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CHAPTER ADVISORY TEAM UPDATE

Dear Chapter Presidents,

It may seem too early to talk about the next Congress in Baltimore but time disappears quickly. Your chapter may need to decide how to raise money to go to Congress. For example, get donations from the work place or from physicians or have a bake sale. One thing I would encourage all chapters to think about is the NAON Mall at Congress. It does take some planning but the Mall is always a popular attraction. I have seen many different things for sale like jewelry, t-shirts, pens, scissors, cookbooks, etc. I would think the items could be shipped to the hotel before Congress. The Mall is a great way to raise money and do some shopping at the same time. Please watch for the announcements about the NAON Mall.

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CAT chair

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NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE

Check Your Chapter's Contact Info!

The Chapter Advisory Team wants to support NAON's best volunteers and assist in any way possible, but they have to be able to communicate!

You can check your contact information in the Chapter Directory at **www.orthonurse.org > **Chapters > Chapter Directory** and if updates are needed, just email Katie DenHollander at **kdenhollander@smithbucklin.com**.**

- **Officer Rosters:** If you have not yet completed and submitted the officer roster for 2010-2011, information might not make it to your Chapter. The Officer Roster form can be found at **www.orthonurse.org > **Chapters > Annual Reports**.**
- **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.

- **Need a mailing list?**
For Chapter Education programs the price list is as follows:
 - Your state only - Free
 - Your state and other states or zip codes - \$25
 - Ready to Print labels (any addresses) - \$25 + .10\$ for each labelContact Katie DenHollander in the National Office with any questions.

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NAON EDUCATION UPDATE

Call for Membership Profile Updates

Keeping your member profile up to date is extremely helpful to NAON staff, the Director of Programs, and other members for a variety of reasons (i.e., designation/credentials can be used to identify a potential new instructor for the Orthopaedic Nursing Review Course, title of job can be used to identify a potential nursing instructor to develop curriculum for a course, name of employing company can be used to identify all members who work in university settings, e-mail/address/phone can be used to contact an MAL in a particular state, etc.). Please take 5 minutes to use the following steps to update your member profile at your earliest convenience:

Log on to the NAON website (www.orthonurse.org).
Select "update my profile" on the left column.
Review and update your information.
Select "save information" at the top or bottom of the screen.

2011 AAOS/NAON Nursing and Allied Health Program

Mark your calendars for the NAON Nursing & Allied Health Program that will be held at the AAOS conference in San Diego on February 15-18, 2011. Overall nursing program topics include non-surgical approaches to orthopaedic conditions, surgical approaches to orthopaedic conditions, pharmacology related to orthopaedics, and unusual orthopaedic conditions. Orthopaedic Technologist programs include a four hour orthopaedic update session, a four hour fundamental casting/splinting workshop, and a four hour advanced casting/splinting workshop. Total nursing contact hours available for the programs co-provided by the two disciplines will be 28.0.

NAON's 31st Annual Congress

NAON's 31st Annual Congress in Baltimore will be held on May 14-18, 2011. A record total of podium and poster presentation proposals have been received! The podium presentation proposals submitters have been notified of acceptance or decline. Review of poster presentation proposals are about to begin. Notification of acceptance or decline will occur by the end of October.

Approver Unit

As a reminder, the completed application with all required documentation must be submitted a full 42 days before your continuing educational event. The application will be denied if all required forms do not accompany the application at the time of submission. Be sure to use the most up-to-date forms found on the Approver Unit web page (<http://bit.ly/a76oWK>). A few reminders about the Activity Outline Form that is submitted as part of the Approver Unit Application process:

Examples of singular, measurable, learner-directed objectives:

- a) Name three types of surgical knee procedures.
- b) Describe the nursing process.
- c) Illustrate ways of mobilizing a spine patient.

Examples of content that shows direct support for the above objectives:

- a) Arthroscopy, total knee replacement, unicompartmental knee replacement
- b) Assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, evaluation
- c) Logrolling, transfer to/from a chair, ambulation

NAON Product on Sale

The NAON Orthopaedic Operating Room Manual is on sale for \$25.00 each. Take advantage of this sale via the NAON Online Store (www.orthonurse.org).

An Introduction to Orthopaedic Nursing

An Introduction to Orthopaedic Nursing (4th ed.) is available for sale from the NAON web site (www.orthonurse.org). This excellent 164 page resource provides a valuable overview of basic musculoskeletal anatomy, common adult orthopaedic conditions, and appropriate nursing assessment and care. Additionally, 12.4 contact hours are available by purchasing the online chapter post-tests for just \$6.00 per contact hour.

Discussion Forums

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 discussion forums. You also have the ability to read what any group is talking about and not just the SIG groups for which you signed up. This opens the door to a greater level of communication among colleagues. 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).

Twitter

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

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EACH ONE REACH ONE MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Have you checked the [Each One Reach One page](#) on NAON's Web site? So far, we have a total of 23 chapters participating who have brought in 103 new members! Thank you to NAON chapters for all of your hard work!

Keep those memberships coming in because the contest isn't over until renewal time starts! Now, new members can sign up for **Extended General membership**. This option is valid until September 30, 2010, and gives you membership for the rest of 2010 on through to December 31, 2011. If you have questions about the extended membership, visit the Membership Center or contact the National Office.

Have you cashed in your points yet for all those members you recruited? Check out how many points you've earned in your online profile. More information & lists of prizes can be found at www.orthonurse.org > [Membership Center](#) > [Each One Reach One Membership Challenge](#).

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Bring Your LEADERSHIP SKILLS to the National Level

Are you, or is someone in your Chapter, ready to serve on a *NAON National Committee or Task Force*? Is it time for you or one of your Chapter members to begin working toward a position on the *NAON Executive Board*?

Leadership skills are honed at the grassroots level. Many influential leaders from all walks of life had their start in a local setting similar to a *NAON Chapter*. These often prove to be the most well-rounded and earnest leaders in that they have hands-on experience with the seminal issues affecting their profession, and in this

case, NAON members.

If you have spent one or more years serving in a leadership capacity within your Chapter, consider taking your experience to the next level. NAON has two committees of experienced leaders ready to guide you through the process.

The Mentoring Committee assists new and young leaders by evaluating strengths, and then provides coaching to help further develop leadership methods. The Leadership Search Committee reaches out to those who have expressed an interest in serving on the National level, evaluates their experiences, and determines their readiness for one of four Executive Board roles: Director, Treasurer, Secretary or President Elect.

Strong leaders gain personal and professional benefits from serving in a National role with NAON. The best and the brightest candidates strengthen their own professional core while helping shape the future of the association. Volunteer leadership in NAON provides a person with business experiences that are unique to association management, and that help shape their professional growth.

While deriving personal growth, an individual's leadership skills extend out to the membership base in the form of improved products and services, advocacy and partnerships with key organizations.

NAON needs proven leaders with the skill and expertise to anticipate and respond to the dynamic needs of the diverse field of orthopaedic health care providers, educators, administrators and consumers. NAON leaders serve as the voice and face of NAON to the membership and to a wide range of individuals nationally and internationally.

Take the first step in securing your role in NAON's leadership structure. Visit the "Become a NAON Leader" page on the Web site to learn more:
www.orthonurse.org > [AboutNAON](#) > [BecomeaNAONLeader](#)

Contact the NAON National Office today at **naon@smithbucklin.com** and someone will contact you with more information.

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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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