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April-May 20

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## April 17-New 2021-2022 eChapter officers Met for Annual Strategic Planning Meeting

### **Thanks to Michael Garuffi and his 2020-21 Board of Directors (BOD); Job well Done!**

Michael and his BOD planned, organized, and streamlined 2020-2021 eChapter despite a pandemic, cancelled EXPO. He held the first virtual Strategic Planning Meeting in 2020.

His leadership this year involved restructuring, and streamlining meetings, forms, and agenda templates.

The BOD reviewed both the Operating Policies and Bylaws, hired a webmaster, established year-long availability for Willingness to Serve Forms and Committee Interest forms located on the new Website-[echapter.org](http://echapter.org)

eChapter donated money to 3 COVID-19 related charities directly assisting our frontline healthcare workers and donated to the eChapter endowed scholarship fund for those perioperative nurses working towards completion of educational goals in higher learning.

Chapter Accountability Standards were completed and submitted to AORN

We revised eChapter Delegate protocols outlining the amount of funded and non-funded delegates to participate in AORN congressional duties during EXPO

Michael formed a Futures Task Force to look into the future of eChapter culminating in a needs survey. Survey Monkey used to solicit chapter members to participate in a survey. The survey revealed clearly what members want and assisted in providing a vision for the future.

Membership of eChapter continues to grow and the BOD has used this year to regroup and refocus on the realities of reaching the members in the virtual world.

A new committee was formed which has been a long-time dream; A Research and Evidence-Based Practice Support. This committee has proven to be a very robust group of nurses setting very high standards to promote projects from within the eChapter membership. \$ 500 grants available annually for one research and one EBP project.

Because of these activities eChapter was awarded a 5-Star rating. Impressive!

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## Strategic Planning Meeting Overview 2021-2022---April 16, 2021

- ★ Despite no EXPO in March, the timeline was maintained to keep on track. There will actually be 2 EXPOS within this service year and much planning must be done. Finances will also be a factor due to the expenses incurred related to two EXPOs
- ★ Strategic Planning meeting of newly elected officers and Board members will meet after the March 2022 meeting in New Orleans- and plans are part of the ongoing expectations for new officers and BOD
- ★ Monthly activity timeline of events and planning was outlined to assist BOD to stay on track
- ★ May 2021 The BOD will review Operating Policies (this will follow By Laws by keeping on odd year)
- ★ Discussion held regarding eChapter.org website and what can be done to improve/update content; BOD considering option of forming oversight committee to review options and determine next steps. Contracts end May 31.
- ★ Discussion on education costs, and contract with webinar facilitator-and use of webmaster for continuing education process and provision of enduring education process so webinars can be seen 24/7 for 2 years with credit earned. Costs reviewed--
- ★ Discussion held regarding how to work with international members - BOD reviewed AORN.org website for delineation of chapter membership
- ★ Discussed lifetime members and not getting the \$20 annually for each member renewal--what is the best option to solicit lifetime members for the chapter fee
- ★ Annual Meetings at EXPO will be conducted by the current President and will be open to all attending members. Invitations will be sent prior to the EXPO
- ★ The BOD decided that due to strict Covid-19 restrictions in Orlando, a fundraising table *will not* occur, but *will* happen in New Orleans-2022
- ★ Decision was also made to participate in the Foundation Silent Auction-Jewelry set(s) from Mexico presented for approval. Foundation will be contacted to complete the entry
- ★ eChapter Networking Event at Orlando EXPO approved to be held Friday August 6th--The Ways and Means committee is organizing this event--marketing, advertising, invites, and other details to come
- ★ eChapter has Free AORN memberships to be granted--decision was made to give away at different events and use one for the first-time attendee grant
- ★ Delegate guidelines updated and posted on eChapter website. Stipend for funded delegates set. Past President will serve as Delegate Chair
- ★ Results of the member needs survey presented
- ★ Biggest needs for committee leadership: Communication and Education

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- ★ eChapter Logo teal Jump drives for new BOD, officers, and delegates distributed-B. Roe to bring to Orlando EXPO. BOD members asked to upload Bylaws, Operating Policies, Forms and BOD Contact Roster and bring to Expo

**Next Strategic Planning Meeting: March 24, 2022 7:30-12:00 -- New Orleans, LA**

### Survey Results: 2021 Member Needs Survey (Futures Task Force)



- Which “in-person” activities would you like to see eChapter pursue?
  - Meet and greet at Town Hall/Expo
- If eChapter were to expand its electronic presence, which would you prefer?
  - Regular Newsletter
  - Possibly try Special Interest Groups
- What would you like eChapter to include in planning Town Hall Meetings?
  - Q & A with National AORN BOD member(s)
  - Q & A with eChapter BOD/Officers
  - Q & A with Committee Chairs
- What are the best ways to communicate with new members?
  - Website & ORNL Chapter site with New Member area
  - Membership Committee engage/acknowledge with new members
- Additional Comments
  - Technical issues with webinars
  - Be the best chapter for online connections
  - Bigger presence on social media (FB, linkedin, ORNL, Instagram)
  - Need Enduring education for 24/7 access with credit
  - Serve global needs--have improved international connections
  - Mix-up time zones for events and activities
  - Try Mentorships
  - Have an interactive app
  - Push notifications
  - Keep it a virtual chapter

We will work to ensure that these needs are met-and thank you for your input!



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**Next Education Webinar:** *Active Shooter in the Hospital Setting / May 26, 2021 / 7:00-8:00pmEST*

**Speaker:** Lieutenant Robert Johnson (Dallas County Hospital District Police Department)

**Register at:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8416198001387/WN\\_jc4qdwi-Q927LaCDIdZr8w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8416198001387/WN_jc4qdwi-Q927LaCDIdZr8w)

### Your 2021-2022 eChapter Board of Directors

#### Officers

**President:** Rebecca Roe

**President Elect:** Alecia Torrance

**Treasurer:** Jen Menard

**Secretary:** Patti Owens

#### Board Members

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