

2025-2026 Committees and Task Forces
(7/14/25)

Award for Excellence Selection Panel

Chair:

Joy Don Baker, PhD, RN, CNOR(E), CNE, FAORN, FAAN

Members:

Paula Graling, DNP, RN, CSN, CNOR, NEA-BC, FAAN

Cassandra Munro, PhD, BS, RN, CNOR, FAORN, FAAN

Joan Spear, MBA, RN, CNOR(E), CRCST

Cynthia Spry, MA, MSN, RN

Doreen Wagner, PhD, RN, CNOR, FAORN, FAAN

Joshua Wymer, DNP, RN, CNOR, CSSM(E), NEA-BC, CHCIO, CDH-E, FACHE, FAAN

Staff Liaisons:

Crystal Fuentes

Renaë Battié, MN, RN, CNOR, FAAN

Initiatives:

1. Score the Award for Excellence applications.
2. Review scoring rubric and revise, as needed.

Awards Committee

Chair:

Amy Brunson, MSN, RN, CNOR, NE-BC

Chair-elect:

Jennifer Davis, DNP, MBA, MSN, MPH, RN, NE-BC, CEN

Members:

Jean Franks, MBA-HM, BSN, RN, CRNFA, CNOR(E)

Charito Mapatac, BSN, RN, CNOR

Barbara Nalley, MSN, RN, ANP-BC, NP-C, CNOR

Peris Speek, MHA, BSN, RN, CNOR

Mariela Torres-Montesino, DNS, MSN-OHN, BSN, RN

Sarah Weir, JM, BSN, RN, CNOR, CRCST

Board Liaison:

David Reinhart, DNP, MBA, RN, CNOR, FAAN

Staff Liaison:

Crystal Fuentes

Renaë Battie, MN, RN, CNOR, FAAN

Purpose:

Promote excellence in perioperative nursing through recognition of individual members and groups (i.e. chapters) who have demonstrated distinction in service.

Initiatives:

1. Review and assess current awards to determine if the categories are still relevant, the online award application process, and the scoring mechanism and provide recommendations for change to the Board, including the dates applications open.

2. Promote Individual Awards Process in Periop Today, Outpatient Surgery Magazine and on AORN Facebook to increase awareness / participation.
3. Promote Chapter Awards Process in coordination with Senior Manager of Chapter & State Relations
4. Score Chapter Award submissions and select recipients.
5. Develop and implement a scoring tool for a new award: The Barba Edwards Innovation Award, to be awarded in 2026.

Clinical Nursing Practice Committee

Chair:

Christina Alvarado, BSN, RN, CNOR

Chair-elect:

Julie Cahn, DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, CNS-CP, NPD-BC, CNOR, FAORN

Members:

Sydney Boyd, MSN, RN, CNOR

Regina Hayford, MSN-ADM, MPH, RN, CNOR

Katey Nguyen, BSN, RN, NPD-BC

Kay Smith, BSN, BA, RN, CNOR

Tanna Smith, MSN, RN, CNOR

Theodore Walker, APRN, A-CNS, CNOR, NPD-BC, CPPS

Board Liaison:

Nikki Washington, MSN, MBA-HCM, RN, CNOR, CSSM

Staff Liaisons:

Zach Swartz, RN, CNOR

Rena Wright, DNP, RN, CNOR

Purpose:

Review new and existing clinical nursing practice issues and develop strategies to assist perioperative nurses to implement successful practices.

Initiatives:

1. Update the Emergency Preparedness Tool Kit.
2. Record a webinar or an introductory video that could be used with the tool kit.
3. Revise the AORN Position Statement on Preventing Wrong-Patient, Wrong-Site, Wrong-Procedure Events.

Continuing Education Approval Committee

Degree required: Must have BSN or MSN or higher to apply

Chair:

Leslie Petruzzelli, DNP, MBA, RN, CNOR, NE-BC

Chair-elect:

Lasandra Brown, PhD, MBA, RN, CNOR, NPD-BC

Members:

Lynn Belsanti, RN, BSN, MST

Jill Cohen, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Jacqueline Craig, MSN, RN, CNOR

Karen Elliott, MSN, BS, RN, CNOR, CSPDT
Sharon Ford, MSN, RN, CNOR
Greg Jeter, RN, CNOR, CNAMB, CAPA
Linda J. Kirkland, DNP, RN, CNOR
Morgan Knowles, MSN, RN, CNOR
Cindy Myers, MSN-Ed, RN, CNOR, NPD-BC
Jeffrey Oliver, MSN, RN, CCNS, CNOR
Katie Pharr, BSN, RN, CNOR
Magdalena Sayed, MSN, RN-BC, CNOR
Erin Schnautz, MSN, RN, CNOR

Board Liaison:

Leigh Anne Bartlett, MSN, RN, CNOR

Staff Liaison:

Colleen Becker, PhD, MSN, RN, CCRN-K

Melissa Kneisley

Administrative Support:

Becky Piper

Steve Geraths

Purpose:

Utilize a peer review process to review applications from constituents and non-constituents using the ANCC criteria.

Initiatives:

1. Peer review continuing nursing education applications from constituents and non-constituents using ANCC criteria.
2. Using ANCC criteria, provide feedback to applicants in a timely manner.
3. Provide customer support regarding the approval process.
4. Identify and suggest topics to AORN staff for webinars and to the AORN Journal from topics being requested.
5. Educate membership on the AORN CEU approval process; provide a roadmap to successful submission to encourage more uptake, ideas include (not limited to) webinars, checklist, short videos etc.
6. Conduct a review of the performance improvement activities and make revisions in processes as appropriate.
 - a. Evaluate the effectiveness of the overall approval unit.
 - o Consumers (i.e. applicants)
 - o CEAC Members (aka nurse peer reviewers)-inter rater reliability
 - o Nurses attending an approved activity
 - b. Evaluate user feedback for the online application
 - c. Incorporate changes to the ANCC criteria to the application process, as required.

Fellowship Selection Committee

Must be a FAORN.

Chair:

Charlotte Guglielmi, MA,BSN,RN,CNOR,FAORN

Chair-elect:

Jennifer Fencl, DNP, RN, CNOR, FAORN

Members:

Donna Doyle, DNP, RN, CNOR, NE-BC, FAORN

Holly Ervine, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, NPD-BC, CNOR, FAORN

Katherine Halverson-Carpenter, MBA, BSN, RN, CNOR, FAORN

Kathryn Schroeter, PhD, MA, MS, RN, CNOR, FAORN

Sharon Van Wicklin, PhD, RN, CNOR, CRNFA(E), CPSN-R, FAORN, FAAN

Board Liaison:

Laura A. Gayton, MHCA, BSN, RN, CNOR, CSSM

Staff Liaisons:

Hannah Campbell

Lisa Spruce, DNP, RN, CNS-CP, CNOR, ACNS, ACNP, FAAN

Purpose:

Identify and select members as AORN Fellows.

Initiatives:

1. Develop an education module for website as reference for AORN members and sponsors on the Fellowship process
2. Promote the AORN Fellowship in AORN communication and media channels
3. Monitor and evaluate the selection process for the 2026 FAORN class
4. Make recommendations for modifications to the process, as appropriate
5. Make recommendations to the Board for modifications to the application qualifications.
6. Make recommendations on the website based on feedback and committee insight to include at minimum
 - o Education criteria
 - o License number and state
 - o Resolve character count issues either with changes to website or added clarity to the instructions
7. Propose Expo program regarding the FAORN process.

Global Relations Committee

Chair:

Cassie Scott, BSN, RN

Chair-Elect:

Appt chair-elect in 2026-27 committee year

Members:

Kathryn "Katy" Franklin, PhD, RN, CNOR, CSSM

Jaimeson Hatch, MSN, RN, CNOR

Anne Marie Herlehy, DNP, RN, CNOR

Lillian Nicolette, MSN, RN, CNOR

Armi Tuazon, BSN, RN, CNOR

International Members:

Emmanuel Adesina, RN

Cristina Agosto, PhD

Esther Espuñes, RN

Melan Nurhayati, RN

Erna Roos, RN

Board Liaisons:

Darlene Murdock, MSN, BBA, RN, CNOR, CSSM

David Reinhart, DNP, MBA, RN, CNOR

Staff Liaison:

Colleen Becker, PhD, MSN, RN, CCRN-K

Administrative Support:

Steve Geraths

Purpose:

In collaboration with international colleagues, identify potential education sessions for a global education track at AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2026.

Initiatives:

1. Review needs assessments of international participants and members
 - a. Discuss “hot” international topics and feedback from 2025 attendees .
 - b. Recommend speakers for global track who will represent the 2025-26 theme.
 - c. Review proposals submitted by international attendees.
 - d. Ensure two clinical practice areas are addressed, i.e. exploring the use of checklists, cultures of safety, or other important issues.
2. Members attending the conference to serve as hosts and moderators for the global track sessions.
3. Provide any feedback from global attendees through an electronic survey following the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo conclude.
4. Encourage members from outside the U.S. who attend Expo to participate in the business of the association by voting for elected leaders, attending the Forums, and voting in the House of Delegates.

Global Surgical Conference Education Committee

Chair:

Elizabeth Williams, MSN, RN, CNOR

Chair-elect:

Hannah Shufeldt, DNP, MSHCM, RN, CNOR

Members:

Tanika Johnson, BSN, RN, CNOR

Molly Kucera, MBA, BSN, CNOR, CNAMB(E)

Sheena Maddox, BSN, RN

Johnson Ogundare, DNP, MPH, RN, CNOR

Faye Ong, MSN, RN, CNOR, CNAMB

Mary Owen, MSN, BSN, RN, CNOR

Nicole Polsgrove, BSN, RN

Rodolfo Relano, Jr., MA, RN, CNOR

Ma Barbara Charmaine Ricardo, DNP, MBA-HM, BSN, RN, CNOR, CNAMB

Khaleela Umheni, MSN, RN, CNOR, NE-BC

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Jessica Elliott, RN, BSN, CST, FAST

Board Liaisons:

Darlene Murdock, MSN, BBA, RN, CNOR, CSSM

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Staff Liaisons:

Colleen Becker, PhD, MSN, RN, CCRN-K

Administrative Support:

Steve Geraths

Purpose:

To serve in an advisory capacity to the AORN staff when planning educational programs for the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo.

Initiatives:

1. Evaluate the need to revise and revamp proposal review/evaluation process to streamline the process for committee members, revise as needed.
2. Review education needs assessment and feedback from education sessions held in 2025.
3. Identify key categories of desired/requested content from needs assessment.
4. Achieve goal of 25% of first-time presenters for Expo program (TBD after Expo 2025 evaluation review).
5. Collaborate with marketing to develop a plan to encourage members to submit Research, DEI, Innovation, Clinical & Process Improvement, poster and podium abstracts for the 2026 AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo.
6. Provide feedback regarding poster abstracts by evaluating their alignment to the AORN Mission, Vision, Values, and "AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice".
7. Utilize the poster evaluation tool to select the Outstanding Clinical, Research, Innovation, Improvement/Innovation, and DEI submitted for the 2026 AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo.

Guidelines Advisory Board

Degree required: Masters prepared (work with staff liaison on appts)

Chair:

Shannon Holley, MSN, RN, CNOR

Chair-elect:

Sara Angelilli, DNP, MS, RN, CNOR, NPD-BC, NE-BC

Members:

Lisa Berus, MSN, MEd, RN, CAIP, CASSPT, CNAMB

Dave Calubaquib, DNP, MBA, RN, CNOR, CNAMB, CSSM, CPAN, CV-BC

Geraldine Clark-Hall, RN, DNP, MSN, BSN, CNOR, CSSM

Linda Connelly, PhD, DNP, MSH, CNS, ARNP, CNOR

Mary Alice Miner, PhD, RN, CNOR

Debbie Reeves, MS, BSN, RN, CNOR

Public Member:

Jim Padilla, JD

Association Liaisons:

Frankie Catalfumo, MPH, CIC, CRCST

(APIC)

Rebecca Choudhury, MD

(SHEA)

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AHVAP

Ross Goldberg, MD, FACS

(ACS)

Yvette Martin-McGrew, MD, PhD (ASA)
Brett Morgan, DNP, CRNA, FAAN (AANA)
Jon Wood, MBA, CST, CRCST (HSPA)

Alternate Association Liaison:

Brian J. Cammarata, MD (ASA)
Valerie Deloney, MBA (SHEA)
Shayne Hauglum, PhD, APRN, CRNA (AANA)
Tonya Wagner, BSN, RN, CAIP (APIC)

Board Liaison:

Brenda G. Larkin, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CNS-CP, CSSM, CNOR, FAORN

Staff Liaisons:

Erin Kyle, DNP, RN, CNOR, NE-BC
Lisa Spruce, DNP, RN, CNS-CP, CNOR, ACNS, ACNP, FAAN

Purpose:

Reviewing, obtaining and providing input, and arriving at consensus on relevant, evidence-based Guidelines for Perioperative Practice.

Initiatives:

1. Review and critique draft documents, provide input, review public comments, and arrive at consensus on the following Guidelines:
 - Guideline for Autologous Tissue
 - Guideline for Instrument Cleaning
 - Guideline for Laser Safety
 - Guideline for Care of the Patient Receiving Local-Only Anesthesia
 - Guideline for Electrosurgical Safety
 - Guideline for Environmental Cleaning
 - Guideline for Specimen Management
 - Guideline for Artificial Intelligence in Periop

National Committee on Education

Chair:

Cherie Crumpler, MSN, RN, CNOR, NPD-BC

Chair-elect:

Jan Patrick Arrieta, MAN, RN, DRDM, CNOR, CNAMB, CNE, NPD-BC, NE-BC

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Danielle Quintana, PhD, MSN-Ed, RN, CNOR(E)
Alicia Tabiri, MSN, BSN, RN, CNOR
Katelynn Vaughan, BSN, RN, CNOR

Board Liaison:

Daphny Peneza, MSN, RN, CNOR, CSSM, FAORN

Staff Liaison:

Kristyn Seeman

Purpose:

Develop educational materials to meet the needs of AORN members.

Initiatives:

1. Develop a Toolkit on the Introduction to Being a Change Agent.
2. Revise the AORN Position Statement on Value of Clinical Learning Activities in the Perioperative Setting in Undergraduate Nursing Curricula.
3. Revise the AORN Position Statement on Value of Perioperative Nurse Educator

National Legislative Forum

No champions -- Members will be utilized based on states where legislative action is taking place.

Board Liaisons:

- April 2025 – No call
- May 2025 – David Reinhart
- June 2025 – Laura Gayton
- July 2025 – Leigh Anne Bartlett
- August 2025 – Charlie Lin
- September 2025 – Brenda Larkin
- October 2025 – Daphny Peneza
- November 2025 – Rebecca Vortman
- December 2025 – JD Buchert
- January 2026 – No call
- February 2026 – Debra Callendar
- March 20256 – Jamie Ridout

Staff Liaison:

Jennifer Pennock

Purpose:

This group is a membership assembly convened via monthly conference call by AORN Government Affairs staff to coordinate and support AORN’s health policy initiatives. The National Legislative Forum is open to all AORN members with an interest in health policy and legislative affairs.

Initiatives:

1. Health Equity
Improving surgical outcomes requires promoting equitable frameworks for care delivery and institutional investment in the safety and well-being of all patients. AORN urges extraordinary action to curb and eliminate all disparities in health care delivery and ensure appropriate health care for all, including transition-related care and unrestricted access to reproductive health care.
2. Public Health
AORN encourages funding and support for public health initiatives including viral testing, vaccine mandates, PPE availability, and public health precautions and investment related to communicable disease and the mental health of all health care providers.
AORN supports improved access to mental health services and meaningful legislation and regulatory efforts to address the public health crisis caused by gun violence.
3. Surgical Smoke Evacuation
AORN leads efforts to enact laws requiring facilities to adopt and implement policies addressing evacuation of surgical smoke for all smoke-generating procedures to prevent ongoing exposure

to the hazardous carcinogenic and mutagenic cells contained in surgical smoke and to ensure the health and safety of all surgical team members.

4. Perioperative Safety and Practice Support

AORN advises and collaborates with regulatory and standard setting bodies to ensure access to essential PPE, public health readiness, and adequate mental health support and compensation for nursing services.

AORN encourages legislative and regulatory efforts to establish an accountable, trusting patient safety culture in the perioperative setting, including robust whistleblower protections for health care providers and mandatory reporting of safety incidences, such as surgical site infections and wrong site surgery. In addition to surgical smoke-free operating rooms, perioperative nurses deserve fatigue prevention resources, strong workplace violence protections, safe patient handling programs focused on injury prevention, and protections from prosecution for medication errors.

5. Perioperative Practice Issues

RN Circulator. AORN works to ensure every surgical patient has a dedicated perioperative registered nurse circulator for the duration of each operative and invasive procedure. Our team also actively promotes laws and regulations to ensure the supervisory presence of the perioperative RN in the perioperative setting.

RNFA. AORN supports the expanded role of the RNFA by actively working to achieve reimbursement parity for RNFAs. RNFAs work in collaboration with the entire surgical team to achieve optimal patient outcomes nationwide and yet private payer reimbursement is only guaranteed in 17 states.

Professional Practice. AORN protects the perioperative registered nurse's scope of practice and patient safety by engaging in legislative, regulatory, agency, and other stakeholder approaches to RN education, certification, supervision, roles, competencies, and duties.

Nursing Research Committee (COMPLETE)

Chair:

Cassandra Munro, PhD, BS, RN, CNOR, FAORN, FAAN

Chair-elect:

Richard Dorritie, PhD, RN, CNE, CNOR

Members:

Pamayla Darbyshire, DHA, MSN/CNS

Heather Kookier, DNP, MSN, RN, CNL, CNOR, CRNFA, CNMAP

Joy Lanfranchi, MSN, RN, CNOR

Curissa Moore, MSN, RN, CNOR

Selina Oriekhoe, PhD(c), MSN, RN, CNOR

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

Board Liaison:

Charlie Lin, MSN, APRN, NP-C, CRNFA, CNOR-PEDS, CNAMB

Staff Liaisons:

Emily H. Jones, PhD, RN, CNOR, EBP-C

Lisa Spruce, DNP, RN, CNS-CP, CNOR, ACNS, ACNP, FAAN

Purpose:

To serve as a resource and consultant to AORN regarding perioperative research

Initiatives:

1. Plan and execute an annual virtual research program focused on perioperative nursing.
 - a. Including presentations, posters and other methods to disseminate research and quality improvement projects.
2. Review:
 - a. And accept individual Research and Evidence Based abstracts for poster session at 2026 Expo.
 - b. and judge and determine “winners” for Research and Evidence Based posters at Expo 2026
3. Provide feedback regarding the 2025 AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo research poster abstracts by evaluating their alignment to the AORN Mission, Vision, Values, and “AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice”.
4. Propose a research abstract for EXPO on a topic of their choosing to highlight perioperative research.

Scholarship Committee

Please note: As a member of the Scholarship Committee, you are not eligible to apply for grants or scholarships from AORN.

Chair:

Ashley Bartholomew, BSN, RN, CNOR, ONC

Chair-elect:

Wendy Paszek, CNOR, RN

Members:

Mary-Kate Derby, BSN, RN, CNOR

Kharen Lantin, RN, CNOR

Oluponle Olubajo, MSN, RN, CNOR, CNML

Evangelina Rice, MSN-Ed, RN, CNOR, CST

Leanne Ruffner, BSN, RN, CNOR

Latisha Washington, MSN, RN, BS, NE-BC, CNOR

Board Liaison:

Debra Callendar, DNP, RN, CNOR, CSSM

Staff Liaison:

Wendy Sinnema

Administrative Support:

Katie Namenyi

Purpose:

Evaluate and identify qualified AORN Scholarship recipients.

Initiatives:

1. Review and score academic scholarship applications consistent with evaluation criteria matrix.
2. Review and score applications for Professional Development Grants, including:
 - a. CNOR/CSSM/CNAMB grants
 - b. Expo grants
3. Highlight current and past scholarship/grant recipients and their accomplishments (i.e., Periop Today, Outpatient Surgery Magazine, AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo, etc.)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion AORN Staff Committees

DEI Nursing Committee

Members:

Andrea Dyer, MSN, RN, CNOR
Joanne D. Muyco, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CNOR
Courtney Speziale, DNP, RN, CNOR

Staff Liaison:

Mary Anna McOwen

Initiatives:

1. Create education products, tool kits, policies, etc. that will have an impact addressing racism and discrimination towards perioperative nurses.

DEI Patient Committee

Members:

Allison Hayley DiGiacinto, BSN, RN, CNOR
Brian Patton, BSN, RN, CNOR, CST

Staff Liaison:

Beni Vega

Scope

The DEI Patient Committee scope is to Improve the care, experience, and outcomes for patients of color and LGBTQ+ patients.

Initiative:

2. The DEI Patient Committee initiatives are to Create repurpose, products, tool kits, etc. for perioperative nurses, that will have an impact addressing disparity of care for patients of color and LGBTQ+ patients.

ESG Committee

Members:

Laura Jensen, BSN, RN, CNOR
William "Paul" McMillen, RN, CNOR

Staff Liaison:

Jess Bohn

Initiative:

1. Devise an ESG Roadmap or guide to reduce paper use at facilities and chapter events. The ESG Roadmap may also include ways to volunteer or be involved in the community.

Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Co-Chairs:

Natalie Jones, DHA, MBA, BHSA, BSN, RN, CNOR
Joshua Wymer, DNP, RN, CNOR, CSSM(E), NEA-BC, CHCIO, CDH-E, FACHE, FAAN

Members:

Richard G. Kenny, MMCI, RN
M. Tracey Penaloza, MSN, RN, CNOR
Christopher Stuckey, PhD, RN, CNOR, CSSM, CNAMB, NEA-BC, FAORN
Doreen Wagner, PhD, RN, CNOR, FAORN, FAAN

Board Liaison:

Rebecca Vortman, DNP, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC

Staff Liaisons:

Renae Battié, MN, RN, CNOR, FAAN

Luke Jobman, MS, RN, NI-BC, CNOR

Purpose:

Guide perioperative nurses in utilizing artificial intelligence within the perioperative environment.

Initiative:

1. Develop a position statement on using artificial intelligence in the perioperative environment.
2. Write and submit a peer-review article on the use of artificial intelligence in the perioperative environment.

Chapter Engagement Task Force

Co-Chairs:

Holly Ervine, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, NPD-BC, CNOR, FAORN

Lisa Bailey, BSN, BS, RN, CNOR

Members:

Jay Bowers, BSN, RN, CNOR, TNCC

Vangie Dennis, MSN, RN, CNOR, CMLSO, FAORN

Brittany Folse, BSN, RN

Leah Goldberg, MSNe, RN, CNOR

Andrey Ibragimov, MSN, RN, CNOR

Ashlee Saunders, BSN, RN, CNOR

Johnny Torres, RN, CNOR

Board Liaison:

JD Buchert, MSN, M.Ed., MS, RN, CNOR, CPHQ

Staff Liaison:

Kerilyn Johnson

Mary Anna McOwen

Purpose:

Consider new models and prospects for members across the country to participate in member engagement opportunities such as networking and education.

Initiatives:

1. Explore new ways our members can participate in networking, education, and other engagement activities to expand perioperative nursing.
2. Discuss and suggest new models such as regional or state-based groups for initiative #1.
3. Recommend to the Board of Directors, by November 1, 2025, a new chapter model and ways for AORN to engage members.

Perioperative Explications for the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements Task Force

Chair:

Kathryn Schroeter, PhD, MA, MS, RN, CNOR, FAORN

Members:

Crystal Bricker, MSN, RN, CNOR

Stacey Godbout, BSN, CNOR

Beverly Kirchner, MSN, CNOR, CNAMB

Ruth Shumaker, MS, BSN, RN, CNOR

Board Liaison:

Jamie Ridout, MSN, MBA, RN, CNOR, CASC, NEA-BC

Staff Liaison:

Renaë Battié, MN, RN, CNOR, FAAN

Purpose:

Revise the implications of perioperative explications.

Initiatives:

1. Revise the current Perioperative Explications to be consistent with ANA's Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements.

RN First Assistant Task Force

Co-Chairs:

Karen Knapp, BSN, RN, CRNFA, CNOR

Bob Salsameda, MPA, MSN, RN, NP-C, CNOR, CRNFA

Members:

Nadine Cottle, BSN, RN, CNOR

Ruth MacGregor, MBA, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, CNOR

Heidi Nanavati, MSN, CRNP, CNOR

Elizabeth Williams, MSN, RN, CNOR

Board Liaison:

Laura A. Gayton, MHCA, BSN, RN, CNOR, CSSM

Staff Liaison:

Tammy Hanks

Initiatives:

1. Review AORN position statements and guidance on education and qualifications for RNFA practice in light of the current education and practice landscape. Make a recommendation to the board on whether AORN should:
 - a. Update its *Position Statement on RN First Assistant* to allow CNORs who later became CRNFAs to discontinue maintaining their CNOR by changing the qualification to practice from "CNOR" to "CNOR and/or CRNFA"; and/or
 - b. Update the AORN *Standards for RN First Assistant Education Programs Admissions Requirement* to accept either CNOR "or international equivalent as determined by the educational institution" in order to allow perioperative nurses from abroad to qualify for RNFA education programs in the U.S.

