YOUR AORN State Council

Formed in 2007, AZSCORN is your liaison for perioperative nursing relationships throughout Arizona. Here’s how:

- We have developed ties with the Arizona Nurses Association, the Arizona State Board of Nursing, and nursing college faculty throughout the State.

- We provide an annual education opportunity for Arizona chapter members, EChapter members, Members at Large, nursing students, and anyone else interested in perioperative nursing practice, the Fall Education Conference. This event has been highly rated by attendees for the past eight years and is modeled after our national AORN event, Expo (formerly AORN Congress).

- We support legislative efforts that increase the quality of patient care. We are visible as Arizona nurses, and are recognized as a part of a National organization (AORN-Affiliate). Our legislative coordinator and chair participate in monthly conference calls with the AORN Government Affairs department to discuss impending legislative issues.

Upcoming AZSCORN Events

Arizona Nurses Lobby Day 2/11/15

• Pat will be attending and working with Rory Hays, our State Lobbyist, to advocate for public policy.

Education Team Meeting (Conference Call)

• Planning for the 2015 Fall Education Conference begins on Tuesday, February 17th. Please join us via conference call if you would like to participate. The meeting is 7:00-8:00 pm. The phone number is 605-475-4700. Access code: 102563#.

Business Meeting at AORN Expo

• Our business meeting is on Saturday, March 7th at 6:00 pm. The meeting is at Euclid Hall, 1317 14th Street, Denver. Please contact Kim Stover, 928-853-5718 or smokiestover1968@hotmail.com if you plan to attend, as our reservation may need to be adjusted.

Fall Education Conference

• The 9th Annual Fall Education Conference is on Saturday, October 24th at the Biosphere, in Tucson. The theme of this year’s Conference is Creativity, Sustainability, and Innovation (CSI).
Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.

- John F. Kennedy

**Upcoming Grand Canyon Chapter Events**

**Chapter Meeting/Conference Call**
- **February 21**th at 10:00 am. Dial 866-740-1260, and enter the passcode: 3883290. Please join in to discuss the Spring Seminar and the upcoming AORN Expo elections.

**Volunteer Activity**
- **March 14**th, 7:30-9:30 am. Any interested member can volunteer their time at St Vincent de Paul in their kitchen. Further details can be obtained by contacting Lin at lwboyes@gmail.com

**Seeking Volunteers at AORN Expo**

Ellice Mellinger, AORN Perioperative Education Specialist, is looking for volunteers at AORN Expo as part of a patient positioning simulation activity. The dates and times are:
- Monday, 3/9, 0930-1230
- Tuesday, 3/10, 0930-1230

Each volunteer will assist the participants in a patient positioning simulation activity (supine, lithotomy, lateral/prone). There will be 4 stations with equipment donated by industry representatives. Some of the industry representatives will be available to answer equipment questions. If you would like to volunteer, AORN will also provide you an honorarium for your time. Contact Ellice if you are interested. Phone 303-755-6300 ext 263 or 800-755-2676 ext 263. Her email address is emellinger@aorn.org

**Spring Seminar**
- **April 25**th, 7:00-4:30. The seminar will offer 6 CE's for $85. It will be held at Scottsdale Shea, Brady Conference Center. The theme is INNOVATION.

**Chapter Meeting**
- **May 9**th in Tucson. Details to follow. The Volunteer Committee will also be planning an event (TBD) in the Tucson area prior to the meeting.

**Legislative Update!**

**REQUEST FOR LICENSURE OF SURGICAL ASSISTANTS**

In September 2014 the Surgical Assistants (SA) were applying for licensure. The Sunrise SA application was withdrawn in November 2014. The withdrawal is likely because the SAs could not identify an existing professional healthcare regulatory board willing to absorb their profession and there are not enough of them to economically create their own board.

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

The Save American Workers Act of 2015 HR 30, would change the current definition of full time work under the Affordable Care Act raising it to 40 hours per week from the current definition of 30 hours per week. This would impact nurses working a 3 day 12 hour shift, with a workweek of 36 hrs. The legislation was passed in the House and is now in the Senate.


– Pat Mews, AZSCORN Legislative Coordinator

**FAQ: Am I a member of AZSCORN? What does my membership in AZSCORN cost?**

**Answer:** If you are a member of either the Grand Canyon or the AZ High Country chapter, you are a member of AZSCORN.

Your membership is paid annually by your chapter treasurer. Membership dues for the 2014 calendar year were $1 per member. Dues for EChapter members, Members At Large, and any other individuals who obtain AZSCORN membership are $15 annually.

**News from the Arizona High Country Chapter**

Six Chapter members and one surgical technician are attending AORN EXPO. We have two delegates.