

# Ray-an Talatala, DNP, RN, CNOR, NPD-BC, FAORN



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE (THREE TO BE ELECTED)

**Ray-an Talatala, DNP, RN, CNOR, NPD-BC, FAORN**, is a perioperative nursing professional development specialist at NYC Health and Hospitals/Bellevue, New York, New York. He earned a BSN from Xavier University - Ateneo de Cagayan, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines; a masters in nursing and a MA in nursing from Liceo de Cagayan University, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines; and a DNP from Aspen University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Talatala has been a perioperative nurse for 13 years and a member of AORN for 5 years. He is a member of

- AORN of New York City (2023-present)
- the Clinical Nurse Educator Specialty Assembly (2020-present)
- the Perioperative Nursing Informatics Specialty Assembly (2020-present)
- the Nurse Scientist Specialty Assembly (2024-present)

He has been a member of

- AORN of Brooklyn New York (2022-2023)
- AORN of Dallas (2020-2022)

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

Talatala has received

- recognition as a distinguished Fellow of AORN (FAORN; 2025)
- an AORN Emerging Perioperative Nurse Leader Under 40 Award (2023)
- First National Champion, Inaugural 3 Minute Pitch to Policymakers, Philippine Council for Health Research and Development, for a QI project on electrosurgical unit burn prevention (2019)
- Best Research Poster, Northern Mindanao Consortium for Health Research and Development, Philippines (2018)
- 3rd Place - Best Research, 6th Research Congress, Operating Room Nurses Association of the Philippines (2018)

Highlights of Talatala's service to AORN include that he is

- a member of the AORN National Nursing Research Committee (2022-present)

- the Column Coordinator for the *AORN Journal's* "Safety First" (2025-present)
- a peer reviewer for the *AORN Journal* (2022-present)
- a mentor for the AORN Member Mentor Program (2024-present)
- president-elect of AORN of New York City (2025-present)
- an event moderator and organizer for the AORN Perioperative Nursing Research Symposium (2023-present)

He has been

- a co-developer for AORN's Research Priorities in Perioperative Nursing 2023-2028 (2022)
- a member of the AORN New York City Board of Directors (2024-2025)
- AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo educational presenter, "Bundle Up: Implementing an Evidence-Based Pressure Injury Prevention Bundle in the OR" (2025)
- AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo educational presenter, "The Journey to Excellence in Surgical Safety" (2024)

In other leadership roles, Talatala is

- a member of the American Nurses Association (2020-present)
- a nurse leader member of the Sigma Theta Tau International - Honor Society of Nursing (2016-present)
- a member of New York State Nurses Association (2022-present)

- chair of the NYC Health and Hospitals/Bellevue's Nursing Research, Evidence-Based Practice, and Innovations Council (2024-present)
- chair of the NYC Health and Hospitals/Bellevue's Nursing Policy and Procedure Committee (2024-present)

He has been

- president of the Operating Room Nurses Association of the Philippines - Northern Mindanao Chapter (2016-2017)

In his community, Talatala has been

- a volunteer scrub and circulating nurse for World Surgical Foundation - Pediatric Surgical Mission (2017-2018)
- a volunteer scrub and circulating nurse for AXELUM Surgical Mission (2016-2018)
- an event organizer for the Philippine Society of General Surgeons' Pink Run for Breast Cancer (2016-2018)
- a volunteer scrub and circulating nurse for the Philippine Society of General Surgeons Surgical Mission (2016-2017)
- a volunteer scrub and circulating nurse for the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society Surgical Mission (2016)

## ELECTION STATEMENT

I am honored to seek a position on AORN's Nominating Committee, grounded in the belief that the future of perioperative nursing depends on bold, inclusive, and visionary leadership. The leaders we choose today will shape the direction of perioperative practice and advocacy for years to come. I am committed to identifying and supporting candidates who will light that path forward.

With extensive experience in both clinical practice and educational leadership, I bring a unique perspective to the vital task of selecting leaders who will represent all AORN members, elevate our collective voice, and advance the profession. I am dedicated to finding individuals who embody innovation, equity, and meaningful impact.

Throughout my career, I have led initiatives that improved patient safety, advanced health equity, and strengthened perioperative standards. At NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County, I led our team to become the first in New York City to earn AORN's Center of Excellence in Surgical Safety: Prevention of RSI designation. From reducing preventable injuries in a resource-limited Philippine hospital to leading large-scale safety projects in New York, I have consistently demonstrated the ability to unite teams, influence change, and deliver results even in the most challenging environments.

For me, leadership means empowering nurses to rise higher than they imagined. As the first AORN Fellow from New York State and a proud Filipino American, I am committed to fostering inclusion, mentoring future leaders, and amplifying diverse voices.

I humbly ask for your vote. Together, we will ignite a future of innovation, diversity, and excellence!