

Meeting Minutes 2-2011

The Los Angeles Electronic Chapter (LAEC) met face-to-face at Glendale Adventist Medical Center on February 9, 2011. Suzy Axt, RN Chapter President opened the meeting at 1700. There were 29 in attendance.

1. WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS-Axt introduce the officers—Sally Bixby, RN Vice-President/Treasurer and Monica Weisbrich, RN Secretary. The attendees introduced themselves and stated where they worked.
2. MEETING MINUTES-Minutes from the November 10, 2010 meeting were reviewed.
3. AORN 58th CONGRESS PHILADELPHIA – Axt discussed the number of delegates allocated to the LAEC and stated there was a need for two more delegates. Axt requested volunteers.
4. BRN REGULATORY PROPOSAL FOR ENFORCEMENT – Weisbrich reviewed the proposed regulatory changes to Section 1441—specifically 1441 (d) (2) Arrest of licensee and the impact the change would have on nurses in CA. Weisbrich encouraged letters be written in opposition to the Section. A review of the Sunset Review process for Boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) was given specifically discussing the Board of Registered Nurses (BRN) and why the concern regarding the review this year. Hearing date is March 14, 2011 in Sacramento.
CIRCULATING NURSE COMPETENCY ISSUE—Weisbrich stated the ORNCC will be testifying at the March BRN Nursing Practice Committee regarding retained surgical items (RSI). At issue is who is responsible when the counts are incorrect.
NURSES' FLOAT –Bixby and Weisbrich provided an update on the progress of the project and the need for donations.
5. *FLASH STERILIZATION—BEST PRACTICES* Maryke Schmidt, 3M Field Technical Service Specialist provided an excellent presentation of current best practices focusing on flash sterilization. Schmidt included a comparison of recommendations from AAMI, AORN, CMS, JCAHO regarding types of biologicals used for the two types of sterilizers, flashing of implants, documentation and biologicals for rigid containers. Of note is the change in JCAHO language for flash sterilization in 2009 and CMS' questions being asked in the ASC's specific to flashing. All in all, a very good presentation
6. OPEN DISCUSSION – Question asked regarding documentation procedure for administration of multiple blood transfusions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, LAEC