chair
Jane Flowers, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Cheryl L. Langford, RN,CNOR	Member
Winsome Anglin Miller, RN,MS,CNOR	Member
Anjoli B Venkataraman, RN	Member
Eileen C. Young, RN,CNOR	Member
Sarah Anne Fairchild, RN,BSN,MS,CNOR	Board Liaison
Brian Tepp	Lead Staff Consultant
Marian Burrell	Staff Consultant/Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Promote the recognition of individual members and chapters who have demonstrated excellence in service to perioperative nursing

**Initiatives:**

1. Evaluate and recommend changes in the Awards process to recognize and promote achievements in perioperative nursing. Evaluate current award categories for relevance and possible elimination and/or combination
2. Explore other professional nursing associations to identify innovative award systems that may enhance AORN's program
3. Promote all individual award categories and chapter excellence awards (Utilize the 2009 Leadership Conference to assist chapters and members in the awards submission process)
4. Participate in planning the Awards Dinner for Congress 2010

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**BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Ellen K. Murphy, RN,MS,JD,FAAN	Chair
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Michael T. Jackson, RN,BSN	Member
Marisa Merlino, RN,BS,CNOR	Member

Vivian E. Pierce, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Marilyn L. Sanderson, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Rosemarie Schroeder, RN,BSN,CNOR	Board Liaison
Lola M Fehr, RN,MS,CAE,FAAN	Advisor
Catherine Kleiner, PhD,RN	Lead Staff Consultant
Byron L. Burlingame, RN,MSN,CNOR	Staff Consultant
Janet Knox	Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Sustain, clarify, review, update and prepare revisions, additions or deletions of the Bylaws to be presented to the House of Delegates

**Initiatives:**

1. Review the remaining bylaws and make recommendations for changes as appropriate
2. Enhance the members understanding of the Bylaws Committee purpose (Connections, Community of Practice, Journal)

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**CONGRESS EDUCATION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Martha D. Stratton, RN,MSN,CNOR,CNAA	Chair
Stephen Balog, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Margaret Camp, RN,MSN	Member
Patricia E. Chapek, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Beth H. Fitzgerald, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Jill Gehrman, RN,MBA,CNOR	Member
Katherine Halverson-Carpenter, RN,MBA,CNOR	Member
Lori L. Ingram, RN,BSN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Lori Schneeman, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Julie A. Martin, RN,BSN,MBA	Volunteer Congress Coordinator
Patrick Voight, RN,BSN,MSA,CNOR	Board Liaison
Charlotte Guglielmi, RN,BSN,MA,CNOR	Board Liaison
Marisa Tapia, RN, MSN,CNS	Lead Staff Consultant
Susan K. Bakewell, RN,MS,BC	Staff Consultant
Lisa Alikhan	Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Identify potential educational sessions from submitted proposals to meet the needs of Congress attendees. Criteria for selection should include educational needs assessments, trends in healthcare technology, regulatory initiatives, AORN Strategic Plan and the Congress theme.

**Initiatives:**

1. Utilize a two step process to review and evaluate education proposals and speakers in order to select a complement of potential programs that will meet the diverse needs of the target population
2. Review the education needs assessment and other data prior to face-to-face meeting to help in the decision process

3. Identify topics/speakers that are missing from the Congress proposal submissions
4. Develop a process to solicit international speakers and provide appropriate support to assist the speaker with meeting the ANCC criteria
5. Review posters at Congress and make recommendations to authors to submit proposals for the 2009 Congress
6. Review and select Clinical Improvement/Innovation Posters from submissions ensuring the submissions are in line with Standards and Recommended Practices, AORN Position Papers, and White Papers
7. Utilize an evaluation tool and guideline, select the Clinical Improvement/ Innovation Posters that are outstanding

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVAL COMMITTEE**

Deborah L. Martin, RN,MSN,CNOR	CoChair
Karen L. Walsh, RN,BSN,CNOR,CMLSO	CoChair
Ann L Blake, RN,BSN	Member
Debra S. Buback, RN,MSN,ANP,CRNFA	Member
Edna B. Coggins, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Rebecca J. Davis, RN,MN,CNOR	Member
Rosemary R. Digby, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Charlotte M Dorsey, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Holly S. Ervine, RN, BSN, CNOR	Member
Patricia A. Graybill, RN,MSN,CNOR,CRCST	Member
Priscilla W. Jurkovich, RN,MSN	Member
Elizabeth A. Lamonde, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Margaret Mulcrone, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Leigh Ann Peteani-Difusco, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Mary C Russell, RN,MN,CNOR	Member
Eileen Saint-Aubin, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Darin Prescott, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC	Board Liaison
Marisa Tapia, RN, MSN,CNS	Staff Consultant
Ellen Reeder	Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Utilize a peer review process and approve continuing education application for constituents and non-constituents using the ANCC criteria

**Initiatives:**

1. Review and revise the continuing education approval process to ensure compliance with the ANCC criteria on an annual basis
2. Evaluate and provide support to international speakers submitting proposals to meet the ANCC criteria
3. Use feedback from consumers to improve the approval process
4. Provide input to the web based application process, including the industry approval process

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**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE**

Sheri Voss, RN,MS,CNOR	Chair
Paula Graling, RN,MSN,CNOR,CNS	Member
Beverly A. Kirchner, RN,BSN,CNOR,CASC	Member
Jane A. Kusler-Jensen, RN,BSN,MBA,CNOR	Member
Lillian H. Nicolette, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Ruth E. Vaiden, RN,CNOR,CRNFA(E)	Member
Anne Marie Herlehy, RN,MSN,CNOR	Board Liaison
Sheila D. Mitchell, RN,BSN,MS,CNOR	Staff Consultant
Bonnie Kibbe	Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Work with the Nominating Committee to develop a leadership succession planning program

**Initiatives**

1. Continue “Tool Kit” refinement and development of additional resources
2. Work with Nominating Committee to develop Leadership succession planning (pending approval of the bylaws change)

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Claire R Everson, RN,CNOR,CCAP	Chair
Sarah L. Breckenridge, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member, Region 4
Patricia A. Gussey, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member, Region 1
Belinda Jones, RN,CNOR,MBA	Member, Region 5
Claire Karas, RN,BSN,CRNFA, CMLSO	Member, Region 2
Karen M. Knapp, RN,BSN,CRNFA,CNOR	Member, Region 3
Rhonda L. Anders, RN,BSN,MSM,CNOR	Board Liaison
Craig Jeffries, Esq.	Staff Consultant
Josephine Colacci	Staff Consultant
	Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Oversee, coordinate, and support AORN Government Affairs initiatives

**Initiatives:**

1. Expand collaborative efforts with state nurse associations in public policy advisory appointments of AORN members and co-funding of lobbyists and Lobby Days that also support AORN priorities in conjunction with number 2 below
2. Develop a written description on the overlapping role and responsibility of NLC, State Council, State Coordinator, and Chapters as it relates to state government affairs advocacy including efforts to build the influence and success of AORN on state level public policy health care decisions
3. Support the development of AORN standardized perioperative record data collection efforts and investments to support AORN public policy priorities

4. Recommend 2010 - 2011 legislative priorities to the AORN Board in collaboration with the AORN President-elect
5. Facilitate the identification, implementation and passage of prescriptive language requiring the RN as circulator in state law/regulation, and an advocacy plan for all AORN legislative priorities that includes education for our members on influencing their legislators and local media
6. Facilitate the development and implementation of a plan that builds on the communication tools utilized to inform and educate members and grassroots (i.e.; Advocacy Update, articles in other AORN communications to members) including web based communities focused on GA (e.g.; how to lobby; allied health challenges to RN scope of practice) and web based learning (e.g.; webinar, You Tube presentations)
7. Support Government Affairs in the selection of state lobbyists to pursue AORN's proactive and reactive legislative concerns and initiatives
8. Promote ANA Lobby Day and NIWI in Washington DC to AORN Members

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**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Juanakee M. Ceol, RN,BSN,MS	Chair
Michael K. Burnett, RN,MSA,BSN,CNOR	Member
Rebecca L. Churchman, RN,CNOR,CRNFA	Member
Marcie C. Jannetti, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Kelly M. Kollar, RN,CNOR	Member
Jacqueline A. Mc Vittie, RN,BSN	Member
Sherrilyn Polgar, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Alma J. Reber, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Kristy P. Simmons, RN,CNOR	Member
Pamela Utz, RN,BSN,CNOR	Member
Sara R. Wright, RN,MSN,CNOR	Member
Rose E. Seavey, RN,BS,MBA,CNOR,ACSP	Board Liaison
Brian Tepp	Staff Consultant
Deborra L. Warren, BS	Staff Consultant/ Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Communicate, support and engage State Councils, Specialty Assemblies, and chapter leaders in the value of AORN membership;

- Promote member benefits; resources, education and networking opportunities
- Provide support, education and motivation for AORN members and leaders

**Initiatives:**

1. Inform state councils, chapters, and specialty assembly leaders of current AORN activities, new benefits and procedures, and educational opportunities via an electronic bi-monthly Informz *Pulse* newsletter
2. Engage chapter leaders utilizing the regional coordinators as a resource for information, trouble shooting, advice and encouragement

3. Conduct a training webinar with chapters, sharing functionality of the system and encouraging consideration of this as an alternative communication resource or meeting venue
4. Participate in the open house at Headquarters during the 2009 Leadership Conference
5. Conduct networking session during the 2009 Leadership conference and share feedback with all state council and chapter leaders
6. Assist the President with the First-Time Attendee event(s) at Congress to recruit and retain members, allow networking, and encourage relationships with other AORN members
7. Explore ways to utilize social media to recruit and retain members and nonmembers locally, nationally and internationally
8. Develop recruitment and retention resources for chapters targeting next generation members

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Kim Simkins	Admin Support

**Purpose:**

Develop educational materials to meet the needs of AORN members

**Initiatives:**

1. Continue promotion of the AORN Speakers Bureau
2. Work with CPE to revise and update identified videos in the Nursing Video Library
3. Work with CPE on program planning for fall conferences
4. Work with representatives of academia to address introduction of perioperative nursing in curriculum (Develop educational tools for use in academic programs to introduce perioperative nursing)

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**NURSING PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

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**Purpose:**

Provide ongoing review of perioperative nursing practices, revise and advise regarding standards, professional competency statements, and other issues and trends that affect perioperative nursing, and to develop strategies to assist perioperative nurses with practice

**Initiatives:**

1. Continue content revisions for the AORN Standards for Perioperative Nursing submit recommendation by the fall Board meeting 2009
2. Review Competency Statements developed for the Competencies in Perioperative Nursing publication (eg, management, nurse educator) for consistency according to criteria
3. Develop a position statement for care of the older adult in perioperative settings by the 2009 fall Board meeting (grant requirement)
4. Review the AORN Patient Safety Position statements (Statement on Correct Site Surgery, Creating a Patient Safety Culture, Statement on Patient Safety) and present a recommendation to the board to consider combing these three statements
5. Review position statement on the role of the scrub person

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**NURSING RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

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**Purpose:**

Support perioperative nursing research and evidence-based practice

**Initiatives:**

1. Develop collaborative relationships with Academic Research Institutions, Regulatory and Standard Setting Agencies for conducting research
2. Focus research priorities on patient outcomes and workforce issues
3. Develop a process for establishing perioperative programs of research
4. Review Congress Research Posters
  - Scientific
  - Continuous Process Improvement

5. Review published studies or recommend content for Quiz Bowl
6. Evaluate research proposal and determine funding

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**PERIOPERATIVE ENVIRONMENT OF CARE TASK FORCE**

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**Purpose:**

Provide AORN members with resources to support workplace safety in the perioperative environment

**Initiatives:**

1. Develop a toolkit to assist staff nurses in implementing the Ergonomic Guidance Statement for safe patient movement
2. Determine strategies to further develop a collaborative relationship with OSHA Alliance members and AORN
3. Review and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors on the potential merging of position statements, including;
  - Workplace Safety
  - Safe Work/On-Call Practices

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**PERIOPERATIVE NURSING DATASET TASK FORCE**

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**Purpose:**

Define and sustain the standardized language development that reflects our perioperative practice; facilitate and coordinate movement to a central repository by incorporating reliable clinical and health system data

**Initiatives:**

1. Complete the Health Systems quadrant and coordinate efforts with work on central repository
2. Develop and assign a unique identifier for PNDS interim outcomes
3. Submit resulting changes to PNDS to ANA for inclusion in ANA recognition
4. Develop a process for;
  - Identifying gaps in the language
  - Submitting suggestions for new data elements
  - Coding and defining additional concepts
  - Maintaining congruency with the standards and recommended practices
  - Retirement of unused data elements
5. Validate key reports/measures in the Health Systems Quadrant

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**RECOMMENDED PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

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**Purpose:**

Facilitate relevant, current Recommended Practices for Perioperative Nursing

**Initiatives:**

1. Review/revise the recommended practices according to AORN policy

2. Collaborate with headquarters staff to redesign the process for future development and review of the recommended practices
3. Participate in the Recommended Practices proposal submission process

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**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

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**Purpose:**

Evaluate and identify qualified AORN Scholarship recipients

**Initiatives:**

1. Obtain from AORN Foundation the specific dollar amount of funds along with funding criteria by July 1, 2009
2. Implement personal contact with student scholarship winners from committee members to encourage involvement in perioperative nursing and AORN
3. Write Connections articles highlighting past scholarship winners and their accomplishments (Work with editorial staff to determine logistics of publishing)
4. Explore possibility of special fund raiser to increase scholarship funds
5. Develop a strategy with BIC to identify Industry Scholarship support