

North Carolina Council of periOperative Registered Nurses

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2024

The meeting was held after the SE conference. Amanda Heitman, Chair brought the meeting to order.

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair – Amanda Heitman 3413

Co- chair- Lisa Crissman -SC

Chair elect - Lisa Finch 3413

Secretary - Kim Adler 3402

Treasurer- Lady Sue Bell

Board Members - Mary Pennington 3413

Missy Holland 3403

Tina McEachin 3404

Past Chair- Sonja Furr 3403

OTHER ATTENDEES/MEMBERS:



Attendance

See attached sign in sheet. 11-16-24 Councils M

MINUTES:

- Minutes from the last meeting
 - Accepted Sonja Furr made the motion and Sharon McNamara seconded it.
- Website
 - CarolinasCouncilORNurses.org
 - CCORN.org this will link directly to the above link.
 - Put more pictures on the site. Especially from this event. Please send to Kim Adler.
 - Website is coming along nicely.
 - Please send any information to Kim for adding to the stie. Kadler99@sbcglobal.net
 - Would like to add Chapters and their presidents to the list.
- Welcome the South Carolina Council Members
- Quorum present to vote on any motion brought before the council.
- Treasurers report:
 - NC \$3188.00
 - SC Unknown
 - Silent auction raised -\$4,000 combined.
- Old Business
 - Merging South and Nort Carolinas' State councils
 - SC can merge to NC under financials and share the same tax ID #

- We need to adapt the bylaws to include SC items as well. Keeping the legislative portions separate for each state.
- By Laws
 - Differences between the two States
 - NC has a mission, policy that SC doesn't.
 - SC has bi-annual meetings and NC has tri-annual meetings.
 - SC has Expo as a designated meeting NC doesn't.
 - See Business for all motions around the changes of both meetings and number of board directors.
- Updates
 - Happy Perioperative Nurses week.
 - Amanda showed us the proclamation from the NC governor, Kim has a proclamation for the SC governor as well.
 - March 22nd be on the lookout for current trends.
 - Periop Corner is transitioning to Nurse Network Jan. 1, 2025, and it is a great source of information.
 - 3 NC Members running for National Board members.
 - Amanda Heitman
 - Sonja Furr
 - Leigh Anne Bartlett
 - Expo 2025
 - Boston
 - April 5-8. 2025
 - Foundation Scholarships available
 - Suggestion to dress alike for the Expo during opening ceremonies.
 - Save the Dates:
 - Dogwood chapter event February 15, 2025
 - Capital AORN event March 22, 2025
 - Conference at the Beach May 17, 2025
- SE conference Update from Vangie:
 - Very successful
 - May get some funds once all the accounting is completed.
 - Would like to hold this again next year.
 - Question OR today as well as AORN would be interested in partnering with the state councils to cohost.
 - Please see the business section for the motion on this topic.
- Legislative update
 - North Carolina
 - ANA Smoke Bill 650
 - Stuck in rules committee.

- Sen. Rabon is holding the bill due to the House rep that is fighting against medical marijuana which is his bill.
- Question will the bill carry over into the next year.
 - This is mentioned during the meeting, and we found out recently from AORN:
 - “I got an email from Jennifer today and she left me a message that our bill will have to be reintroduced next year. It will have the same language and NCNA is still putting it as a priority and should pass through the house with no problem and then on to the senate.”
- Other suggestions include:
 - Utilize social media to get the word out.
 - Implement policies and procedures to start implementation within your own facilities.
- Note that once the bill passes, they will be an implementation grace period to enact the new law.
- South Carolina
 - Kim Tuemler updated us on SC smoke legislation.
 - Has a bill sponsor.
 - Hired a lobbyist.
 - Surgical Smoke
 - Biggest challenge is getting a champion.
 - Kim suggested that everyone email their perspective legislators as there is power within our numbers.

BUSINESS:

- Motion 1: Consider the Expo as one of our official meetings

Explanation: The conversation around this topic is over the last few years we have had meetings anyway during Expo. These meetings have had a large attendance with a quorum to handle any business that has come before the council.

- Missy Holland 1st.
- Lisa Crissman 2nd
- Passed unanimously.

- Motion 2: Changing the by-laws to reflect the new councils. Adding board members increasing from 3 to 5.

Explanation: Much discussion was had around adding a few more since the council will now be combining two states. It was felt that adding two more would allow a larger coverage and more help to conduct the council business.

It was mentioned that we would like to have a mix between the two states 2/2 with one swing position. However, this will only work when we have representation/ volunteers from both States.

- Lady Sue Bell 1st.
- Lisa Crissman 2nd

- Passed unanimously.
- Motion 3: Changing the by-laws to reflect the new councils Changing the chair and co-chair from a one-year term to a two-year term.

Explanation: Past chairs felt that they were just getting the swing of being chair and then their term was complete. It was discussed that by making the term two years like the rest of the council positions would allow for more continuity and allow for better governing.

- Lady Sue Bell 1st.
 - Missy Holland 2nd
 - Passed unanimously.
 - Motion 4: Choosing AORN to copartner the conference again next year.
- Explanation: It was discussed about whether to have OR today or AORN partner with the councils for next year's conference. After much discussion it was decided that we need to do some research before we can vote and decide.

- Vicki Tindle 1st.
- Sherrie Mannarino 2nd
- Motion tabled until we meet again.
- Motion 5: This year give the SC chair the same amount of stipend to attend the Expo as the NC chair is receiving.

Explanation: It was felt since we are combining the two councils it's only fair to offer the SC chair the same as the NC chair.

- Missy Holland 1st.
 - Leigh Anne Bartlett 2nd
 - Passed unanimously.
 - Motion 6: In the holiday season to give back to our respective states: \$500 to the Food Bank in Durham and \$500 Harvest Hope (SC).
- Explanation: Since this conference was such a success to give to our local food banks. Durham depleted their stores to help the hurricane victims in NC and SC food bank serves a very underserved community.
- Doreen Roub 1st.
 - Cindy Myers 2nd
 - Passed unanimously.

WORKING ITEMS:

- Web-site build
- Working on combining the two councils
- Working on By Laws

Meeting Adjourned 5:10PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Adler, Secretary