

# North Carolina Council of periOperative Registered Nurses

Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2024

The meeting was held via Zoom. Amanda Heitman, Chair brought the meeting to order.

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

Chair – Amanda Heitman 3413

Secretary - Kim Adler 3402

Treasurer- Lady Sue Bell 3401

Board Members - Mary Pennington 3413

Missy Holland 3403

Tina McEachin 3404

Past Chair- Sonja Furr 3403

## **OTHER ATTENDEES/MEMBERS:**

Lisa Crissman

Brenda Ulmer

Carly

Leigh Ann Bartlet

Vangie Dennis

## **MINUTES:**

- We are please to announce that Lisa Finch 3403 is our chair elect and Tina McEachin is a new board member.
- Website
  - Kim gave a quick presentation of website.
  - Question around how we want it to look.
  - We sent a check to Michael our web designer which will be a yearly fee to maintain both the two domain names. This year we paid \$30.34.
    - [CarolinasCouncilORNurses.org](http://CarolinasCouncilORNurses.org)
    - [CCORN.org](http://CCORN.org) this will link directly to the above link.
  - While under construction it was asked if we can post the southeastern conference on website
    - Kim will send the two flyers to Michael to add to site.
    - She will also send him some pictures and other information to start constructing the site.
    - Missy and Kim will continue to work with Michael to build our site and update the group going forward.
- Welcome the South Carolina Council Members
- Quorum present to vote on any motion brought before the council.
- Treasurers report:
  - \$3487.55
- Bylaws

- Since we didn't receive any response with regards to the new bylaw updates, they are now adopted.
- Here is a copy:



NCCORN ByLaws  
Policy 2023 revised .j

- Vangie
  - Merging South and North Carolinas' State councils
    - South Carolina has been struggling and would like to combine into one regional group.
      - We have a long history of working together so this seems like a natural progression.
      - One person has been struggling to keep the council afloat since covid hit.
    - Do we combine our treasury?
      - Vangie is going to find out tax laws etc.
    - We would be considered regional as opposed to state.
    - Keep legislative perspectives separate.
    - Adopt new bylaws.
      - We think with the revision just completed we should be good.
        - Will need to change the name.
        - And just separate the legislative aspect.
      - Current treasury for South Carolina is between \$1200 and \$1300.
    - Motion proposed see below (Business Section).
  - Southeastern Conference (SEC) information and update.
    - The Power of Purpose: Better Together



SEC Flyer 2024.pdf



Power of  
Purpose.docx

- Coincides with Periop Nurses Week
  - 28 Vendors, with 4 more potential
  - 67 attendees registered.
  - 10.2 CEUs
  - For RN, CST, SPS and Perfusionist.
  - Walkins Welcome
  - Student nurses are 50% off price on a first come basis (limit 20).  
Waiting AORN Approval
  - Working on getting a reduced rate for Peri-Op 101 enrollees.  
Waiting on ARON approval

- Other items
  - T shirt vendor
  - Attendees for all areas
  - Many AORN Board members coming.
  - Nominating Committee will be in attendance.
  - At end of conference will have individual State Council meetings.
- Daisy Awards
  - Not many nominations yet. **DEADLINE 10/1/2024**
    - See link for the awards.
    - Note DON'T NEED A LETTER FROM SUPERVISOR FOR SUBMISSION
    - The AORN DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award – [http://daisynomination.org/AORN LA](http://daisynomination.org/AORN_LA)
    - The AORN DAISY Nurse Leader Award - <http://daisynomination.org/AORN>
- Legislative update
  - North Carolina
    - A few nurses went to the meet and greet legislative event of May 21, 2024
      - Spoke to many representatives in the hopes of getting better awareness around smoke in the operating rooms and the hazards to anyone in the room.
    - 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 nest year.
        - It is believed to be good for another year.
        - But we might have to start over again once this year concludes if the bill doesn't pass.
  - South Carolina
    - Vangie and Brenda will help with education around smoke.
    - The plan is to prefile in December for a Smoke bill.

**BUSINESS:**

- Motion 1: Merger of South Carolina and North Carolina State councils.

Explanation: After much discussion, the motion was made to proceed with the merger of the two state councils, merging everything except keeping each state's legislative perspective separate.

- Sonja Furr 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Lady Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Passed unanimously.

**WORKING ITEMS:**

- SEC
  - Each council responsible for silent auction items
    - This is how we make our monies from the conference.
    - Ask chapter within each state to make a baskets for the auction.
    - Leigh Anne will send a letter with tax ID information for our use when asking for donations.
    - Ask Local hospitals for some swag to put in the auction.
  - Conference Set up.
    - All done by AORN.
      - Registration
      - Rooms
      - Tables
        - The only thing that is required from us is to set up our own table/s for the silent auction.
  
- Lady Sue working on virtual pay options set up, i.e., PayPal, Venmo, Cash App, etc.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Adler, Secretary