President’s Message

November brings our annual celebration of Perioperative Nurses Week and the start of the holiday season. It is a time to give thanks for the gifts we have in our lives. One of my most cherished gifts is my profession and the friends and colleagues who have touched my life throughout my career. I challenge you to stop and take a minute to think about your career. You may be new to perioperative nursing or seasoned like many of us. When I think about my career, AORN always comes to mind.

As a member I have become connected to so many talented, dedicated nurses. My involvement in the chapter has had many benefits and everyone who knows me well stayed away from planning anything on the second Tuesday of the month because they knew I would be at the chapter meeting. For me, the passing of our long cold winters is eased by my excitement and preparation for Congress/Expo and I see this as a true sign of spring. Like the new beginning each spring brings, I come home inspired and refreshed from the learning, stronger from the networking and with more stories about time playing with friends from all over the world. As a consumer, AORN is an indispensable resource for guidelines, practice support, advocacy and education. As an elected leader, I have had the life-changing experiences of serving as AORN President at the local and national levels.

The healthcare system is changing, so too is the way we do our work and the way that we interact with our professional colleagues. We face these changes with mixed emotions, at times longing for our comfortable old ways and at other times challenged by the opportunities ahead. How exciting it is to be actively engaging in creating nursing’s preferred future in the new healthcare reality. While I miss my old Tuesday night routine in some ways, I love the thoughts of networking with friends and learning from the comfort of my home on cold winter nights. I have always believed in the value of our recommended practices but having the ability to access them from my desktop, provides me with an up to date reference not only to the guideline but also to the rated evidence that supports them.

There are numerous opportunities ahead for us. Within this newsletter you will find contact information about serving as a delegate for the 2016 Expo in Anaheim, running for chapter office or joining with us as we form a local volunteer network for Expo 2017 in Boston. Over the course of the winter we will hold two chapter meetings by webinar, the first in January with Dr. Victoria Steelman as our distinguished speaker and the second in February when AORN Vice President Callie Craig returns as our speaker.
As you think about Perioperative Nurses Week take every opportunity that you have to teach others about what you do each day. We have a responsibility to let the public know the value that nurses bring as advocates in ensuring that they remain safe while in surgery. Remember those who have touched your lives, perhaps you will consider honoring them with an appreciation gift or a memorial gift to the AORN Foundation. Next year we will celebrate the Foundation’s 25th birthday. If every one of the 40 thousand members of AORN gave one dollar a month imagine the scope of additional things we could do to “support the nurses who make surgery safer”. As I travel to other chapters and specialty assemblies I always challenge them to join our chapter as a sustaining donor offering a monthly gift. I do the same myself, have you thought about joining me?

Most importantly, take time for friends and family. Make time to be healthy. Remember those who are cherished friends and mentors. Give thanks for those who you may have lost this year especially the nurses who have touched you and your patients. Today, I along with my BIDMC colleagues, remember Kathie Allen, our friend, teacher and mentor who died after a very short illness this summer. I am sure that there is a Kathie in your circle of friends. Remember them with gratitude for the care they delivered. I hope that the passion that they ignited in a new generation of perioperative nurses has inspired them to pay it forward to the profession the way that Kathie and other like her have done.

Best wishes for the season ahead.

As you may know Expo 2017 will be held in Boston. In honor of the Foundation’s 25th Anniversary, the chapter has committed to donate photo guide(s) that we will produce which will highlight Boston and the many enjoyable activities that there are to experience in our city.

This guide will include up to $500.00 in gift cards to be used in the city. If you would like to help grow our gift please purchase a gift card and send it and a copy of the receipt to us. We will ensure that all gifts are recognized as part of the donation. Think of things that members might want to do. Eating establishments, tour, anything that you enjoy in our city.

Mail you donations to
Charlotte Guglielmi
153 Kendrick Ave
Quincy MA 02169
### Volunteers Needed for a Research Study

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The purpose of this study is to describe the experiences of novice perioperative nurses during the first year of practice in the operating room. Qualified candidates will be asked to participate in a focus group with 4 to 6 other nurses. The focus group session will last 60 minutes.

There are no known risks associated with this study.

Participants will receive a $10 gift card for participating in the focus group.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact Kim Wheeler at:

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### Treasurer’s Report

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**Deposits:**
- Membership: $400.00
- CEC: $ -
- Exhibitors: $ -
- Board: $520.00

**Total Deposits:** $1,920.00

**Expenses:**
- Membership: $ -
- Board: $2,000.00
- CEC: $785.80
- Printing: $65.19
- Labels: $ -
- Post Office: $121.00
- Bank Charges: $ -

**Total Expenses:** $3,999.79

**Bank Ending Balance:** $7,681.32

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### Fall 2015 Compliance Report

The Board of Directors is pleased to report that we have met all of our regulatory filing deadlines for 2015:

- Federal Taxes for Year Ending June 30, 2015 were filed in August. The confirmation of filing has been forwarded to HQ. A copy is in our OR Nurse Link Board Resource file.
- Annual Report of Corporations in Massachusetts was filed with the Secretary of State in October. Notification of the filing has been forwarded to HQ, and a copy of the Annual Report has been filed in the Nurse Link site.
- Liability Protection Policy for the Board of Directors has been renewed. An electronic copy of the policy will be filed in the OR Nurse Link Site.

Charlotte Guglielmi
President

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### Around the Chapter

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Chapter meeting summary for newsletter:

Jennifer Bragdon, Mass Chapter 1 Vice President, called the chapter meeting to order at 6:10 PM by welcoming members. The Agenda was accepted and there were no conflicts of interest to report.

The Secretary’s Report/Chapter Meeting Minutes are published in the Chapter Newsletter and were accepted as such.

Treasurer’s Report and the Chapter Budget, which was approved by the Board of Directors (BOD), were posted for review and discussion and then accepted as published.

The Nominating Committee has had no recent meeting activity on which to report. Jennifer did share the BOD’s support for the continuation of the newly revised Chapter Scholarship Program. The Preceptor Award was a success and was awarded at last May’s Annual Banquet.

CEC Update: Deb Savage has volunteered/agreed to serve as the Chair of the CEC - thank you!

Upcoming chapter education opportunities:
- Sat., November 7 - Combined Fall Workshop at University of Lowell Inn and Conference Center; fliers available here and on the chapter web site
- November 10 - webinar with Martha Stratton, AORN National President Elect
- December - no meeting
- January & February - webinars in planning stages

Expo Update: Donna Amado, as the Volunteer Coordinator (VC) for Expo Boston 2017, reported on the role and upcoming needs. Donna had an informational phone call with AORN National to learn some of the VC role’s responsibilities; she will also attend formal and informal orientation to the VC role while attending Expo 2016 in Anaheim, CA. Some initial considerations include the need to identify and recruit approximately 150 New England based members as volunteers in Boston. The volunteers usually serve for one day of Expo and aid attendees to navigate the Expo environment, finding locations, meeting rooms, local food etc. There will be associated expenses as the host-chapter for Expo so one early charge will be fundraising ideas and help to oversee these projects. Fundraising will include a chapter table at 2016 in Anaheim - looking for Boston-specific ideas and someone to champion these projects. Additionally to think about early is what “identifier” do we want to represent the Boston Expo volunteers? Over the years Congress/Expo volunteers have worn the same bright, easily-identifiable scarf, hat, or shirt.

Donna will be reaching out to all New England AORN chapters to raise committed volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or have fundraising ideas and/or connections, please e-mail Donna Amado at:

AmadoDRN@comcast.net

Lastly, Kim Wheeler, Mass Chapter 1 member, is a Regis College doctoral student and is looking for perioperative RN volunteers who have been in perioperative nursing for less than 18 months. Her research is related to transition experience to perioperative nursing.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Amado, MSN, RN, CNOR
Recording Secretary
Call for Nominations for AORN Mass Chapter I

2016-2017

President-1
Vice President-1
Board of Directors-2
Nominating Committee-2

Go to our website for applications Aornmachapter1.wordpress.com
Update from the AORN Board of Directors
October 2015
Jay Bowers AORN BOD

Tick-Tock - Expo Registration Opening Soon:
Expo registration should open later in October
- be sure to watch for dates in Periop Insider.

South Dakota Confirms Circulator Requirement:
South Dakota puts patient safety first. Update to regulations
concerning facility licensing elevate South Dakota to one of
the 24 states that have strong laws or regulations regarding
the use of RN circulators, and one of over 30 states that ad-
dress the role of circulating nurses.

New HVAC Standard Collaboration:
Health care associations (including AORN) and the medical
device manufacturing community will develop uniform HVAC
standard and guidelines for the OR, SPD, and endoscope pro-
cedure rooms. Ramona Conner, MSN, RN, CNOR is the
AORN representative to this task force.

Volunteer Sought:
The AORN Scholarship Committee is seeking a volunteer (10-
15 hours) who is excited to support professional and academic
development.

Contact Lisa Wyant at AORN HQ for more info.

AORN Foundation:
The AORN Foundation recently awarded $140,000 in scholar-
ships! Donating to the Foundation has an impact on so many
deserving nurses - your dollars make a difference!

AORN Volunteer Leadership Academy
The AORN Volunteer Leadership Academy has been sched-
uled for May 20-21, 2016 in Denver.

Position Statement and Guideline Open for Public Comment
Please go to the AORN Website and review/comment on the
following:

Prevention of Perioperative Pressure Ulcers - open for
comment until October 31, 2015

Guideline for Processing Flexible Endoscopes - open for
comment from October 19-November 22, 20015

Coming Soon!! AORN’s New Website - Look for an an-
nouncement in Periop Insider and Social Media Sites!!!

Guideline Implementation Workshops Continue
October 24, 2015 Philadelphia, PA
November 7, 2015 Chicago, IL
November 14, 2015 Atlanta, GA

Ambulatory Administrator Skills Course
November 4 - 6, 2015 Denver, CO (at AORN Headquarters)
## Proposed By-Laws Change: Size of the Nominating Committee

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| **Section 3.11** <br>Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors by Members <br>(1) Nominating Committee.  <br>A. The Nominating Committee consists of at least five (5) voting members. Two (2) members are elected in the even numbered years and three (3) in the odd numbered years, each serving for a term of two (2) years.  <br>B. The immediate past President will automatically become a non-voting member of the Nominating Committee following his/her term of office as President. | **Section 3.11** <br>Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors by Members <br>(1) Nominating Committee.  <br>A. The Nominating Committee consists of at least three (3) voting members. One (1) member is elected in the even numbered years and two (2) in the odd numbered years, each serving for a term of two (2) years.  <br>B. The immediate past President will automatically become a non-voting member of the Nominating Committee following his/her term of office as President. | Previous by-laws revisions have resulted in downsizing the membership of the Board of Directors to more accurately reflect the work of the chapter. The Nominating Committee was not resized in that process.  
It has been determined a 3 member Nominating Committee more accurately reflects the needs of the chapter. Over the last several years it has been difficult to recruit members to fill five positions; therefore, they have been filled by appointment or have remained vacant.  
The proposed change will more accurately meet the needs of the chapter. |

AORN Mass Chapter I Inc.  
Proposed Bylaw Updates
Donna Amado Named as AORN Expo 2017 Volunteer Coordinator

It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Donna as the Volunteer Coordinator for the 2017 AORN Expo in Boston, April 1 – 6, 2017. Boston was the host of the 3rd National Meeting of OR Nurses in 1956. In 1957 the national meeting became known as the AORN Congress and Boston was the host city for the 1968 Congress. We will need to recruit 100 – 150 local volunteers. We are in the early stages of organizing a coalition of AORN leaders from all of New England to help Donna get started. Watch for updates that will be coming soon.

Future Conference Dates

Plan to attend Surgical Conference & Expo for a year in advance.

Plan ahead and make this a yearly trip to rejoice in your profession, earn contact hours, and learn more about perioperative nursing.

AORN’s future Conference dates and locations will be:

April 1-6, 2017
Boston, MA