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AORN members,

Welcome. The 2018 AORN Symposium Committee would like to thank all attendees, speakers and supporting vendors for a successful symposium last month. The committee met last week to discuss what worked and how we can make next year's symposium more beneficial to our members. The purpose of the symposium is two-fold: to keep expanding our membership and expand the knowledge base of our members to provide a safer environment in the OR for our patients. The date for the 2019 symposium has been set for January 19, 2019 at the Norris Center.

Although this event required a great deal of time, we still have 4 months to continue on with other items on the 2017-2018 agenda. We had hoped to encourage our members to volunteer to be on the Scholarship committee or bring forward names of possible candidates to apply for a scholarship. The scholarship can also be used to help fund your certification for your CNOR. We have a policy in place but after many years of existence, it is time to review and make sure it is consistent and compliant with our AORN bylaws.

Budget Planning is another topic that needs addressing. Our Financial Planner will be meeting with the board at our March Board meeting. More to come.

Fiesta is around the corner. Our April meeting will be the 2nd mixer of the year. Mixers are held to promote camaraderie as well as time to visit with members and possible new members. This is a grand time to bring fellow OR nurses to learn more about our professional organization. Our 2018 Fiesta medal will be available as well. We will disclose venue at a later date.

If your OR has had new CNORs in the past year or two, please encourage them to attend the April mixer. At minimum, let us know who they are as this is an exciting time for the new CNORs and we want to congratulate them.

The AORN EXPO will be held on March 24th-28th in New Orleans this year. Our chapter will be sending 7 delegates. The registration for the elected delegates is paid for by SA AORN. Delegates are chosen by the amount of points accrued by each member throughout the year. Depending on the success of the organization and money allowed by budget, a stipend is made available to the delegates. It is the responsibility of the organization to send as many delegates that are allowed for each chapter. This is dependent on the number of members in that chapter. Today we have 234 standard members, 24 retired, 23 life timers, plus other nurses in other categories for a total of 340 members.

The purpose of the AORN EXPO is to energize the delegates to take this energy back home to bring vitality to their chapters, but most importantly to their ORs. Safety for our patients is high priority and cannot ever be minimized. The education provided at the EXPO is remarkable.

Speaking of education and safety, our speaker this month is Kim McCarthy, from Molnlyche.

Topic: Prevention of Pressure Ulcer and Surgical Site Infections: positioning in the OR.
CEUs: 22, yes 22. She will provide us with 22 free CEUs access
Hands on demonstrations

Dinner will be provided.

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