



eDelegate Report

Thank you *eChapter* for the support you provided while allowing me to serve as a delegate to the 57th AORN Congress in Denver. This year the Congress Delegates made significant progress in changes to the Bylaws for the Association. I was ecstatic to see the delegates support the one member one vote for the officers which allows all of our *eChapter* members to vote for the national officers and nominating committee members. This is a giant leap forward for the Association and allows for all of our *eChapter* members to participate. The nominating committee did an excellent job and our national slate of candidates was awesome this year.

In addition, the House of Delegates (HOD) changed the Bylaws regarding the opportunity for participation at the House where issues may be addressed. Now all members attending Congress may choose to serve as delegates in the HOD business session during Congress. These two changes offer excellent opportunity for our *eChapter* members to be heard at the national level.

Our national Board of Directors (BOD) was offered numerous suggestions during the HOD for possible future changes such as the consideration of making the Recommended Practices and Standards (RPS) easier to access by individual members. This is an area that received support during our *eChapter* meeting and also suggests a need for continued consideration as the RPS is also one of AORN's significant business items for revenue generation. This will require a detailed discussion by the national BOD in light of the ramifications relative to issues of generating revenue versus ease of access and reduction of cost to individual members.

The AORN BOD sought a \$20/member dues increase and the HOD voted to add an additional \$5 to that to help prevent the need for another increase in the relative near future. AORN is one of the lowest costs/member dues for nursing specialty organizations in the United States and provides significant return on our individual investment for our profession. Our AORN BOD has a significant fiduciary responsibility to our members and must be mindful of the members needs relative to solvency of our organization in economically trying times for our nation. We have a BOD that is very mindful of their responsibilities and passionate about the continued and long term success of our national organization.

Have a great year and again thanks for the opportunity and support to serve you at the 2010 AORN Congress in Denver.

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