



Proposed Online Community Structure

This document provides a high level overview of the offerings being proposed for the Specialty Assemblies and the Online Forum. Online forums would be self-forming communities with discussions on clinical or other topics of interest. The SAs would be similar to the SA structure today.

The web platform for the SAs and the forums will be exactly the same. Members will have access to the latest web technology for networking, document sharing and much more.

	Current Specialty Assembly Structure	Proposed Specialty Assembly Structure (Name to be determined.)	Proposed Online Forum Structure (Name to be determined.)
Goal:	To provide current clinical information, education and professional networking in specific areas related to AORN's mission & vision.	To provide current clinical information, education and professional networking in specific areas related to AORN's mission & vision.	To provide professional networking opportunities for all AORN members.
Coordinating Council Composition	5 member Coordinating Council	5 member Coordinating Council	No Coordinating Council.
Coordinating Council Positions	Elected by the SA	Appointed based on recommendation from the Coordinating Council, final approval from the Board President Elect.	N/A
Communication & Newsletters	Written by members and distributed by AORN (2-4 per year) Articles in <i>Connections</i> .	Written by members and distributed by AORN (2-4 per year) Articles in <i>Connections</i> .	No newsletter
Educational Events	Pre-Congress, Congress, Fall conference. Session proposals including speaker submitted to Planning Committees for consideration.	Pre-Congress, Congress, Fall conference. Session proposals including speaker submitted to Planning Committees for consideration.	Educational sessions regarding "hot topics" to be included at Congress.
Annual Goals Related to AORN Strategic Plan	No	Yes	No
Annual and Quarterly Reports	Just annual report.	Quarterly and annual reports will be required.	No
Access to Web Site	Members do not have access to all SAs.	Members have open access to all Specialty Assemblies once they pay. All members can view discussions with	Full access to all forums. "View only" access to SAs - members must pay to participate in the SA.

		the assemblies, but to participate (be an active member of the specialty assembly) you must pay.	
Minimum Number of Members Needed to Form	200 members	No minimum number required, but a forum must meet formation requirements to become an SA.	No minimum required.
Funding	Travel allowance. Reduced registration to Leadership Conference for Coordinating Council.	Travel allowance. Reduced registration to Leadership Conference for Coordinating Council.	No funding
Delegates	2 Delegates per SA.	2 Delegates per SA.	No delegates
Business Meeting	Business meeting at Congress, and Fall Conference.	Business meeting at Congress, and Fall Conference.	No business meetings funded by AORN.
Fee	One free. +\$15 for each additional.	Proposed: Flat fee (TBD) for access to ALL Specialty Assemblies.	No fee
BOD liaison	Yes	Yes	No
Nursing Practice Liaison	Yes	Yes	No
Nursing Education Liaison	Yes	Yes	No
Member Services Liaison	Yes	Yes	No