

# North Carolina Council of perioperative Registered Nurses

Board Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2023

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams. Sonja Furr, Chair brought the meeting to order and called for the roll call to determine a quorum.

## **OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair – Sonja Furr 3403

Chair-elect – Amanda Heitman 3413

Secretary - Kim Adler 3402

Treasurer- Lady Sue Bell 3401

Board Members - Mary Pennington 3413

Crystal Hawk 3415

Missy Holland 3403

Past Chair- Leigh Anne Bartlett

AORN Past President Vangie Dennis

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurer, Lady Sue Bell, stated that the finances are the same as what was reported at the May meeting.

## **MINUTES:**

- Sonja welcomed everyone and introductions were made
- Discussion around joining the South and North Carolina councils and make single council
  - Much discussion ensued around this and holding a joint conference with the help of OR Today
    - Discussion included:
      - Need to a new name
      - Adjust/establish new bylaws
      - Anyone can join the council
      - Some of the fees discussed \$40 per chapter/\$10 per member regardless of Chapter membership
      - Establish a Venmo Acct
      - Auto renewal option
      - Create a website
      - Hold a Reginal Event i.e., conference (this increases vendor support)
  - After much discussion two motions were presented to the board.

## **BUSINESS:**

- Motion 1:
  - Sonja Furr made a motion to change the bylaws  
Explanation: Sonja and Kim will review the bylaws, amend them to open membership to include anyone. Continue to receive \$1 per member from the

chapter for dues. Non chapter members will pay a yearly membership fee of \$20.

Lady Sue Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Motion 2:
  - Sonja Furr made a motion to work with OR Today for the betterment of our Council.  
Explanation: OR Today will assist us with planning a Fall 2024 conference and help us create a website which will help increase our membership and engagement.  
Amanda Heitman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **WORKING ITEMS:**

- Revise bylaws and present to board at August meeting.
  - August 17, 2023
  - Review Georgia bylaws
- Create/form committees for Conference
  - OR Today will assist but we need to do some of the leg work
  - Committees needed
    - Theme/Education
    - City for Conference
      - This will enable us to develop a price tag for sponsorship
    - Vendor Committee
      - 5/6 members that have access to vendors.
- Venmo acct for council
- Create/Develop Mission and Vision Statements to help with the creation of our website.
  - Georgia State councils was assisted by OR Today see their website and other ideas. [GA Council of periOperative Registered Nurses \(gacouncilnurse.org\)](http://gacouncilnurse.org) Send ideas/items thru the email chain.
- Ideas/Needs for conference
  - Place
  - Date: fall of 2024 in between sports and thanksgiving
  - Possible booths for local hospitals
  - Open it to all perioperative staff (RN, LPN, CST, and Sterile Processing)
- Continue to work towards a combined North/South Carolina Council
  - Name of new council
  - By laws
  - Website Name of either the joint group or NC group.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Adler, Secretary