

The September meeting was held at Denny's Restaurant, 8200 Northwest Boulevard, in Davenport. President Sue Goddard-Gerrald called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Sue introduced her guest – Gina State from Mississippi Valley Surgery Center. Welcome Gina.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the July meeting were included in the September newsletter. They were approved with one correction – it was the IRS application, not the accountability standards that were sent off.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance in checking is \$3,452.83, with \$91.21 in savings.

**Membership:** 44 members

**Legislative Report:** The Safe Staffing Act was introduced in the US Senate in May with no further action since introduction. It requires unit by unit staffing plans that are made available to the public.

The Florida governor has signed a nursing education bill requiring 30 contact hours over 2 years for license renewal. Nurses who hold either a CNOR or CRNFA certification will not need to meet the CEU requirement.

AORN Nurse Week will be held November 9-15. Sue will send letters to publications in the area. All facilities are encouraged to recognize their perioperative nursing staff.

The American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians (ASATT) are changing their certification process in 2015. After July 15, 2015, the technician level exam will be retired. Current certified technicians will not be grandfathered into the technologist level but may retain their technician status as long as education requirements are met. A formal 2 year degree will be required to sit for the technologist's degree.

**Fundraising:** We will proceed with the nut sales. Order forms will be distributed by October 6<sup>th</sup>, with orders due back to Sue Goddard-Gerrald by October 31. This should allow for delivery by November 17<sup>th</sup> and nuts can be distributed by Thanksgiving.

**Old Business:** We have not heard anything further on our request to have our tax exempt status reinstated. The application was sent in mid June and their response said to not expect results before 90 days. More to come in November.

As a reminder, AORN newsletters can be accessed on the Genesis website:

<http://www.genesishealth.com/services/surgery/aorn>. It will be included in the careers section.

**New Business:** Another reminder is that surgical tech week is next week. Please be sure to acknowledge your colleagues who fill this valuable role.

Sue reminded us of the benefits of OR nurse link on the AORN web site. It's a great forum to post questions and to interact with your perioperative colleagues.

**Education:** A big thank you to our speaker Mark Hanline from Ecolab, the surgical solutions division, who presented on inadvertent hypothermia.

Respectively Submitted

Becky Gluesing, Secretary/Treasurer

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>