

Carolinas Council of periOperative Registered Nurses

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025

The meeting was held during Expo. Amanda Heitman, Chair brought the meeting to order at 6:14PM.

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair – Amanda Heitman 3413

Chair Elect- Lisa Finch 3413

Secretary - Kim Adler 3402

Treasurer- Absent

Board Members - Mary Pennington 3413

Missy Holland 3403

Past Chair- Sonja Furr 3403

OTHER ATTENDEES/MEMBERS:

See sign up:



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MINUTES:

- Messages from the candidates for the national ballot.
 - Nominating
 - Jamison Hatch
 - Board of Directors
 - Sonja Furr
 - Niki Washington
 - Leigh Anne Bartlett
 - Amanda Heitman
- Current nominating committee member present and states this coming Saturday the portal for next years ballot opens. Please consider nominating yourself or some one you think would be a good candidate.
- Quorum present to vote on any motion brought before the council.
- Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:



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

- Lisa Finch stated she regrets to inform us she is unable to serve as chair elect. We will adjust the ballot to reflect one year for chair elect followed by two years as chair
- Reminder that we have our spring meeting at the beach May 17, 2025



AORN 3405
Conference Tri-fold

- AORN Coastal Conf. event in Morehead, NC May 17- Free registration 5 CE
- Treasurers report:
 - NC:
 - Current account balance as of 4/3/25 \$8039.04
 - Chapters paid/owed dues

Chapter.	2024.	2025
• 3401 Central		
• 3402 Cape Fear	Pd.	Pd.
• 3403 Dogwood.	Pd.	
• 3404 Tarheel E.	Pd.	Pd.
• 3405 Coastal.		Pd.
• 3408 South East	Pd.	
• 3413 Capital.	Pd.	Pd.
• 3415 Piedmont Per.	Pd.	Pd.
 - Texts sent to chapter chairs for payment.
 - Send checks to
Carolina Council
Lady Sue Bell RN BSN MBA/MHA
2023 Medhurst Drive
Greensboro NC 27410
 - Chapters that do not have check books can utilize Zelle or Apple Pay.
Please make sure you put chapter number and name in comment section if paying electronically.
 - Projected Budget 2025/2026
 - Donations. \$1000 per year
 - AORN Foundation \$200 per year
 - Chair Expo NC - \$1000
 - Daisy Award \$150
 - Legislation support NCNA \$1500
 - Misc. expenses \$500
 - (Includes IT and zoom)
 - Total Projected budget for 2025/2026 \$4350.00

- SC:

Date:	Transaction:	Balance:
03/31/2025	Balance	\$ 366.72
04/03/2025	Deposit (SE Conference)	\$ 5475.31
04/03/2025	Balance	\$ 5842.03

OLD BUSINESS:

- We received some willingness to serve forms for board, secretary, and chair elect. We are adding the chair elect for one year since Lisa needed to step down. Also, if anyone has their name in multiple places, we need to know which office you would like to be placed on the ballot for since we can't hold more than one office. This means Sonja will continue as past chair for another year.




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- Website
 - CarolinasCouncilORNurses.org
 - CCORN.org this will link directly to the above link.
 - Put more pictures on the site.
 - Website is coming along nicely.
 - Please send any information to Kim for adding to the stie. Kadler99@sbcglobal.net
- We have partnered with OR today for another SEC.
 - Southeastern Conference (SEC) information and update.
 - States involved are the Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee.
 - The Power of You: Circles of Care
 - Place St Augustine, FLA
 - November 1 and 2 2025
 - Get the word out.
 - The question was brought that how we would receive funds since the Carolinas are together.
 - Double?
 - The same amount as the other states
 - Someone suggested maybe keeping treasury separate to receive maximum amount of funds.
- Legislative update from Jennifer Pennock
 - North Carolina
 - HB390 will be heard in House Health Committee tomorrow April 8, 2025. Looks like it will pass. Just Rep Cunningham will need testify.
 - South Carolina


- Bill 170 passed the Senate and is in the house. Going to the 3M committee 3rd to last week in April to move forward.
- Hopeful the SC and NC will be State #19 and #20 to pass surgical smoke legislation.
- Continue to reach out to your representative to maintain the momentum
- Talked a little about compliance
 - Adopt SOP's, policy around surgical smoke
 - Go for the Go clear Award

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rise to 25 Campaign:
 - Chapter growth incentives
 - Beginning April 1, 2025 (Period Jan through Dec 2025)
 - Grow 25% of your chapter and get rewards
 - \$500
 - State with the highest percentage get \$500 for state as well as each chapter within the state gets the award
 - Giving away monthly swag and incentives
 - Top Chapter will be named at 2026 Expo
 - You can get more details for the Rise to 25 from Nursing Network
<https://aornchapterofficers.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-news/203593-rise-to-25-is-now-live->
- Suggestion was made to create a Zoom Meeting invite for the May meeting for those unable to attend the conference.
 - A Zoom invite will be sent to the group.
- Would like to bring back Nurse of the Year award
 - Here is a list of past recipients



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 - Leigh Anne Bartlett will work with Lady Sue to adapt the current form for ease of use.
 - Here is the current form, more information to follow.



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 - We would need to have nominations by September 30th with the award presented at the November meeting.
 - The recipient gets a plaque and small stipend of \$350. As well as bragging rights.

- Motion 1: Awards committee (Lady sue offered to chair the committee) will be comprised of past recipients of NOY award who are still active and who would like to serve on the committee as well as any volunteers to choose the next recipient.
 - Sonja Furr 1st
 - Amy Troy 2nd
 - Passed unanimously.

WORKING ITEMS:

- SEC
 - Each State Council responsible for silent auction items
 - This is how we make our monies from the conference.
 - Again, asking chapter within each state to make a basket for the auction.
 - Another idea was for gift cards especially with anyone traveling/flying to Florida since it can be a distance to drive.
 - Get the word out we want this to be as successful as last years.
- Officer Election:
 - Send out willingness to serve forms to formalize the ballot for the May meeting.
 - Need people to choose which office they want to be considered for or return the willingness to serve forms to kadler99@sbcglobal.net by April 30, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Adler, Secretary