



## NEWSLETTER: Feb-Mar 2022

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### Voting underway for 2022 eChapter election *Feb. 8-19*

Please go to [eChapter.org](http://eChapter.org) and on the front page you will see on the front page [2022 Leadership Election Statements](#). When you click on that you will be taken to the actual election statements to get to know the candidates platform. When you click on [Please Vote for the candidates of your choice](#) you will be taken to the Survey Monkey ballot. Only eChapter member's votes count.

### Voting underway for AORN National election *Opens Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - Midnight, March 22nd*

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> AORN presented a town hall event with break out rooms where you could chat with the candidates. All the candidates also delivered their speeches. For those who were not able to attend the live event, you can still listen to their speeches either on the website or at EXPO. We have several eChapter members on the ballot this year, and even some past eChapter members. I encourage all to let your voice be heard. Go to <http://www.aorn.org/vote>. The voting results will be announced during the Second House of Delegates on March 23, 2022.

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***We are in the midst of transitioning to a different email platform. Some of you may have missed some recent blast emails through Google which may have landed in your SPAM or Junk folders. I apologize for that. As we have a large membership, our webmaster is working through this process, and until that is resolved, the Chapter has purchased additional Constant Contact email services, which we have been using until this month, to enable the timely and "blast emails" you are accustomed to.***

***Because communication is vital, I highly encourage all members to regularly visit the <http://www.echapter.org> website. This hub has everything you need. When you click on titles-these are hyperlinks that direct you to calendar events, ballots, forms, etc. As always if you need to be in touch, Click Contact Us or find at the end of this newsletter the addresses where the chapter officers and committee chairs can communicate with you as needed.***

# AORN February BOD Updates

[https://static.prod01.ue1.p.pcomm.net/omurselink/user\\_content/files/000/324/324115/ac2c7fa6e7ca592a30b3e5de10380f56-february-2022-board-update.pdf](https://static.prod01.ue1.p.pcomm.net/omurselink/user_content/files/000/324/324115/ac2c7fa6e7ca592a30b3e5de10380f56-february-2022-board-update.pdf)



**For eChapter members attending NOLA EXPO**

**Please read carefully regarding Vaccine Requirements**

- ***Proof of Full Vaccination will be Required to attend the AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo 2022.***
- *AORN is following the CDC guidelines regarding vaccines. The CDC defines "fully vaccinated" as one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two doses of the Pfizer vaccine or the Moderna vaccine.*
- *We strongly encourage boosters but given that there is no recommendation from the CDC on boosters, a booster is not required for in person attendance.*
- *AORN has a virtual Expo 2022 option for anyone with religious or medical exemptions that prevent them from receiving the vaccine.*
- *AORN will require masks if community transmission levels in Orleans Parish are moderate or greater and will continue to monitor policies to keep you informed.*
- *The City of New Orleans requires proof of vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours for entry into indoor dining, indoor fitness, indoor entertainment & performance spaces and for large outdoor events of 500 or more people.*



*The eChapter Mentor program is at the starting phase of development. Penny Smalley is heading this working group of 8 members who have voiced interest in getting this membership program off the ground. As we kick off this new endeavor, we hope that you will support efforts and stay tuned into just how this group will design our future membership support structure. More to come.*

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Delegates for EXPO will be asked to assist in our eChapter events. Please be prepared to assist in hosting and assisting with the Ways and Means Committee Chair-Alecia Torrence.

If you have questions about what you will be doing, please contact us and you will be forwarded to the correct member of the BOD. We appreciate your help this year.

# SAVE THE DATE(S)...

We continue to check AORN.org for the schedule of events for EXPO...so please, as we are doing, exercise patience—and refer to the AORN website

Pencil in applicable dates on your calendar or planner.

<b>eChapter CE Event</b> <b>Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 8pm-9pm Eastern</b>	Creating Our Preferred Future...Career Transition/Handoff
<b>2022 February Chapter Officer Town Hall</b> <b>2/24/2022 8:00 PM EST</b>	Everything Expo! AORN Foundation Update Special Guest: Lumeon Chapter Relations Update
<b>Chapter Officer Summit (NOLA)</b> <b>Saturday March 19 6:45-8:00am</b> If Chapter officers haven't already- Please register using this link: <a href="https://shop.aorn.org/2022-chapter-officer-summit/">https://shop.aorn.org/2022-chapter-officer-summit/</a>	Doors open at 6:45am 7:00am-7:30am FULL Breakfast 7:30-11:30am Meeting, Officer Panel, and Guest Speaker (1 CH)  The AORN Chapter Officer Summit is an opportunity for chapter officers to join peers, colleagues, and AORN's Board of Directors and learn from experts on how to achieve and maintain success in your leadership role. This ½ day event includes workshops and small group discussions, networking, insights and education, plus lots of fun and camaraderie.
<b>eChapter Meet &amp; Greet Reception</b> <b>Friday March 18</b> <b>6:00pm-8:00pm</b>	Drinks and Appetizers Kick off EXPO by connecting with your chapter colleagues
<b>eChapter Annual Membership Meeting</b> <b>Monday, March 21</b> <b>6:00am-7:30am</b>	Meet the 2022-23 officers and BOD Continental Breakfast President's message and review of 2021-22
<b>Congress Events</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pending Schedule from AORN</b></p>	
<b>Evening Events</b>  Saturday, March 19 Sunday, March 20, 4-6pm Monday, March 21 Tuesday, March 22	Concert and Networking EXPO Hall Opening Reception Foundation Dance Party Nurses Night Out at Mardi Gras World

Final words:

This is my last newsletter to the Chapter and I have had the utmost pleasure serving you during this **CRAZY** year. I have never experienced or imagined experiencing what we have been through and thankfully, have made it to the other side. We have made great strides in connecting with members, and I hope this momentum will continue to grow exponentially.

I had a thought years ago for making eChapter like a community and I found resources to fuel my desire for this approach. Richard Millington, founder of FeverBee <https://www.feverbee.com> developed this concept and I listened to his podcasts and read his blogs, while researching this idea. His books on Building Community provided me a roadmap for what an online community looks like and how making it a place for belonging is so important for a community to thrive. Keeping your experiences in mind enabled me to present an approach to change. I truly enjoyed the challenge of seeing if this would actually work. It was a stretch extrapolating some of his visionary ideas into the context of eChapter. Check out *Buzzing Communities/ Build Your Community/* and *The Indispensable Community*, the three books I marked on, dogeared the pages, and highlighted to death for the past 2 years.

We updated our Webpage, energized our social media platforms, opened up our CE events to the public to encourage continuing education, and to support our eChapter members in practicing presentations in a webinar format. We have maintained our membership numbers and that is a testament to something going right. We maintained the services of our Zoom facilitator who has provided us with data that will be shared at the annual meeting regarding how you best obtain communication, traffic patterns, and participation.

We have had only one grant winner for our newly formed Research and EBP Support committee and we hope that this will gain strength as we again, offer support to our members who are performing research or are using EBP in quality and patient safety endeavors. We all can learn from others and hopefully gain new knowledge or bring back improvement efforts that enhance our current practices.

Our BOD this year was stellar, we worked very well together and I feel we have formed great bonds. Anything I asked of them, they delivered. As Yoda would say... "Lifelong colleagues and friends, they are".

I hope all our members vote, attend the annual meeting in person or virtually (more to come on that) and find ways to participate in whatever fits your fancy and in the next few weeks, we will provide last minute information needed to complete our transition into 2022-23.

I look forward to what eChapter can become and what innovations we can achieve as the largest virtual chapter in AORN. Continue to speak up and contact eChapter as we can assist in providing a platform where all are heard and valued. I have made new friends the world over and I appreciate and am in awe of the wonderful work all our members have provided past, present, and future. At eChapter my hope is that whether you are retired, working, or just living life, there is a place at the table for you! We need all hands on deck as we figure out what healthcare is going to look like post pandemic.

Thank you for entrusting me to serve you!

Rebecca Roe, MSN-Ed, RN, CNOR

## **eChapter Board of Directors**

**President:** Rebecca Roe

**President Elect:** Alecia Torrence

**Treasurer:** Jen Menard

**Secretary:** Patti Owens

**Board Members:** Susan Guerra, Penny Smalley, Wendy Perera, Becky Davis, Michael Garufi

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