

*Chapter Advisory
Team Update*

CHAPTER ADVISORY TEAM UPDATE

National Office Update

Dear Chapter Presidents,

Education Updates

The first few months of the year are busy with holding elections, getting the annual reports done and hopefully, deciding who in your chapters can go to Congress in Seattle. I would like to encourage everyone to stop by the CAT booth in the exhibit hall. The Chapter Advisory Team would like to meet you and help your chapters to grow and blossom like the spring flowers. Please consider filling out a "willing to serve" form on the NAON site and join CAT or one of the other committees. It is a great way to get more involved with NAON. If you have any questions don't hesitate to e-mail your CAT representative or me anytime.

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Congress 2009

*Each One Reach One
Membership Challenge*

Nancy Morris RN, ONC CAT Chair

*NAON Leadership
Opportunities*

NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE

- Sign up for NAON Twitter-When you sign up, you will join a network of people who will receive updates and information about NAON Congress. Help us get the "buzz" going about NAON Congress by joining the NAON Twitter! To sign up, please visit our homepage, www.orthonurse.org.
- All annual reports were due to the National Office and your CAT representative by April 1, 2010 in order for your Chapter to be eligible for its check. **Thank you to the 58 Chapters who submitted all or some of their reports by the deadline!**
- **Remember:** Chapter reimbursement rate has changed to \$6 per Chapter member on record in 2007. Please budget accordingly and feel free to contact your CAT Representative or Katie DenHollander with any questions.
- Please make sure that the Officer Roster for your Chapter has been submitted to the National Office. This information will be used to update the Chapter Directory

and NAON database in June

- To **access an MAL roster** for your state it's as easy as the Online Member Directory's Advanced Search and 1-2-3!
 1. Login using your Chapter login information
 2. Click Member Directory & Select Advanced search
 3. Select "*Exact Criteria*" - Chapter: *MAL* - State: *your own*The list you'll get can be exported to a spreadsheet and is the most up to date record of current NAON members. You can access this list as often as you have need. If you have any questions, the National Office staff is happy to help.

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EDUCATION UPDATE

Congress

NAON's 30th Annual Congress in Seattle is fast approaching on May 15-19, 2010. Session updates can also be found online. There will be no session handout CD as NAON continues to "go green". However, session handouts will be available online prior to Congress. NAON is also working with a new print-on-demand service for session handouts. More information on that service will be forthcoming in a future Congress e-blast. Please make note of the following Congress highlights:

Saturday, May 15, 2010

- Orthopaedic Nursing Review Course
- Orthopaedic CNS Review Course
- Orthopaedic NP Review Course
- Learning about Orthopaedic Complications Through the Use of Simulation (hands-on workshop)
- Joint Examination, Aspiration, and Injection (hands-on workshop)

Sunday, May 16, 2010

- Certification exams
- The Research Process: Building Knowledge to Support Culturally Competent Orthopaedic Nursing Care
- SIG sessions
- Opening ceremony/session
- Exhibit Hall grand opening
- APN Networking Assembly
- International & New Member Meet & Greet
- NeXt Generation Orthopaedic Nurses Meet & Greet

Monday, May 17, 2010

- NAON Foundation "Stepping Out" Walk
- Educational sessions
- Exhibit Hall
- NAON Annual Business Meeting

- Pain Dinner Symposium

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

- Educational sessions
- Exhibit Hall
- Annual Congress Party

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

- Educational sessions
- Closing ceremony/session

Approver Unit

Paper applications are no longer accepted by the Approver Unit. Please submit all applications online. Updates to the online application process and forms to enhance user friendliness are now complete. Please provide constructive feedback to Nadine Silverman (nsilverman@smithbucklin.com).

Orthopaedic Nursing Review Course

This one day review course can be hosted by local facilities or chapters. It provides a comprehensive overview of orthopaedic patient conditions and care provided to them. The course provides an excellent final review for those planning to take the Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Exam or those who desire orthopaedic knowledge enhancement. 7.0 contact hours are provided to participants. Please access the NAON website (www.orthonurse.org), select the Certification tab to schedule a course

Product Sale

The NAON Orthopaedic Operating Room Manual is on sale for \$25.00 each. Order yours today via the NAON website (www.orthonurse.org) Online Store.

SIG changes

Between now and June 30, 2010, all of the NAON Special Interest Group (SIGs) listserves will be converted to a Discussion Forum format. The SIG Discussion Forums are a great way to discuss practice issues and network with nurse colleagues practicing, or interested in, the same specialty. Sharing documents with your peers is easy by using the attachment feature with these new discussion forums. You also have the ability to read what any group is talking about and not just the SIG groups you for which you signed up. This opens the door to a greater level of communication among colleagues. The transition of the SIG listserves to Discussion Forums will take place over the first half of 2010 in three different phases:

Phase 1 – January 30, 2010 - Staff Education, Case Management, RN First Assistant, Spine and Sports Medicine SIGs

Phase 2 – March 30, 2010 – Pediatrics, Operating Room, Trauma, Patient Education and Gerontology SIGs

Phase 3 – June 30, 2010 - Advanced Practice, Management, Total Joint Replacement, Osteoporosis and Office Practice SIGs

Note that after each date listed above, the current SIG listserves will no longer be accessible. Remember, to participate in all of the NAON Discussion Forums, you must be a NAON member and logged in as a NAON member. You will only have access to a

limited number of the Discussion Forums if you are not a NAON member. NAON can help familiarize you with the Discussion Forum process.

Getting started:

- To join, go to www.orthonurse.org
- Click on NAON Resources > Discussion Forums
- Make sure you are logged in with your Username & Password
- Accept the disclaimer and proceed

Once you are logged in, you can

- read what any group is talking about
- jump in on the conversations
- set up an alert for when a new topic starts in one of the forums
- set up an RSS feed to the discussion for your GoogleReader or other aggregator

Questions? Contact the NAON National Office at naon@smithbucklin.com or 800.289.NAON (6266).

Research & Practice

NAON Online Scientific Journal Club

The NAON Online Scientific Journal Club was initiated by the Research Unit of the NAON Evidence Based Practice & Research Committee on February 1, 2010. It is an interactive activity for those interested in research as it relates to orthopaedic nursing. The purpose of this club is to stimulate interest and literature review of research applicable to patients with orthopaedic conditions. A member of the NEBPRC Research Unit will post an evidence-based article to the Research Discussion Forum and facilitate discussion for one month after posting. Suggested discussion includes questions, practice issues encountered, supportive and challenging comments, and other conversation about the article content. Join in regularly to keep current about new findings and voice your views about particular articles of interest.

New NAON News Column

The Research Unit has also published its first article for the "Have You Heard?" column in NAON News. The overall objective of the column is stimulating interest in research that has implications for orthopaedic nursing.

Twitter

Find NAON information and articles of clinical orthopaedic interest on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/NAONurses>

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ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION

Reports Were Due April 1st!

If you have not yet completed and submitted the annual reports, please plan to do so as soon as possible. Included here is a "**How To**" **guide** for completing the annual reports for your Chapter's status and health in 2009. All forms were due to the National Office and your CAT Representative no later than April 1, 2010. Any forms received now will not be eligible for reimbursement, even if all other requirements are met.

IRS Reporting in 2010

All tax-exempt organizations are required to complete Form 990. Though the Form 990 **is not included** here, completing both tabs (Activity and Position) of the Financial Report will provide all the data you will need to complete the 990. All Chapters must complete this form in order to maintain tax-exempt status. No Chapter will be covered under a NAON group exemption. For additional information, please visit the [Internal Revenue Service Web site](#).

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CONGRESS 2010

Chapter Related Activities

- Show everyone at Congress what else your Chapter does all year! [Sign up Now](#) for space on the Chapter Chatter boards. Get creative with a 4x4 poster board display of your events, fundraisers, community involvement, recruitment and everything else your Chapter proudly does. "Brag Boards" will be displayed near the registration area.
- Interested in participating in the NAON Mall this year in Seattle? [Click here](#) for a packet with information and the necessary forms. Any questions? Contact Elizabeth Klostermann at eklostermann@smithbucklin.com.

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EACH ONE REACH ONE MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE



Below is the current tracking for new members for chapters.

013 - Philadelphia	9	11.6%
151- Southern New Hampshire	1	9.09%
024 - Northeastern Oklahoma	2	8.33%

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NAON LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you considering a volunteer position at the national level? Now is a great time to volunteer and become actively involved in NAON. We are continually seeking members interested in serving in a leadership position. The Leadership Search Committee is excited to seek out new volunteers for the 2010-2011 committee cycle.

There are a variety of ways to get involved with NAON's Committees and Task Forces,

as a Special Interest Group Facilitator, or on the NAON Executive Board. Please visit www.orthonurse.org > About NAON > Become a NAON Leader for more information regarding the positions available and qualifications. Take a few moments to submit a **Willingness to Serve Form** to express your interest in NAON Committees and leadership positions.

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Additional information, past mailings, and Chapter rosters can be found at www.orthonurse.org > Chapters > Chapter Resources

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