

The Los Angeles Electronic Chapter (LAEC) met face-to-face at Glendale Adventist Medical Center on November 10, 2010. Suzy Axt, RN, Chapter President opened the meeting at 1715. There were 16 in attendance.

1. WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS –Axt introduced the officers—Sally Bixby, RN, Vice-President/Treasurer and Monica Weisbrich, RN, Secretary. The attendees then introduced themselves and stated where they worked.
2. STRYKER PRESENTATION—The presentation involved new innovations of the Stryker Corporation in the areas of communication and endoscopy.
3. BUSINESS MEETING – Axt gave a brief overview of the change from a standard Chapter to an Electronic Chapter. This was followed by a review of *Current/Updated Chapter Standards and New Standards and Chapter Compliance*.
  - a. REVIEW OF BYLAWS –Axt stated the revised Chapter bylaws are on the Chapter website (<http://community.aorn.org/8080/chapter0507>) for review and a vote of acceptance/rejection. Responses are due December 8, 2010 and may be submitted electronically.

Axt announce there are 251 Chapter members currently.
  - b. DISCUSSION OF WEBSITE--It is time for delegate selection. Requests to represent the Chapter are to be submitted on the website. Axt stated the Chapter refund portion of the funds from the National AORN membership fees are used to support the delegates and alternates.

Axt announced there are multiple CE presentations o the website. They are OR specific and most are free.

Axt told the attendees she welcomes information, articles or items of interest to be sent to her for inclusion on the website.
  - c. DISCUSSION OF AORN CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS – Monthly Chapter responsibilities were reviewed by Axt.
4. NEW CONGRESS ATTENDEE IMPRESSIONS – Gina Moody, RN and Debbie Guy, RN shared their first time attending Congress as delegates. Both nurses had attended several Congresses before but never as delegates. As a delegate they stated they saw the organization in a completely different light. They were impressed that the topics discussed at the Forums were issues dealing with current practice issues. They were able to see that their vote made a difference.
5. OPEN DISCUSSION –The group voiced liking the face-to-face meeting and especially like the 1700-1900 timeframe.

The next meeting will be scheduled in February 2011 at Glendale Adventist Medical Center, prior to Congress

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Weisbrich, RN

Secretary, LAEC

