

### AORN Awards Committee Update

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### Awards Committee Members

**Chair:**  
Connie Garrett, MSN, RN-BC, CNL, CNOR  
Cheryl Langford, MSN, RN, CNOR

**Members:**  
Maria Arcilla, BSN, RN, CNOR  
Laura Hart, RN, CNOR  
Anne Medlin, BSN, RN, CNOR  
Vivian Pierce, BSN, RN, CNOR  
Barbara Wiemann, BSN, RN, CNOR



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### Awards Committee Members continued

**Board Liaison:**  
Donna Ford, MSN, RN-BC, CNOR

**Staff Liaison/Support:**  
Debbie Robichaud Stephen



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## Purpose

Promote excellence in perioperative nursing through recognition of individual members and groups (i.e. chapters, specialty assemblies and state councils) who have demonstrated excellence in service.



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## 2015 Initiatives

1. Evaluate and refine application and scoring process.
2. Continue to utilize judging panels, comprised of members of the AORN Awards Committee, past award recipients and subject matter experts, to review and judge award submissions.
3. Select award recipients for all categories.



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## 2015 Initiatives continued

4. Work with AORN Membership Committee in selection of the chapter award recipients.
5. Design survey for feedback on submission process. Send survey to all who applied for an award and make recommendations based on evaluation of feedback to the association's membership.



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## Goals

- Simplify application process
- Increase transparency
- Standardize scoring
  - Ensure the individual judging panels have the necessary tools to score the awards
- Increase the number of members who complete the award application process
- Conduct a post program survey for continued process improvement



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## Chapter Awards

### Chapter Size Categories

Small (0-50 members)

Medium (51-150 members)

Intermediate (151-300 members)

Large (301+ members)



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## Important Points...

- Nominee must be an AORN member
- Review award criteria
- Must complete all requirements for the award
- Proofread for clarity
- Grammatical errors, spelling errors will decrease score
- Word counts will be verified



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### Application website for Individual Awards: aorn.fluidreview.com



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### Timeline

#### Individual Achievement Awards

- Awards Review Room opens:  
Friday, May 29, 2015
- Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing submission deadline:  
Friday, August 28, 2015
- Submission deadline for remaining Individual Achievement Awards:  
Monday, November 23, 2015



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### Timeline continued

#### Chapter Excellence Awards

- Application process opens:  
Friday, June 26, 2015
- Application submission deadline:  
Friday, December 18, 2015



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## Key Points

- Debbie Robichaud Stephen, [drobichaud@aorn.org](mailto:drobichaud@aorn.org), is AORN Headquarters point of contact for award submissions
- Start your application early
- Allow time for another set of eyes on the application
- The Awards Committee welcomes suggestions for improvements and enhancements
- Consider volunteering with this committee



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## QUESTIONS?



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