

AORN members,

During the last three years, the AORN Chapter 4409 Annual Symposium has drawn hundreds of nurses from throughout San Antonio and surrounding communities. The absence of the symposium this year has been noticed. Deciding to not proceed this year with a symposium was a difficult decision to make. The ability to visit with nurses from our past and the opportunity to meet fellow OR nurses throughout the city and beyond was enjoyed by us as much as you.

Reality of the symposium was, as much as we enjoyed the actual day of the symposium, we and our families felt the pressure of organizing the event. The search for the perfect speakers, venue, vendors and door prizes took the majority of our time. We met weekly or bi-weekly to discuss the progress of our individual duties and assessment of our goals. I must admit the absence of these meetings this year has made me feel the lack of camaraderie that we would feel as we worked together so closely for the event. The committee was a combination of some officers, board members and perhaps 2-3 members from the chapter.

This is the month we would have had the symposium. Rather than seeing all of you at the symposium, I am asking you to answer the following questionnaire. We have discussed ways to encourage our members to be more involved in their professional organization. Perhaps one of our members is gifted with expertise of setting up a web program. We have discussed sending our meetings to the various hospitals via a web program. This is one of the questions asked in the questionnaire. If our members would be willing to attend a web program in their hospital, the Board will pursue this. One of our IT staff from Methodist Hospital may be able to assist us. This involves money and an agreement with each of the web sites (hospitals). If our members show a strong interest in attending the web meetings, we will investigate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Vendors that have helped us for many years. Our chapter appreciates their generosity, guidance and support. Please thank

them for their continued support.

Rachel J Barrera RN, CNOR  
Ex Oficio AORN Chapter 4409

Our meetings have been held at the Baptist School of Health Professionals for many years. The meeting rooms and location met the needs for our group. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month, excluding July and August. The Board Meeting is at 5pm. At 6pm our agenda includes a speaker with a CEU presentation, dinner and chapter meeting.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

(note, where applicable, circle correct answer)

I would attend meetings if they were held on a different day of the week. (Indicate preferred day of the week) \_\_\_\_\_.

I would attend meetings if they were held at this time \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

I would attend meetings if the meeting location was changed to another location \_\_\_\_\_.

I would log into a meeting if it were web based. Yes No

I could volunteer to help with the next symposium if \_\_\_\_\_.

I am interested in running for a position on the Board or as an officer. Yes No

I am interested in finding out more on what is required to attend the National AORN Expo as a delegate. Yes No

I log into the AORN website [aornsanantonio.org](http://aornsanantonio.org) at least weekly monthly never.

My hospital provides a Clinical Ladder in which I can acquire points by being involved in my professional organization. Yes No

I am certified, CNOR. Yes No

I would be more involved if \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_