



# Memberline

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## Chapter Officer Updates Requested

After each chapter holds its spring elections, **the chapter is required to send AORN updated officer information.** This is one of the Chapter Accountability Standards that chapters need meet to be "in good standing" with AORN. More importantly, I can't stress enough how crucial this information is in terms of our communication with each chapter. To make this process as easy as possible, we have provided three ways to send in this information. If you choose fax or mail, a form is attached to this newsletter:

### 1. Submit online at the Chapter Resource Center at this link:

<http://www.aorn.org/chapters/offupdate.asp>

or go to:

- a. [www.aorn.org](http://www.aorn.org);
- b. click on Chapter Resource Center under Member Groups Tab;
- c. click on Chapter Elections at left;
- d. click on Chapter Officer Update Form (in box at right)
- e. fill in your officer information and click submit at the bottom of the form.

### 2. Fax: (303) 755-3212 attn: Jeannie Cowser

### 3. Mail: AORN

2170 S. Parker Rd.  
Denver, CO 80231-5711  
Attn: Jeannie Cowser

## New Member Ambassador Incentives!

*The more new members you recruit,  
the more prizes you can win!*

**Help your professional association grow – gain special recognition – take advantage of special rewards. Here's how:**

- ✂ Recruit one member and receive the commemorative Member Ambassador **pin** (*one per Ambassador please*).
- ✂ Recruit two members and get an AORN-logo **sports bottle** with clear compartment for storing keys, money, etc.
- ✂ Recruit three members and receive an AORN-logo silver heart **keychain**.
- ✂ Recruit four members and receive an AORN-logo junior **padfolio**.
- ✂ Recruit five members and receive a stainless steel **travel mug**.
- ✂ Receive **Ambassador coupons** (\$5 toward AORN products) for the sixth and all subsequent members you recruit.
- ✂ **Quarterly awards:** For each quarter, AORN will reward the Ambassador who recruits the most new members. The winner will receive a coupon for \$50 good for the purchase of any AORN product. (Ties will be decided by random drawing.)
- ✂ **Premier Prize:** Ambassadors who recruit 10 or more members are eligible for a drawing for three years of AORN national membership.
- ✂ The **Top Recruiter** receives two coach roundtrip tickets to any domestic (U.S. 48/Canada/Alaska) destination served by United Airlines (subject to restrictions).
- ✂ **Chapter Awards:** At the end of the campaign, AORN will reward the chapter with the most new recruits through the Member Ambassador program. The winning chapter will receive \$200 for use at their chapter installation ceremony. One award will be given in each size category (small, medium, intermediate, large).

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## CHAPTER STATISTICS

**AS OF APRIL 30, 2002**

**Chapter Activity: 344 Chapters**

No chapters formed

No chapters disbanded

## Leadership Conference July 12-14, 2002

AORN mailed a Leadership Conference brochure to the home address of each Chapter President and president-elect on April 18<sup>th</sup>. For this year, AORN is offering free registration and hotel accommodations to one representative per chapter. To register, call Customer Service at (800) 755-2676 ext. 1. We look forward to seeing a representative from each chapter at this great event!

## **AORN Attends National Student Nurses Association Meeting, April 3-7, 2002**

The NSNA celebrated the Golden 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Embracing the Past/Envisioning the Future. Registration was 3,256 attendees consisting of students and faculty across the country. Speakers were impressive and included: Mary Foley, Sheila Burke, Afaf Melis, Stephanie Ferguson, and Diana J. Mason. There were numerous events that included Alumni Reunions, Celebration Parties, and various receptions.

Member Services exhibited at the conference and had a great response from student nurses who were considering perioperative nursing as a vocation or had already decided that the perioperative field was where they wanted to be. New for this year, Member Services had developed several display pieces for the exhibit specifically targeting students with membership benefit information including one piece that described the role of the perioperative nurse; many students are still unfamiliar with the term "perioperative." Member Services offered five free student memberships for any interested students, and 81 students entered the drawing. The winners were:

- ? Keith Brandis, Oneida, NY
- ? Jamie Burgess, Melbourne, FL
- ? Lara James, Nashville, TN
- ? Lisa Reno, Buena Park, CA
- ? Lakita Thrower, Rex, GA

The student reaction to the change in yearly student dues from \$50 to \$20 was overwhelmingly positive with many students saying they would now definitely join AORN, and as always, the students were excited to receive a copy of the *AORN Journal* at the exhibit booth. In addition, the Perioperative Course Directory on AORN Online was displayed with much interest from faculty.

In honor of the NSNA the city of Philadelphia, The Independence Foundation, 16 nursing alumni associations in the Philadelphia area, and the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau's Nursing Committee of the Greater Philadelphia Health Care Congress unveiled a nursing themed mural. It is located on the side of a three-story building that is very visible from the city and the highway. It is very stunning. In addition to creating the mural a group of area high school students were invited to attend a day of workshops at the NSNA convention. This was a prime opportunity for high school students to network with the various nursing students across the country. Each student was paired up with a mentor from the Philadelphia nursing community to help guide the students during the early stages of their careers.

A Blood Drive was conducted daily, with the goal of 85 pints per day. The American Red Cross presented an "Introduction to Disaster Course." It is a 4-hour course and at the completion the participant receives a certification card.

Donna Watson was requested to present on the clinical topic, "Moderate Sedation/ Analgesia." The two sessions on Saturday were well-attended by students and faculty.

## **Bylaws Update**

In next month's mailing, look for information on two new Bylaws changes that occurred this year in Anaheim. The AORN Executive Office is currently reviewing the changes to make sure the wording is correct, and these new Bylaws changes will be sent to you next month and will also be posted on the Chapter Resource Center on AORN Online.