Dear Colleagues,

I had the pleasure of attending the 33rd Annual SOHN Spring Seminar Series on May 2-3, 2019 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Austin, Texas. This was my first attendance at a SOHN Spring Meeting and I have to say what an enjoyable energetic meeting it was to attend with fantastic speakers on both the pediatric day and adult day. I wish that we may continue to have an adult day each year, although that would present a dilemma as to which meeting to attend if one is restricted to attending a certain number of meetings per year. It was a wonderful program and I hope to attend more in the future.

Our 43rd Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium preliminary program has been distributed and hotel reservations are open now. “Big Ideas in the Big Easy” is sure to be another wonderful event. New Orleans is a fantastic place to eat, drink, rest, learn and network. I hope all members will consider attending and bringing someone with you. The convention hotel is right in the French Quarter and I remember while on vacation sitting in their lobby with the doors open to Bourbon Street with a great view to watch all the people go by.

With the Symposium soon to be here, our Business Meeting will feature the announcements of our winners from on-line voting for the SOHN Officers, Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. The upcoming e-voting has a number of candidates on the slate that will be anxious for your vote.

Growing the organization socially and economically requires finding good leadership through holding competitive elections. This year we have an outstanding slate of candidates who will be vying for your vote. E-voting is your chance to connect with the organization and choose your leaders. Voting will open 60 days before our Annual Congress and close 30 days before the meeting. Our organization aims for a very reliable and secure election process while placing a high importance on voter participation. Please take the time to review the slate of candidates, listen to their speeches and cast your vote. Email reminders will be sent to you in case you forget so check your email and vote.

Looking forward to seeing you in New Orleans and creating Big Ideas!

Carolyn Waddington

Carolyn Waddington, MS, RN, FNP-C, CORLN
SOHN and ENT-NF President
Let the good times roll as SOHN Congress attendees meet in New Orleans. Imagine meeting in a city where cultures collide in a brilliant explosion of flavors, emotions and sounds. It’s nearly 300 years in the making and the perfect destination. New Orleans is the birthplace of jazz, home to Creole cuisine and rich with history and unmatched southern hospitality. It is centrally located with a walkable downtown and cutting-edge, world class convention facilities. With $1.57 billion worth of improvements to the city in the past decade, New Orleans remains an authentic destination and truly a place like no other. It’s a city of chefs and delectable cuisine and a unique blend of French, Spanish, Caribbean and African cultural influences in our architecture, food, people and music. With more than 1,400 restaurants, the city offers one of the most inconceivable – and incredibly diverse – concentrations of incomparable dining and unforgettable cuisine in the world. Because most of the city’s restaurants, attractions, tours, accommodations and event venues are within walking distance of each other, it’s easy to get around the “Big Easy” and is the perfect setting for networking. Come enjoy the charm of New Orleans, all while attending a successful meeting in the Crescent City, Sportsman’s Paradise…the Big Easy. New Orleans combines big city choices with the small town friendliness, convenience and always has lagniappe – a little something extra – to offer. Explore the many sensory experiences that come with the unique city of New Orleans. Energize and advance your ORL nursing practice here with over 60 outstanding ORL sessions with more than 80 excellent instructors. Experience the “Big Ideas in the Big Easy”.

SOHN’s 43rd Congress and Nursing Symposium
September 13 – 16, 2019
SOHN’s 43rd Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium Highlights

Keynote Address
Saturday, September 14th

Advancing Nursing Practice Through Meaningful Recognition
Bonnie Barnes FAAN  Mark Barnes FAAN

What is the DAISY Foundation? An acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune SYstem, The DAISY Foundation was formed in November 1999, by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 of complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). The nursing care Patrick received when hospitalized profoundly touched his family. Read more about why they started The DAISY Foundation. daisyfoundation.org/about

SOHN President’s Reception
Saturday, September 14th
6:00-7:30 pm

Join SOHN President, Carolyn Waddington, for a delightful evening of social exchange with new and old acquaintances. Visit with the Board of Directors and let them inspire you to become more involved. Stroll leisurely through the poster presentations and learn new techniques or practices. Unwind and enjoy a delectable presentation of imported and domestic cheeses, a local sourced vegetable display and New Orleans appetizers. Cash Bar.

ENT-NF Lectureships
The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation is pleased to present and underwrite the following session this year:

Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head and Neck Laryngology Lectureship
Human Papilloma Virus Overview for Head and Neck Nurses
Katherine V. Bell MSN APRN AOCNS ACNS-BC

Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship
Welcome to Boogie Wonderland: Cases from a Pediatric Sinus Clinic
Jana L. Bradley CRNP CORLN

Health Care Policy and Advocacy Lecture
Monday, September 16th
1:15-2:15 pm

Meeting the Needs of the Underserved
Charles E. Moore MD

Dr. Moore will discuss potential strategies to create opportunities to engage in or initiate programs to address the needs of the underserved. He is a noted otolaryngologist from the Atlanta area and founder of the Healing Community Center – serving vulnerable populations.

Closing Session
Monday, September 16th
3:15-4:15 pm

Disruptive Innovation and Health Care
John H. Krouse MD PhD MBA

Dr. Krouse will discuss the transformation of health care over the past decade, with a focus on the increasing use of non-physician providers in a wide range of health care settings. It will introduce and feature principles of the economic theory of “disruptive innovation,” a model that clearly explains how these changes have occurred and have proven so successful. The course will utilize lecture and graphic displays of this model to first introduce the economic principles of disruptive innovation. It will then tie in these principles with health care delivery and illustrate how disruption has and will continue to occur in health care. It will provide a framework to better understand current and future trends in the health care workforce and health care delivery. Dr. Krouse is the Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine – The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.
Noteworthy Courses & Events

Sunday, September 15 • 7:00 PM
SOHN’s Night Out In New Orleans
MULATE’S ~ The Original Cajun Restaurant
(Ticketed Event $49)

Join friends old and new and stroll to a New Orleans Tradition. A 20 minute walk (or taxi ride, Uber or streetcar). Mulate’s is the “Original Cajun Restaurant” with Cajun fare and live Zydeco music in a rustic wood-beamed space, flanked by a dance floor and full bar. Mulate’s is famous for presenting and celebrating the food, music and culture found in small towns along the bayous of South Louisiana. Mulate’s prides itself in being true to it’s roots!

Price includes a Starter of salad or gumbo, choice of one of five entrees from the C’est Si Bon Group Menu, Dessert (Mulate’s famous homemade bread pudding with butter rum sauce) and Soft Drinks, Iced Tea and Coffee included. Vegetarian options available upon request. Also includes tax and gratuities. Cash Bar. Sign up for a fun filled SOHN evening (SOHN attendees can dance!!!). Tickets are limited.

Friday, September 13 • 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Comprehensive ORL and Head-Neck Nursing Course
(Additional fee required)

Sessions will include:
• Otology
• Pediatric Otolaryngology
• Hearing Loss Evaluation and Management
• Overview of the Nose, Sinuses and Oral Cavity
• Benign Head and Neck Disorders
• Overview of Head and Neck Cancer and Treatment Modalities
• Specific Head and Neck Cancer Treatment and Nursing Implications

Friday, September 13 • 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
ORL Nursing Pharmacology Course
(Additional fee required)

Sessions will include:
• CBD Oil and Otorhinolaryngology
• Understanding Otitis Media Treatment – Targeting Treatment Based on Our Current Evidence
• Compounded Topical Sinus Medications
• Immunizations: Shots for Everyone?
• Antibiotic Stewardship: Improving RX Acumen
• Treatment of Metastatic and Recurrent Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma
• Chronic Sinusitis Treatment – “What to Give and How to Give It”

Saturday, September 14 • 8:00 – 8:30 am
Getting to Know You in New Orleans
(An Insider’s Secrets to Congress 2019)
Calling All First Time Attendees! Each year a number of attendees come to SOHN’s Annual Congress for the first time. Come and check out the latest Annual Meeting buzz. If you are a first-timer, choose to attend the First-Time Attendee Orientation. First-Timers will be greeted by SOHN’s National Congress Education Committee and many volunteers who have “been there and done that”. In addition to meeting other first-time attendees, you will hear insider’s secrets to help you get the most out of Congress 2019.

Saturday, September 14 • 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Special Interest Group Meetings
ORL Nursing covers a wide range of subspecialties, each of which present a special set of skills and unique knowledge base. SOHN special interest groups (SIGs) will link you with other members practicing in your designated subspecialty. All SIGs will be meeting at Congress. Join a SIG and share your ideas and gain new information.

Sunday, September 15 • 7:00 – 8:00 am
Stepping Forward for the Foundation
(Ticketed event – $40)

Rise and shine and walk for the ENT-NF (SOHN’s Foundation)! Join the SOHN Walking Legends on an exciting and adventuresome journey through New Orleans. In addition: Invite colleagues, family and friends to sponsor your walk. Chapter members join the Chapter Challenge and walk for the Foundation. All donations will benefit ENT-NF Scholarships, Lectureships, ORL Education and Research. Each participant will receive a limited edition 2019 Foundation T-shirt.

Sunday, September 15 • 1:00 pm & 3:45 pm
Suturing and Knot Tying for the Nurse Practitioner and RNFA
Enrollment is limited – Ticketed event

A suture workshop for CRPNPs and RNFAQs. Review instrument tying wounds closed, hand tying of vessels including one handed and two handed tie. Tensil strength and types of suture will also briefly be discussed.

Sunday, September 15 - Monday morning, September 16
ENT-NF Annual Benefit
Awarding of prizes: Monday at 10:00 am

The very entertaining, Outrageous ENT-NF Annual Benefit, offers unique gifts and prizes that have been generously donated. By participating in the event, you can win great items while promoting the work of the Foundation. Benefits: Priceless.

Sunday, September 15 • 10:00 am
Grand Opening of SOHN Exhibit Hall
Don’t miss the ribbon-cutting event that marks the official opening of the Exhibit Hall. Refreshments will be served as you view displays reflecting the state of the art in technology, products and services. With cutting-edge products and services showcased throughout the exhibit hall, this is truly a highlight of the annual meeting. You’re guaranteed a solid return on investment for the time you spend with company representatives, and you’ll walk away with new ideas to improve your practice. Attendees who complete their Exhibit Viewing Card will have a chance to win a free 2020 Congress Registration!

Hours: Sunday, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Monday, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm

Monday, September 16 • 9:15 – 10:00 am
Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses Notice of Business Meeting

Join the SOHN Officers and Board Members for the Annual Business Meeting. New officers will be installed and learn what is happening in your association. All registrants are welcome to attend.

Poster Session
Research, evidence-based practice, educational and clinical initiative posters are on display during the conference. Take advantage of this opportunity to review current studies or projects on relevant ORL nursing topics. The poster authors will be present to discuss their findings on Saturday evening.
Society of Otorhinolaryngology & Head-Neck Nurses
43rd Annual Congress

Register Early
• Save money
• Save time

Registration Includes
• More than 55 educational offerings
• Admittance to all SOHN educational programs (Pharmacology & Comprehensive ORL Nursing Courses require an additional fee)
• Access to Online Handouts
• Proceedings Book
• SOHN President’s Reception
• SOHN Exhibit Hall
• Coffee Breaks
• Poster Presentations
• Contact Hours
• ENT-NF Annual Benefit
• Annual Business Meeting

See the May Update for registration forms or register online at www.sohnnurse.com

CORLN Corner

Congratulations to our Newest CORLNs!
Katherine B. Bartholomay
Tiffany M. Brechbill
Julie M. Caprio
Saige Fang
Danielle Fournier
Scott A. Henderson
Erin B. McCarty
Rosemary Patel
Kristin B. Patterson
Milissa D. Pressey
Tyree D. Smith
Kaitlin Vance

Those that have Recertified!
Margaret L. Colwill
Susan R. Eckwright
Chester F. Hilton
Lisa J. Keller
Jacqueline D. Liberati
Melissa J. Loose
Linda M. Payne
Fayann L. Ridgley
Christy S. Sheppard

Ear, Nose & Throat Nursing Foundation

The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF) was founded in 1997 to enhance the care of the ear, nose and throat patient, by advancing the art and science of nursing through education and research funded by donations from individuals, corporations and healthcare providers. Donations will be used for educational programs designed to enhance care delivery and prevention of disease for the otolaryngology population; support research initiatives to improve the health of patients with ear, nose and throat disorders; and to provide educational programs to increase the knowledge of healthcare professionals interested in ear, nose and throat nursing care.

Your support in assisting ENT-NF to enhance the care of ear, nose and throat patients is sincerely appreciated. Please make checks payable to ENT-NF and mail to:

ENT-NF
207 Downing Street
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
Or donate online at www.sohnnurse.com (Your contribution to ENT-NF is tax-deductible.)

Thank you for your support!!

Attention All SOHN Students!!!

We want to help PAY for your professional education!
Apply by July 16th for an educational scholarship to pursue your studies

• Allied Health to BSN degree
• RN to BSN degree
• Graduate Degree Scholarship

Awards $1,000 – $1,500
Email info@sohnurse.com for an application

ENT-NF Wall of Honor

“to honor, to thank, to cherish the memory”

Gifts have been received in memory of:
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Meet the Candidates

Election Notice:
The Slate of Candidates for the SOHN Election 2019 is presented on the following pages. All Full Members of SOHN are eligible to vote. Voting will take place electronically. Polls will open 60 days before the starting day of the SOHN Annual Congress and close 30 days before the Annual Congress. Additional information will be sent to you by email. Please be sure your current email is on file at SOHN Headquarters.

Candidate for the Position of Treasurer

Anne Lambert DeLeo
CRNP CORLN
Years of SOHN Membership: 21

Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/ SOHN Committee Work/Publications:
- University of Pennsylvania Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program, MSN
- Thomas Jefferson University, BSN
- 21 years PNP at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in ENT
- Have been a proud member of SOHN for 21 years, participating in all different committees, started with Nominating Committee, Coordinator-Pediatric Spring Conference May 2003, Coordinator Pediatric Spring Conference May 2004. Coordinator for Pediatric Pharmacology Conference September 2010, Coordinator of Pediatric Pharmacology Conference September 2011. Pediatric Special Interest Group Leader 2003-2005. Education Committee/ Nurse Planner May 2003 to present.
- October 2018 Honor Award from SOHN. Last Presentation, When You Lose Your WHIFF, 2017 SOHN Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium in Chicago

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:
- As above, American Academy of Pediatrics 2015 - present
- Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of SOHN

Qualifications for this Position:
I have been an active member in SOHN since entering my NP position at CHOP ENT over 21 years ago. I have been honored to serve in multiple positions and lecture through the years. I have been on the SOHN board as well as Treasurer in 1/15-1/18. During this time I worked closely with the SOHN board members as well as the SOHN president to continue to move SOHN forward as a nursing society, working on a cost effective plan for SOHN such as online voting, membership retention and new members. Continue to encourage and promote new SOHN members to become more involved in leadership positions, poster presentations and educational lectures in order to keep us on the cutting edge in advancements in nursing and caring for ENT patients.

Position Statement:
Madam President, Board members and fellow SOHN members, thank you for considering me for the Position of Treasurer. Belonging to a professional nursing organization like SOHN has provided me with continuing avenues to grow and advance in my ENT nursing career. If elected Treasurer I will continue to work with our SOHN president and board members to encourage financial growth, explore new online education materials to connect with our ever changing nursing members and international members. Seek financial opportunities of growth and continue to recruit new SOHN members both locally and nationally.

Candidate for the Position of Board of Director

Troy J. DeRose
MSN RN CRNP RNFA CORLN ANCC-C ACGNP FNP
Years of SOHN Membership: 16

Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/ SOHN Committee Work/Publications:

- Taught two suturing courses back to back at 43rd Annual SOHN Nursing Symposium, 2018 - Atlanta, Georgia
- Pharygocutaneous Fistula s/p Total Laryngectomy- PowerPoint presentation, Los Angeles, California, September 2004, SOHN Annual Conference

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:
- Past Vice President of Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of SOHN - 2018
- Previously held position on Nominating Committee - 2018

Qualifications for this Position:
CORLN Certification
Inpatient otolaryngology clinical experience >20 years
Past Vice-President of Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of SOHN - 2018

Position Statement:
As a long time member of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses I feel confident that I will fulfill the duties and goals of the Society and their Board of Directors with unwavering dedication and bias to the fullest of my capacity.
Meet the Candidates

Candidate for the Position of Board of Director

Scott Henderson
BSN RN CORLN
Years of SOHN Membership: 8

Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/SOHN Committee Work/Publications:
• BSN from University of Texas Houston
• Article on the review of local anesthetics
• Awarded Employee of the Quarter from my hospital Perioperative Unit

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:
I have been a member for 8 years and I have most recently been the Chair of the Nominating Committee for the past two years. I also lead the Perioperative SIG at our national meeting.

Qualifications for this Position:
Dedication to SOHN for many years. Chair for the Nominating Committee and working in getting members to run for the offices that are available.

Position Statement:
I am running for this position because I have loved being part of SOHN since I first joined. I have been slowly trying to do more in the organization. I am currently president of the Greater Houston Area Chapter. I am the SIG leader for the perioperative group. I am the Chair of the Nominating Committee for the second year and now I would love to join the board of directors. Becoming a board member would further help me learn more about the workings of the organization. I would be able to contribute new ideas and work with great people in expanding not only my knowledge but helping SOHN grow.

Candidate for the Position of Board of Director

Lisa Lever
BSN RN CORLN
Years of SOHN Membership: 6

Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/Publications:
• 1983 - Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of NE Medical Center
• 1979 - Diploma in Nursing, NE Methodist Hospital School of Nursing
• Employment: 2006 - present, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska Clinic Nurse position
• 1980 - 2006, Children’s Hospital & Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska, Staff Nurse and management positions in NICU and PICU

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:
• I have been a member of SOHN for 6 years
• Certification: CORLN, 2014 – present

Candidate for the Position of Nominating Committee Member

Bryan A. Facione
MS ACNP-BC CORLN
Years of SOHN Membership: 8

Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/SOHN Committee Work/Publications:
• 2018-Speaker at 42nd Annual Congress on Otalgia
• 2018-CORLN Certification
• 2017-Speaker at 41st Annual Congress on 1) Cranial Nerves and 2) Otology for the Comprehensive ORL Nursing Course
• 2016-Served on Smoking Cessation Task Force for SOHN and contributed to revised program
• 2016- Served as external peer reviewer for the AAO-HNSF Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo Guideline Update
• 2015-Speaker at 40th Annual Congress on The Cytochrome P450 System

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:
• Vice President of the Southeastern Michigan SOHN Chapter
• Member of the VA APRN council

President of Greater Omaha SOHN Chapter, 2017 – present
SOHN Chapter Coordinator, 2018 - present

Qualifications for this Position:
While I have worked in the ENT clinic for a relatively short amount of time in my nursing career, I have worked hard to gain as much knowledge as I am able and feel I have become a valuable resource and leader in our clinical setting. I took the initiative to start the process to develop a new SOHN chapter in Nebraska which was chartered at the 2017 Congress. I have served as the Greater Omaha SOHN Chapter president since that time. I have additional leadership experience overseeing and managing nurses in an inpatient pediatric ICU setting. I have attended the past five Congress and business meetings and am eager to become more involved in our organization. I volunteered to take on the role of SOHN Chapter Coordinator in 2018. I was also given the opportunity to be the guest attendee at the Midwinter Board meeting in 2019 where I was able to see the Board working together.

Position Statement:
I feel that membership and involvement in the SOHN organization is an important part of personal and professional growth. I have observed others become more involved and take on leadership roles in our organization and feel that I am now ready to also do this. I will work to promote ORL nursing, be an active participant in discussions while also gathering input from other ORL nurses, and will work to build the membership of SOHN in able to carry us into the future. I am excited for the opportunity to become more involved in the leadership of SOHN and thank you for your consideration of me for a position on the Board of Directors.
Meet the Candidates

**Qualifications for this Position:**
- SOHN membership for eight years
- CORLN Certification
- Attended and spoke at multiple SOHN Annual Congresses and Nursing Symposia
- Commitment and dedication to the maintenance of professional relationships with SOHN members and potential members

**Position Statement:**
I am committed to the mission of SOHN to promote the professional growth of the ORL nurse. I am called to serve SOHN and assist with this mission through participation on the Nominating Committee. I am committed to make professional connections with members through listening and dialog and identify individuals who have the passion and leadership qualities to serve SOHN. I will assist these individuals in running for elected office through the fulfillment of the Nominating Committee responsibilities.

**Candidate for the Position of Nominating Committee Member**

**Jennifer Rodil**  
MSN RN CORLN  
Years of SOHN Membership: 2

**Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/ SOHN Committee Work/Publications:**
- Graduated with Master’s in Nursing Administration May 2019
- Development and Evaluation of a Telephone Triage System in a Head and Neck Practice (Poster presentation at SOHN Congress October 2018)
- Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Nurses’ Graduate Level Scholarship Recipient 2018
- Obtained Certification in Otorhinolaryngology & Head-Neck Nursing (CORLN) in 2017

**Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:**
- Twitter representative for SOHN
- Twitter representative for Houston Chapter of Oncology Nursing Society

**Qualifications for this Position:**
Organized, innovative, ambitious, adaptive, and highly reliable. Able to execute tasks in a timely manner to produce effective and positive outcomes. Very personable, easy to work with, and able to network/recruit.

**Position Statement:**
I, Jennifer Rodil, consent to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee, if elected. I agree to be present at all Nominating Committee meetings, unless an emergency situation occurs. I will assume all duties and responsibilities as needed in this committee.

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**Candidate for the Position of Nominating Committee Member**

**Mark Vukovich**  
MSN RN FNP-BC  
Years of SOHN Membership: 12

**Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/ SOHN Committee Work/Publications:**
- 2006 Master of Science, Nursing, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- 2001 Bachelor of Science, Nursing, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- 1993 Associate of Science, Nursing, Waukesha County Technical College
- Program development and management pH/impedance testing program, HIV outreach programs, facilitated HSV support group.
- Honors in 2000 was Sigma Theta Tau (Honor society of nursing)
- Head and neck cancer screening for Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week 2008-2012 and 2014-2017
- Research involvement Chronic rhinosinusitis and pepsin analysis
- “Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Reoccurrence in an Adolescent Correctional Facility” A quantitative look at cases of Gonorrhea

**Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:**
- Co-chair Wisconsin SOHN Education Committee 2007 and 2008
- SOHN member 2007 to present
- Wisconsin Society of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, faculty and planning committee 2016
- Associate Member of Wisconsin Society of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, 2007-present
- Wisconsin Nurses Association 2003-present
- Milwaukee Metro Nurse Practitioners Association 2004-2010

**Qualifications for this Position:**
Being a member of SOHN for 12 years and working on education and planning committees for other organizations, gives me the needed experience to work with others on the Nominating Committee.

**Position Statement:**
Working in the Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences Department at Froedtert Hospital, I have the opportunity to be part of a talented and innovative team of health care providers who contribute to advancements in healthcare in many parts of the world. It’s exciting to think of the many ways that my practice helps to support this mission, both through direct clinical practice as well as research efforts. SOHN’s educational programs (locally and nationally) helped me along this journey, supporting my practice and furthering my knowledge. I would like to help were I can and that is why I am running for a position on the Nominating Committee.
Using Videoconferencing to Advancing the Professional Growth of ORL Nurses

Educational Opportunities for Professional Growth

The mission of Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN) surrounds fostering the professional growth of the Otorhinolaryngology (ORL) nurse through education, and its vision embraces promoting innovative approaches to advance the professional growth and development of nurses.

ORL nurses have a desire to grow in their profession by dedicating themselves to lifelong learning. ORL nurses look for opportunities to review content that they might have learned in nursing school but have not had the chance to care for a patient with a particular problem for in a long time. They try to stay abreast of changes in guidelines, policies and new intervention options for improving outcomes of patients with Otorhinolaryngology problems.

Face-to-face learning has primarily been the traditional way to learn among ORL nurses in the form of chapter-based educational offerings and national annual congress meetings under the umbrella of SOHN’s current educational methodology. Recently, SOHN, at the national level, has incorporated online learning methodology to assist new nurses to become board certified by taking the Certified ORL Nurse examination and help previously certified nurses to recertify effectively and efficiently. The effectiveness of this approach is currently being measured.

At the chapter level, the nurse planners and the leadership committee led by the president work fervently to organize chapter-based face-to-face educational meetings to meet the chapter requirements and SOHN’s mission and vision. However, challenges exist even given that ORL nurses are located geographically far away from each other within a chapter. Finding a meeting location that minimizes driving times is almost impossible especially in states with a large geographical area. New nurse graduates bring a different type of learning style since they are exposed to online learning options and other modes of technology to enhance their knowledge.

**Internet-Based Learning**

Most disciplines in the healthcare industry are trending towards internet-based learning mechanisms given the advancement in technology (ehealthinservice). Internet-based learning includes pre-recorded online content that can be accessed by the learners at their convenience and virtual web-based meetings using various web-conferencing mechanisms that simulate face-to-face learning where there can be active participation between the presenter and the learners. A webinar is another mechanism used to reach an audience who might be located in various parts of the world.

These internet-based learning mechanisms provide an opportunity for the healthcare providers to:

1. Access content on a website freely or for a fee
2. Interact with the lecturer
3. Interact with other learners

Internet-based learning can help reach out to a larger audience, improve learners’ satisfaction, increase learners’ knowledge, improve performance in practice, and improve patient outcomes.

**Internet-Based Learning at the Chapter Level**

Several chapters within SOHN have been trying different web-conferencing options such as Adobe Connect, Skype, WebEx, GoToMeeting to increase the attendance for chapter educational offerings. The Maryland-DC SOHN Chapter has been using a platform called “Zoom Video Conferencing” over the last year and has helped increase the attendance by 3-4 additional nurses who join remotely. The event that caught everyone’s attention was when four nurses from different parts of Texas were able to join in the videoconferencing and participate in the educational offering.

**Zoom Video Conferencing**

Zoom Video conferencing is a web-based enterprise that allows online meetings, training, video webinars, zoom rooms and phone in capabilities. The Maryland-DC SOHN Chapter used the zoom room option to allow many participants to join the conference call. The setup was easy by going to www.zoom.us and clicking on “host a meeting.” The website allows 30 minutes of free time for the meeting but charges a fee when the meeting needs to be longer. So, the meeting would automatically adjourn if an account is not set up ahead of time for a longer duration. Therefore, this platform is easy to use for short meetings, but funding needs to be secured for longer sessions. The learner who is joining remotely will be provided a 9-digit zoom room number that they enter in the website for which the course planner sends a link, or they can go to www.zoom.us and join the meeting by clicking on “join a meeting” and entering the 9-digit number.

The presenters can share their screen, and so, the learners can actively participate by watching the presenter advance the slides or any videos that might be played. The audio and video are of high quality similar to that of watching your computer screen. The learners can also choose to meet in a physical meeting space to project the presentation for a broader audience. Three of the nurses met in one room in Texas to participate in the educational activity while the 4th nurse joined us from the comfort of her home using her personal computer. The learners can ask a question any time they want during the presentation; however, they were requested to mute their computers until they were ready to ask questions or share comments to avoid any distractions to the presenter’s voice.

**SOHN Requirement for Obtaining CEUS**

At the end of the videoconference education via zoom, the Maryland-DC Chapter nurse planner sent the evaluation forms to the distant learners regarding their experience with the learning mechanism and to also answer questions about the content to ensure that the objectives of the session were met. Only upon receiving their evaluations, were their names submitted to headquarters for continuing education certificates.

**A Successful Long-Distance Educational Event**

Evaluations regarding the learning opportunity suggested positive feedback from both onsite and distant learners. Distant learners have reached out for more opportunities to participate in the educational activities planned by the Maryland-DC Chapter. We are planning to set up a similar videoconference for the upcoming annual spring educational event that is being planned. Registration fees this spring would remain the same for both online and onsite learners. We hope that our success story will motivate other chapters to consider using videoconferencing to bring chapter members together or join other existing chapter online events to obtain additional credits to maintain ORL certification.

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2019 SOHN Calendar
Award Nominations
Events/Deadlines

July
1 Annual Board Meeting Guest Attendee Application Deadline
1 Chapter Excellence Award Applications Deadline
1 Clinical Excellence Award Application Deadline
1 Honor Award Applications Deadline
1 Scholarship Applications Deadline
1 Forming Chapter Bylaws Deadline

September
5 CORLN Examination Application Deadline
13-16 SOHN 43rd Annual SOHN Congress, New Orleans, LA

October
5-19 CORLN Examination Testing Period
15 Call for Abstracts 2020 Congress & Spring Seminar Series

November
1 Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee Application Deadline
15 Lois Moore-Rogers Lectureship Deadline
30 Research Forum Abstracts Deadline

December
30 Nominations for Outstanding Service Award Deadline
30 Nominations for Friend of SOHN Award Deadline

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