

September 15, 2020

Members present: include Norma Applewhite, Mark Appolonia, Andrea Barron, Kare Bhore, JD Buchert, Kristin Dvorzsak, Cavelle Frederick, Terri Goodman, Karen Hammett, Leah Love, Pamela McCrary, Joslin Swanfeldt, and Christina Tillotson.

Our September meeting was called to order at 1821 by Joslin Swanfeldt, president of Dallas AORN. The chapter officers, Board of Directors and Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 were introduced. Serving this year with Joslin are....

President Elect – JD Buchert

Vice President – Marc Appolonia

Secretary – Karen Hammett

Treasurer – Terri Goodman

Board of Directors: Kate Bhore, Jordan Burgess, Kathleen Dunphey, Kristin Dvorzsak, Cavelle Frederick, Sherah Jackson, Darleneya Robinson

Nominating Committee: Danny Heath, Michelle Palmore, Andres Pimental

Old business

- May minutes were approved as published. (JD Buchert/Terri Goodman)
- Discussion of the proposed DallasAORN Endowed Scholarship managed by the AORN Foundation (Terri Goodman). The AORN Foundation allows for chapters to endow a scholarship to support eChapter members who are advancing their academic preparation. The minimum endowment is \$25,000 and we have five years to endow the scholarship. There is not a quorum present this evening. Terri suggests sending \$5000 this year and holding fund-raising events yearly to raise the remainder of monies. Terri will send information to Joslin to begin an online discussion and ultimately an online vote opportunity for the entire chapter on this question.

New business

- The treasurer's report will be published on the website.
- The bylaws need to be reviewed and revised to reflect the change in the leadership structure that we have been piloting. Terri and JD will send a draft revision to Joslin. The officers and Board of Directors will discuss this at our next meeting and the proposed revisions to the bylaws will be published for member review and comment before the chapter votes to approve/reject the changes.

AORN news

- The Virtual OR Excellence 2020 conference is open from October 22 through November 20, 2020. This is FREE for AORN members! Live programming is October 22 and 23 and every Friday with on demand access for the entire month.
Leading Healthcare Teams in Turbulent Times starts 10/17/2020. Register online at aorn.org.

Like the rest of the world, AORN is moving to more online access for meetings and seminars.

- AORN is planning for an in-person Expo which can also be viewed virtually. The date is August 7-11, 2021. Registration opens in December 2020.
- On July 31, 2020, the House of Representatives passed a six-bill appropriations minibuss, a \$1.3 trillion dollar package with funding for public health, education and job training, housing, infrastructure, police reform, service members and climate change.
- Legislative – Health for Us (to help nursing community).
- Legislative – policy agenda for this year focuses on RN Circulator, Workplace Safety, Professional Practice, RN first assist role, and Health System improvements
- Guideline revisions continue this year

Open discussion from chapter members present in person and online:

- JD alerted us to the upcoming TCORN meeting in Austin. He also mentioned Nurses Week which will include zoom calls to speak with state representatives and continued efforts surrounding smoke evacuation bill. Contact JD for further information.

A big thanks for dinner provided by Special Ops Staffing.

Social distancing is being practiced at our meetings.

The business meeting of Dallas AORN concluded at 1850.

Submitted by Karen Hammett, secretary.

The educational presentation for the evening is provided by Morgan _____ from Ethicon.

Topic: Bleeding Management in Surgery CE Course:

To receive credit for the course and a certificate of attendance, follow these instructions:

1. From your phone, tablet, or computer, visit megayne-ce.com/
2. Enter required information and Course ID# e851d
3. Follow on-screen instructions to take course evaluation and receive your certificate.