



Meeting Minutes: February 19, 2015

The Los Angeles Chapter of AORN met face to face at Glendale Adventist Medical Center on February 19, 2015. Chapter President Suzy Axt, RN opened the meeting at 17:00 for refreshments and networking.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS – Suzy Axt introduced herself and fellow officer Sally Bixby RN. Monica Weisbrich, RN (VP-Secretary) was unable to attend due to her activities with ANA/California as their current President. She will be passing the gavel in March and better able to increase her involvement with our chapter.
2. PRESENTATION – Zipline Advanced Wound Closure presented by Stephanie Rees of Zipline Medical. Stephanie reviewed the basics of wound closure addressing layers and suture/staple routines. Zipline provides a suture-like outcome at the speed of staples. It replaces sutures and glue. There is no skin piercing or staple track marks and high patient satisfaction. Zipline is indicated for skin closure for low-tension lacerations or surgical incisions. The device is placed over a wound with a 5mm or less opening. The tension devices are pulled to approximate the skin edges and then locked in place. The device remains for 7 to 14 days. Orthopedics was selected for the initial introduction due to the ability of the device to hold the wound secure during flexion and extension. The unique force distribution system accounts for gently compressing the incision during movement. Videos of application, wound sites and six week results were reviewed and discussed.
3. MEETING MINUTES – minutes from November 6, 2014 were reviewed/discussed. M/S/C for approval.
4. TREASURERS REPORT –Current balance of \$22,260.17 was discussed. Budget for 2015 was presented and accepted by members
5. AORN CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS –
 - a. Requirements for AORN chapters in 2014 from Deb Warren were reviewed
 - b. CHAPTER BYLAWS were reviewed. There was discussion of the name “electronic Chapter” and President S. Axt reviewed the history and the decision to keep the chapter open and “electronic” rather than closing due to lack of participation 10 years ago.
 - c. The chapter has struggled in the past but is not coming into its own with renewed participation and interest. The word, “electronic” has been removed from the bylaws and replaced with “LA Chapter.”
 - d. The chapter now meets all the identified accountability standards from AORN.
 - e. M/S/C that the chapter bylaws be approved with the correction of the name.
 - f. The current Code of Ethics and Conduct was reviewed and discussed for the new members. It was emphasized that all discussions must be held confidential and that any presentations are clearly for educational development only. Copies were available for distribution.
6. Willingness to serve – Chapter Officers

- a. Chapter elections will be held in May. The 3 officer position responsibilities were reviewed. Treasurer and VP/Secretary are open for this May election, President next year.
 - b. Willingness to serve forms were distributed
7. CONGRESS 2015 Denver
- a. There are 9 openings for delegated to the 2015 Surgical Conference and Expo in March. We currently have 4 delegates identified so there are still open positions.
 - b. Willingness to serve forms for delegates, along with the identified delegate responsibilities were distributed.
8. AORN National Ballot was presented and reviewed. There was discussion, the biographical information and election statements of the candidate were briefly reviewed with directions to members on where to view the full content. All members were reminded that elections are currently open and that all members are eligible to vote.
9. The Academic Scholarship Application from the AORN Foundation was presented. A reminder that the application deadline is June 15, 2015 for anyone interested. There is also grant funding available for the CNOR exam and study materials if interested.
10. There are also scholarships available for advanced practice education from the US Army Medical Recruiting Station. Contact information available on Facebook at Santa Ana US Army Medical Recruiting Station or through Christine Shepherd CPT USARMY.
11. Next meeting to be held May 14. Marilyn Kujat from USC Keck offered to see if the meeting could be held there. Will confirm once she contacts us.