

# Amanda Heitman, BSN, RN, CNOR



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS (THREE TO BE ELECTED)

**Amanda Heitman, BSN, RN, CNOR**, is a perioperative educational consultant for Periop Anew, Cary, North Carolina; and surgical services supervisor for WakeMed Cary Hospital, North Carolina. She earned an associate of science from Cloud County Community College, Concordia, Kansas; and a BSN from Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas.

Heitman has been a perioperative nurse for 22 years and a member of AORN for 20 years. She is a member of

- Capital North Carolina AORN Chapter (2016-present)
- Carolinas State Council of Operating Room Nurses (2024-present)
- the Clinical Nurse Educator Specialty Assembly (2016-present)

She has been a member of

- the North Carolina State Council of Operating Room Nurses (2016-2024)

Heitman has attended AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo eight times in the past 10 years, each time as a delegate.

Heitman has received

- an Outstanding Achievement Award, WakeMed Health & Hospitals/Capital North Carolina AORN Chapter (2025)
- Professional Nursing Excellence Award, WakeMed Health & Hospitals (2016)

Highlights of Heitman's service to AORN include that she is

- North Carolina State Legislative Coordinator AORN (2025-present)
- a member of the AORN National Legislative Committee (2024-present)
- chair of the Carolinas State Council of Operating Room Nurses (2024-present)
- administrator for AORN Periop 101 at WakeMed Cary Hospital (2016-present)

She has been

- a member of the Capital AORN North Carolina Board of Directors (2022-2025)
- president of Capital AORN North Carolina (2018-2019)
- educational presenter at AORN Expo, "Current Trends in Perioperative Nursing Education" (2025)

- educational presenter at ASC-Regional AORN Conference, “More Than Compliance: Keeping Staff Safe From Sharps Injuries” (2025)
- educational presenter at the Clinical Nurse Educator Specialty Assembly Fall Town Hall, “An Educator... What Is it Good For?” (2024)
- educational presenter at AORN Expo, “An Educator... What Is it Good For?” (2022)

In other leadership roles, Heitman is

- a member of the Infection Control Today Editorial Advisory Board (2025-present)
- a member of North Carolina Nurses Association (2023-present)

She has been

- an educational presenter at North Carolina Ambulatory Surgical Center Association Fall Education Day, “More Than Compliance: Keeping Staff Safe From Sharps Injuries” (2023)

- an educational presenter, *First Case Podcast*, “Flipping the Switch: Shedding Light on the Value of OR Educators” (2022)
- an educational presenter, *OR Today* webinar, “In Depth Look at Educator Role” (2021)

In her community, Heitman is

- a participant with the American Heart Association Triangle Heart Walk (2024-present)
- a volunteer for the St. Michael Archangel Parish Thanksgiving and Easter Food Drive (2022-present)

She has been

- a participant at Athens High School Career Day, Perioperative Nursing Table Exhibit (2022)
- a volunteer Miracle League Buddy (2022)
- a volunteer for the St. Michael Archangel Parish Holiday Craft Fair (2022)

## ELECTION STATEMENT

As a dedicated perioperative nurse with two decades of experience, I am deeply committed to patient safety, which is the cornerstone of our profession. Throughout my career, beginning in a small rural hospital and growing into a leadership role within a larger health care organization, I have developed a broad understanding of the unique challenges we face daily. My journey has afforded me hands-on experience in a variety of specialty areas, including Preadmission Testing, Preoperative and Postanesthesia Care, Sterile Processing, Endoscopy, and Materials Management. This diverse background enables me to advocate effectively for perioperative nurses from all practice settings.

If elected to the Board of Directors, my priority will be to ensure that the voices of our members are truly heard and represented. I believe our association must remain unwavering in its commitment to safety while embracing innovation and advancing our collective professional practice. I am passionate about fostering an environment where education, mentorship, and collaboration are prioritized, allowing every perioperative nurse to thrive.

As we look to the future, it is imperative that AORN’s strategic direction reflects the real-world experiences and needs of its members. I am dedicated to helping shape that vision and to providing steadfast support to my colleagues. I encourage every member to participate in this important process: one member, one vote. Together, we can continue to elevate our profession and provide the highest standard of care for our patients. I would be honored to serve as your advocate on the Board of Directors.