



AORN

QC Chapter
1408

May 2012

•Officers

- President: Christie Coverdill
- Pres Elect : Becky Gluesing
- VP : Julie Nevills
- Secretary : Julie Shafer
- Treasurer : Michelle Mathias

• BOD:

- Connie Melby 2013
- Sue Siltman 2012
- Joy Sellers 2012

• Nominating Committee:

- Sue Goddard-Gerrald 2013
- Kristin Davis 2013
- Paula Metz 2012

**AORN Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2012**

**Godfather's Pizza
(in the Village Shopping Center)
902 W. Kimberly Road
Davenport, Iowa 52806**

**Chapter Meeting : 6:30pm
Program : 7:00-8:00pm**

**Program: Journal Club Article
Crucial Conversations**

Read www.ache.org/policy/doctornursebehavior.pdf (pgs 16-19)
Read <http://www.silenttreatmentstudy.com/silencekills/SilenceKills.pdf>

Facilitator: Sue Goddard-Gerrald RN, BSN

Trinity

7th St: Christie Coverdill
779-5451/5230

Bettendorf: Connie Melby
742-4910

West: Kristin Davis 779-2187

Muscatine: Lynn Volkl
563-264-9305

HOSPITAL CAPTAINS

Genesis

West: Deb Edgeworth
421-1220

East: Sue Goddard-Gerrald
421-7821

Illini: Colette Kissling
309-281-4608

Clinton: Becky Gluesing
563-244-5838

QCORA-IL: Jan Serre
762-1952

Spring Park: Julie Shafer
355-6236

MVSC: Nicole Brinkmeier
344-6600

CVSC-IA: Meg Wiebel
449-8988

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There is a worldwide concern for the transmission of disease as it relates to hand hygiene. Hand washing training programs are needed to improve the behavior and knowledge of everyone involved in patient care.

This was the focus of a prospective descriptive study completed at a University Hospital in Turkey between January 1 and March 31, 2009. The October 2011 International Journal of Nursing Practice published the article "Nurse's Behavior and Knowledge after Hand Washing Training." 200 nurses participated in the program consisting of a 44 question pre-test survey, a 40 minute training session and a take home handbook on hand washing. The survey questions determined the nurses' hand washing behaviors when they washed their hands and the quality of the hand washing. The post-test survey was completed one month after the training.

- 1.) Health care workers (HCW) hands can become contaminated with bacteria even during "clean" activities such as taking vital signs or transferring patients.
 - A.) True
 - B.) False

- 2.) Vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) can remain on HCW finger tips for as long as:
 - A.) 5 minutes
 - B.) 60 minutes
 - C.) 85 minutes

- 3.) Pseudomonas aeruginosa can remain on HCW hands for as long as:
 - A.) 10 minutes
 - B.) 90 minutes
 - C.) 180 minutes

The nurses in this study demonstrated significant increased frequency of hand washing, time spent hand washing and quality of hand washing.

Clinical implications: This research shows that review of hand hygiene principles is needed to protect the patient through improved behaviors and increased knowledge.

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Chapter 1408 Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2012

Meeting held at Osaka Buffet in Moline, IL

Called to order at 6:45pm by President, Christie Coverdill

Quorum established.

Meeting minutes from February 9, 2012 and March 8, 2012 were approved by Kristin Davis and seconded by Becky Gluesing as written.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Kristin Davis reported for Michelle Mathias on the checking acct balance = \$1,455.55. Savings acct = \$96.21.

Education: Julie Nevills reported that the May meeting will be held at Godfather's Pizza in Davenport, Iowa. Sue Goddard-Gerrald will facilitate a Journal Club article discussion with 1.0 CEU.

Legislative: Sue Goddard-Gerrald discussed national legislative news. Sue reported that Tennessee House Bill 3138 – RNFA reimbursement, was withdrawn from the House Commerce committee on March 21 by the sponsor because the bill did not have enough votes to pass the committee. AORN believes the lack of votes was due to opposition by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Tennessee. AORN will work to gain a better understanding of the reason for the opposition in Tennessee.

Jane Kusler-Jensen, MBA, BSN, RN, CNOR is the new Chair of AORN National Legislative Committee. Ms. Kusler-Jensen has served on the AORN Board of Directors and is well versed in health care reform and the issues facing perioperative nurses.

Pennsylvania House bill 2290 proposes requiring certification of Central Processing /Supply Technicians. This bill would require certifications to be obtained within 2 years after 01/01/2013. Failure to obtain certification would mean dismissal from employment. 12 hours of continuing education each year is required as part of the bill. AORN supports the HB 2290 in an effort to ensure central processing personnel are appropriately educated and meet the continuing education standards. Currently, New Jersey is the only state requiring Central Processing certification.

AORN endorses Consensus Statement and Call to Action for sharps safety. Needle stick injuries still occur from lack of education and training, complacency and/or frugality. Call to Action for OR personnel include: improve sharps safety in surgical setting especially during instrument passing and after use. Front line users must be involved in the selection of safety devices.

Failed Florida Senate bill 362 proposed the requirement of certification and education of Surgical Technologists (ST). Two amendments were added to the Florida SB 362 which involved supervision of the ST by the attending surgeon and the RN. AORN plans to work collaboratively with ST's on future bills related to patient safety.

American Nurses Association officially endorsed AORN's position on RN Circulator in March 2012. 23 states have laws in place that require an RN serve as the circulator in hospitals. 16 states have similar language for ambulatory surgery centers.

Membership: Julie Shafer reported 68 members.

Nominating: The slate for the 2012-13 ballot of officers will be published in the May newsletter. Nominating Committee members: Sue Goddard-Gerrald and Kristin Davis sought members to fill the vacancies. Currently, the officer of President -Elect remains open.

Bylaws & Policy: No report

Fall Nut Sales: Julie Shafer reported a slim profit of \$123.08 for the 2011 Fall Nut/Coffee sale.

Spring Raffle: Spring raffle tickets were distributed by Christie Coverdill to the members that were present. Drawings will occur daily the week of May 7-11, Nurses Week 2012. Michelle Mathias, Chairperson is in charge of the fundraiser.

Old Business:

- Volunteers are still needed to audit the checking and savings accounts. The chapter needs two members to complete this task before year end in June.
- Sue Goddard-Gerrald reported that Deb Edgeworth secured a donation from Isabel Bloom that was donated to the AORN silent auction at Congress in New Orleans.

New Business:

- Kristin Davis notified the members of the Illinois State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists Spring Seminar being held on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Brochures were distributed to the members to post at their facilities.

Post meeting session: Roundtable discussion on post-congress, ballot of chapter officers and chapter fundraising

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Shafer RN, Secretary

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**2012-2013 Ballot of Officers
AORN Chapter 1408**

Please vote for the indicated number of candidate(s) for each office.
Vote by placing an X on the appropriate line.
Place your ballot in a sealed envelope, sign your name on the outside of the envelope.
Absentee ballots should be done the same.

President Elect vote for one

Vice President vote for one

_____ Michelle Mathias

Secretary vote for one

_____ Jayni Weber

Treasurer vote for one

_____ Sue Siltman

Board of Directors vote for two

_____ Julie Shafer

_____ Robin Brethwaite

Nominating vote for one

_____ Barb Elliott

_____ Elaine Martin