



South Bay AORN News

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Presidential Pronouncements

By Monique Eriksen, President

Greetings!

Each new year brings the opportunity to evaluate progress and set new goals, both personally and professionally. A goal that I have in mind for the South Bay chapter is to see more people at our monthly meetings. We have great speakers, the price is right (**FREE**) and participants can earn continuing education credit. Furthermore, the other attendees have an interest in perioperative nursing and face many of the same challenges that each of you face, so networking opportunities abound. We welcome anyone with an interest in perioperative nursing care - membership is not required to attend the educational program.

This month's speaker is Brant Putnam, MD from Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He will share valuable information on the care of the trauma patient. Dr Putnam spoke at our chapter meeting a couple of years ago and the response was enthusiastic, so we were very happy when he agreed to speak again. In coming months we will have a speaker on legal issues and are searching for one additional speaker for an upcoming meeting, so if you have any suggestions, please let me know.

AORN Congress is coming up soon - March 11-15 in Orlando, FL. The theme is "Promoting Our Practice, Protecting Our Patient, Preserving Our Future." Our chapter will be represented by three delegates who will participate in the selection of national officers, attend business meetings of the organization, and have the opportunity to attend lots of educational sessions and exhibits. Please visit the AORN webpage at www.aorn.org for more information on Congress activities and registration. AORN Congress is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about perioperative nursing!

Here is wishing all of you a wonderful new year! May you keep all your resolutions and stay healthy and happy! 🌴

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS!

Please review the revised policies and bylaws for the South Bay chapter (on our web site at www.geocities.com/perioperativerns). Questions or comments, please call the president, Monique Eriksen, at 310-222-8299 or e-mail her at meriksen@ladhs.org. If anyone prefers a copy sent via standard mail, please let Monique know. To save chapter funds, we are not printing and mailing these to each member.

A vote to accept these bylaws is scheduled for the March 27 chapter meeting at 6:15 p.m., prior to the speaker.

Note the chapter bylaws must be consistent with those of national AORN, so Articles II, III, X, and XI cannot be amended and must be adopted by the chapter as stated. Other sections of the bylaws may be amended to meet the needs of our chapter.

The ***AORN Policy Manual*** which contains descriptions of the duties of officers, board of directors, committees, and delegates, and the ***South Bay Chapter Bylaws*** are accessible on our web site - www.geocities.com/perioperativerns.

November 28, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

By Monique Eriksen, President

Call to Order by Monique Eriksen on November 28, 2006 at 1730.

Present: Monique Eriksen, Lillia Stuart, Aileen Almazan, Sherry Jenkins, Barbara Maddox (late) - no quorum.

President reported current membership as of November 28, 2006 is 74 members.

Treasurer's Report: Total \$ 4905.32

Unfinished Business: The chapter is eligible to seat three delegates (chapter president plus two). Monique Eriksen will plan to attend as President/Delegate Chair. Barbara Maddox, Lillia Stuart, and Sherry Jenkins expressed interest in attending and serving as delegates, with Sherry agreeing to serve as Alternate Delegate. Registration is \$445 per person.

New Business: Monique Eriksen has been working on a draft of changes to the Chapter Bylaws, necessitated by decreasing membership and a smaller board. Example: the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were combined. The Chapter Policy Manual is also being reviewed. Unfortunately, no electronic files for these previous documents have been located, so require typing from scratch. Monique Eriksen will check with Mary Ritchie to see if these draft documents can be posted on the chapter web site for review by members. Posting is required 30 days prior to a chapter meeting when voting to approve Bylaws will take place. Discussion on the various committees ended with deletion of the Hospitality Committee, as some of the role could be integrated into other committees.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and the educational program began.

Bassam Omari, MD discussed "Chest Trauma." The program objectives included the diagnosis and management of penetrating and blunt thoracic trauma, indications for performing a thoracotomy in the Emergency Department, mechanism of injuries that may result in cardiac tamponade and thoracic aortic rupture, and indications for cardiopulmonary bypass in the trauma patient. This presentation was very interesting and informative. 🌴

"Legislative Issues Facing Nursing"

Erin McKeon, B.A., Associate Director Government Affairs, American Nurses Association

Monday, March 12, 2007

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ORNCC's Luncheon at the Orlando AORN Congress at the Peabody Hotel (across from the convention center)

Objectives:

At the end of this presentation, the attendee will be able to discuss:

1. The impact of the 2006 elections on Congress' health care agenda
2. ANA's legislative agenda for the 110th Congress
3. Current legislative threats to the scope of practice of registered nurses
4. Public policy tools available to registered nurses
5. How to establish an effective relationship with your members of Congress

The cost for this luncheon is \$45 prior to February 26, 2007 and \$55 after February 26, 2007

Vegetarian entrée available on request.

To register for this event, please complete the following:

Send information (name, address, city, state, zip, phone, e-mail, BRN license number) and check (made payable to ORNCC) to: Judy Righetti, 1719 La Caida Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95409
righetti@pacbell.net

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

6 p.m. Business Meeting and Registration

6:15 p.m. Announcements

1.5 free contact hours (BRN # 11117)

South Bay AORN presents:

"Management of the Multi-system Trauma Patient"

Brant Putnam, MD

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Content will include prioritization of care and case presentations.

Brant Putnam, MD

Assistant Chief, Trauma and Critical Care Services, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Assistant Professor of Surgery, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Dr. Brant Putnam is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the UCLA School of Medicine, and a member of the Division of Trauma and Critical Care at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Putnam attended UCLA as an undergraduate, graduating with honors with a degree in Biochemistry. He received his medical education at Georgetown University School of Medicine, where he was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha. He completed his residency in general surgery at Albany Medical College in New York, and his fellowship at the highly regarded University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center where he was recognized for his outstanding clinical and surgical skills. He is boarded in General Surgery and Critical Care. He began his academic career on faculty in Albany after completing his fellowship, and within a year was awarded Faculty Teacher of the Year. Dr. Putnam was recruited to our faculty in 2003, and in his first full year on staff, was awarded Faculty Teacher of the Year by our residents. Dr. Putnam's research interests include resuscitation endpoints in trauma, use of recombinant Factor VIIa in traumatic coagulopathy, and hemoglobin-based oxygen carrying molecules. Outside of work, Dr. Putnam enjoys mountain biking, snow-skiing, and spending time with his wife, who is a head and neck surgeon.



**Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Health Conference Center
3330 Lomita Blvd., Torrance**

Health Conference Center is adjacent to the West Parking Structure (Free Parking!)

www.torrancememorial.org/maphcc.htm for a map

RNs, STs, students, CRNAs, MDs, the public - everyone is welcome!

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Next meetings:
January 23
March 27



Invitation to Attend February 3, 2007 Council Meeting. All interested perioperative nurses are invited to attend.

December 14, 2006

Colleagues,

Our next ORNCC (Operating Room Nursing Council of California) meeting will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2007, in Ontario, California. This is an important meeting as we need to discuss the Congress luncheon and possibly a pin for Congress 2008 in Anaheim. The 2008 Volunteer Coordinator is Jeanette Gavin. This year the focus of the ORNCC is on ideas to build our membership to ensure ORNCC's continued influence for future generations. Please bring your ideas for a discussion on ways to enhance our continued presence as a voice in the future of perioperative nursing.

We will hear about legislative and regulatory issues, both national and statewide; AORN updates and activities; exciting and innovative educational and collegial enterprises; and chapter fundraisers and educational offerings. Healthcare, nursing, and perioperative nursing issues will be discussed, so come to the meeting and bring a friend. It is a dynamic group and the discussions are always open and interesting. The agenda is available for your review along with registration information (www.orncc.org).

I look forward to seeing all of you February 3rd. Registration information is now available for the 2007 AORN Congress Luncheon, which will be held March 12th (www.orncc.org).

Sylvia Durrance, RN, MSN, CNOR
Chair, ORNCC

Date: February 3, 2007 10:00 -3:00
Location: Hilton Airport Hotel, Ontario, CA
Address: 700 North Haven Avenue, Ontario, CA Located 1.5 miles from Ontario International Airport.
Phone: 909-980-0400
Transport: Complimentary airport shuttle. Call hotel for pickup.
Cost & Lunch: \$40 before 1/29; \$45 after 1/29
Parking: Complimentary
Hotel Room: Rooms available-\$99/night mention ORNCC - 24-hour cancellation policy.
Mail Registration:
Make checks payable to ORNCC and mail to
Judy Righetti, 1719 La Caida Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95409 (707-539-2953) righetti@pacbell.net

Driving Instructions:
Take 10 Freeway to Airport Drive East and turn left on Haven Ave. Take a right onto Inland Empire Blvd. and a quick right turn into the hotel parking lot. 🌴

www.orncc.org is the web site for the Operating Room Nursing Council of California (ORNCC)