

The Beginning of Orthopaedic Nursing

Orthopaedic Nursing stems from Victorian England. The specialty's matriarch, Dame Agnes Hunt, devoted her entire nursing career to improving the lives of crippled children and those injured by the ravages of war.

Traditionally, orthopaedic nurses practiced in hospital settings in either dedicated orthopaedic units or in the operating room. Within the past few years, we've seen changes in our field; many orthopaedic units have evolved into mixed units caring for a diverse patient population and orthopaedic nurses have expanded to take on a variety of professional roles.

With these shift, you now find orthopaedic nurses in diverse roles in an endless array of practice settings. These settings encompass the entire continuum of care, from birth until death; from acute care in an intensive care unit to outpatient rehab and home care. It is important that nurses caring for patients with musculoskeletal injuries and conditions have the appropriate knowledge and skills specific to the orthopaedic specialty.



Dame Agnes Hunt

December 31, 1866 – July 24, 1948



The Pioneers of Orthopaedic Nursing

Dame Agnes Hunt, from Shropshire, England, is considered by most to be the first orthopaedic nurse. Born in Baschurch, she suffered from osteomyelitis as a child, which left her disabled. Despite this, she trained as a nurse and eventually opened her own convalescent home for disabled children. After the outbreak of World War I, wounded soldiers were sent to Baschurch, and many disabled people were treated by this special orthopaedic nurse. She also worked side by side with Sir Robert Jones, an orthopaedic surgeon who gave his name to a Jones fracture of the foot and tirelessly took care of many of the crippled patients in that area of England. Dame Agnes Hunt's memorial reads: "Reared in suffering thou shalt know how to solace others' woe. The reward of pain doth lie in the gift of sympathy."

Nicholas Andry was a professor of medicine and dean of the faculty of physics at the University of Paris. In 1741, at the age of 81, he published a book called *Orthopaedia: or the Art of Correcting and Preventing Deformities in Children*. In this book, he presents the word "orthopaedic," which derives from the Greek words for "straight" and "child." His interest in postural defects has led to the famous illustration that has become the symbol of orthopaedics: the Tree of Andry.

Percival Pott was from London and worked in St. Barthomew's Hospital, where he received the diploma of the Barber-Surgeon's company in 1763. He was the first to thoroughly describe a specific type of ankle fracture, which is now known as a Pott's fracture. In 1756, he experienced a fracture of his own: an oblique open fracture of the lower third of his tibia, acquired after falling from his horse. He refused to be moved until he had purchased a door to be carried on, as he believed that the jolting of his carriage would have exacerbated the injury. Immediate amputation was usually conducted on such injuries, but at the last moment amputation was stopped and the limb was saved. His most famous written work is on paraplegia associated with spinal tuberculosis, where, he stressed, the condition was not related to spinal cord compression but associated with disorders of the lungs.

Giovanni Battista Monteggia was a Milanese pathologist who acquired syphilis by cutting himself while performing an autopsy. He later became a surgeon and professor in Milan. He is remembered for his description in 1814 of the fracture that bears his name – Monteggia's fracture (proximal ulna fracture with radial head dislocation).

Abraham Colles was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, of humble origins. He became a professor of surgery at the College of Surgeons in Dublin at the age of 29. He was the first surgeon to tie the subclavian artery, but he is best remembered for his description of Colles' fracture in 1814 (distal radius fracture).

James Syme was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He introduced conservative alternatives to the major amputations that were being done at the time. In 1831, he released a booklet detailing cases where joint excision could be used instead of amputation for grossly diseased and/or injured joints (such as in tuberculosis). In 1841, Syme described a distal amputation at the ankle. This amputation bears his name, as it replaced a portion of below-knee amputation, which was standard practice at that time.



John Rhea Barton was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He studied under Philip Syng Physick, the “Father of American Surgery” at the Pennsylvania Hospital. It was said that Barton was ambidextrous and that once he had positioned himself in the OR, he did not move. In 1826, he performed a subtrochanteric osteotomy of the femur for a severe flexion-adduction deformity of the hip. He is best known for his innovative corrective osteotomies for ankylosed joints.

Antonius Mathysen was a Dutch military surgeon. In 1851, he invented the Plaster of Paris bandage, which was to become so important to orthopaedic practice. To this day, a Plaster of Paris cast is used frequently to immobilize fractures.

Sir James Paget was a graduate of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital in London. In 1877, he gave the first description of what he called “osteitis deformans,” now commonly called Paget’s disease. He described the increased incidence of osteosarcoma, increased head size and other deformities associated with this condition.

Richard Von Volkman was from Halle, Germany. He was the first in Germany to institute Lister’s antiseptic methods. In 1881, he published his famous paper on ischemic muscular paralysis and contractures, in which he attributed the cause of the contractures to direct changes in the muscles produced by arterial occlusion. These contractures are now known as Volkman’s ischemic contractures. It is interesting to note that, in addition to his important work in orthopaedics, he wrote popular poems and fairy stories and also founded a surgical journal.

Ruth Jackson was the first woman certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the first woman admitted to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Despite her height (measuring in at a diminutive 4’10”), she assured herself a very large place in history by being the first woman orthopaedic surgeon. During her 57 years of active orthopaedic practice, she published the Cervical Syndrome based on her experience in treating more than 15,000 patients with neck injuries as well as numerous publications in medical journals. She was chief of the orthopaedic service at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas, and established the first orthopaedic residency at the hospital. The Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society was founded in 1983 as a support and networking group for the growing number of women orthopaedic surgeons.



The Beginning of the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON)

The National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON) is a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that enhances the lives and careers of orthopaedic nurses. Formed in 1980, NAON was designed to promote the highest standards of nursing practice by educating its practitioners, promoting research and encouraging effective communication between orthopaedic nurses and other groups with similar interests.

NAON membership consists of more than 6,000 RNs, LPNs, LVNs, student nurses and associate members from across the country and around the world who share an interest in musculoskeletal healthcare.

After the Orthopaedic Nurses Association (ONA) unexpectedly dissolved, members Nancy Hesselbach and Barbara Fiehler gathered with fellow orthopaedic nurses at the AAOS Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on March 8, 1980. Hesselbach and Fiehler were among many orthopaedic nurses who were continuously requesting development of an orthopaedic nursing specialty organization that would meet the needs of their members. Determined to create an association that had a strong and firm foundation for orthopaedic nurses, Hesselbach and Fiehler established and incorporated the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON) in Missouri on April 14, 1980.





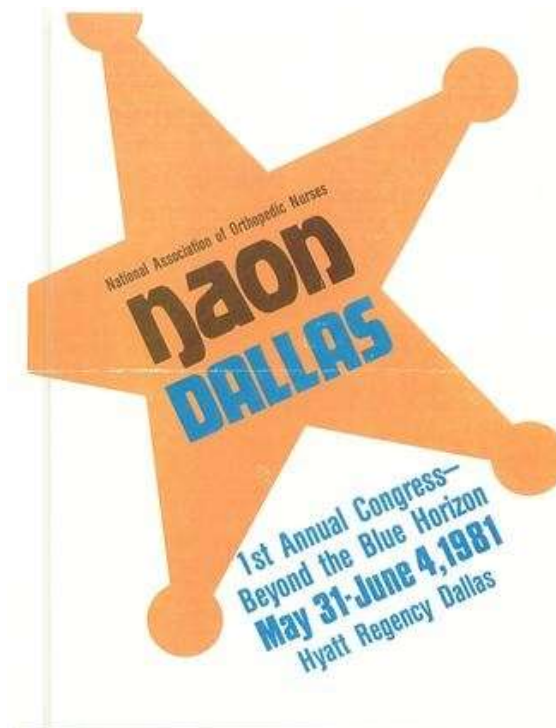
1980-1981

Steering Committee

- Janet Harrell, Chairperson
- Betsy Kerr Hay, Co-chairperson
- Cathy Brown, Secretary
- Barbara Fiehler, Treasurer
- Patricia Kremens, NE District Representative
- Sandy Brown, SE District Representative
- Joyce Blau, NC District Representative
- Nancy Hesselbach, MM Representative
- Carol Oberle, W District Representative

Highlights of the year

- Named the organization
- Accepted a constitution and working set of bylaws
- Selection of Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc. as the management firm for NAON
- Developed the Education Committee under Kay Freeman
- Held the First Annual Congress, *Beyond the Blue Horizon*, from May 31 to June 4, 1981, in Dallas, Texas





1981-1982

Executive Board

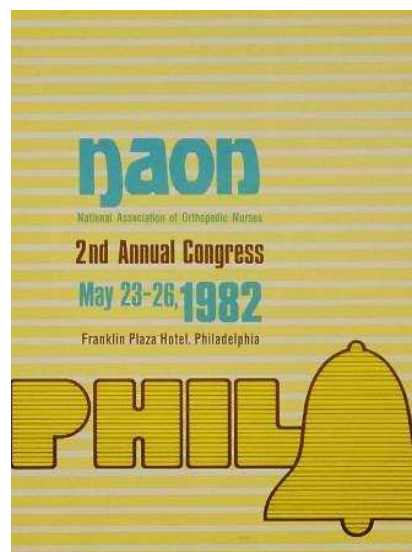
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- Carol Eve Moye, Secretary
- Penny Fletcher, Treasurer
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- Joyce Blau, NC District Representative
- Anna Lynch, MM District Representative
- Sandra Garity, W District Representative
- Jan Harrell, Past Chairperson

Highlights of the Year

- Completed the application to the National Federation for Specialty Nursing Organizations (NFSNO)
- Increased membership 28% during the year
- Began correspondence with the ANA to develop a joint committee for the development of Standards of Care for Orthopedic Nursing
- First volume of *Orthopaedic Nursing* journal published under direction of editor Nancy Hilt
- *NAON News* begun under direction of editor Susan Salmond
- NAON's first Monograph, *Bibliography 1978-1980*, published
- House of Delegates meeting changed spelling of "orthopedic" to "orthopaedic," to be used in all NAON productions and name
- First Long Range Planning Survey developed and distributed.
- Second Annual Congress, *Knowledge, Wisdom, Unity... Key to the Future*, held from May 23-27, 1982, in Philadelphia, PA

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Maureen Carey





1982-1983

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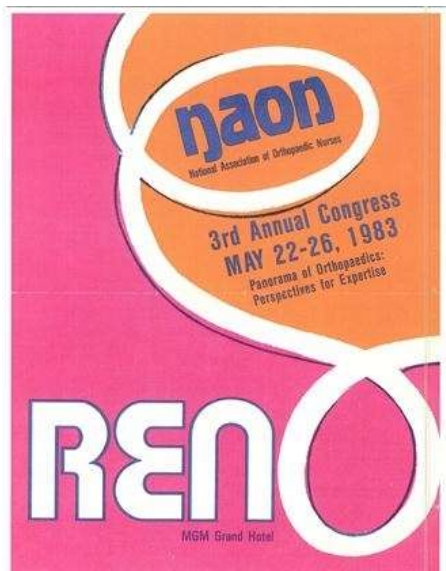
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- Sandra Garity, W District Representative
- Betsy Kerr Hay, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Increased membership with more than 1,500 members recruited.
- First District Workshop held in the fall in Phoenix, Ariz.
- First clinical monograph "Arthroscopy of the Knee" published.
- Participation in a meeting with Vice President George Bush in honor of National Nurses Day.
- Participation in the annual meetings of the Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association (CONA) and the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA).
- Mary Faut Rodts addresses the AAOS Board of Councilors on the future of Orthopaedic Nursing,
- Members given the opportunity to submit scientific exhibits and abstracts for the annual meeting in Reno, Nev.

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to June T. Ogilvie
- Honorary Membership presented to Anthony J. Janetti





1983-1984

Executive Board:

- Jane Callahan, President
- Marie Infante, President Elect
- Saundra Stone, Vice President
- Carol Eve Moye, Secretary
- Nancy Hesselbach, Treasurer
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- Virginia Howard, MM District Representative
- Dianne E Fitzgerald, W District Representative
- Mary Faut Rodts, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Membership reaches 5,300 and 100 chapters
- NAON approved by ANA as an approver /provider of continuing nursing education
- District workshops held in Chicago and New York.
- NAON logo granted trademark status by US Patent and Trademark Office.

Award Recipients:

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award Presented to Ruth Deering
- Honorary Membership, Marlene Diedrich





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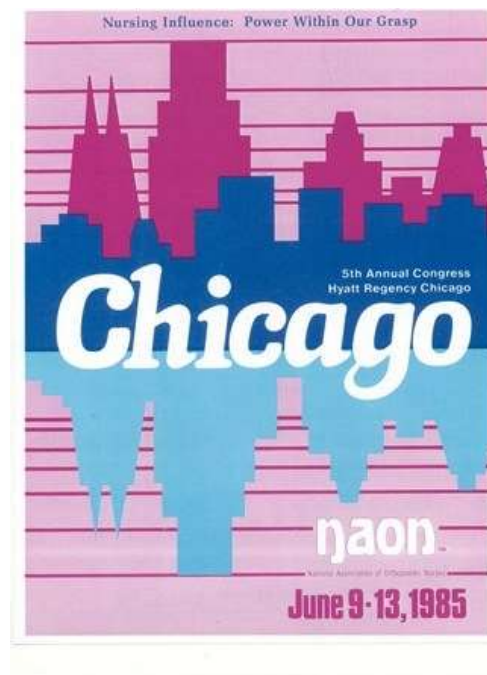
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- Jane Davis Callahan, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- New financial structure, allowing for increased financial accountability and stability.
- Creation of a separate governing body to oversee the development of the certification process
- Continued collaboration with CONA, NSNA, NOLF and NFSNO, including the development of the Nurse in Washington Internship.
- Transition of ONJ from Nan Hilt to Ann Butler Maher as editor.

Award Recipients:

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Bertha King





1985-1986

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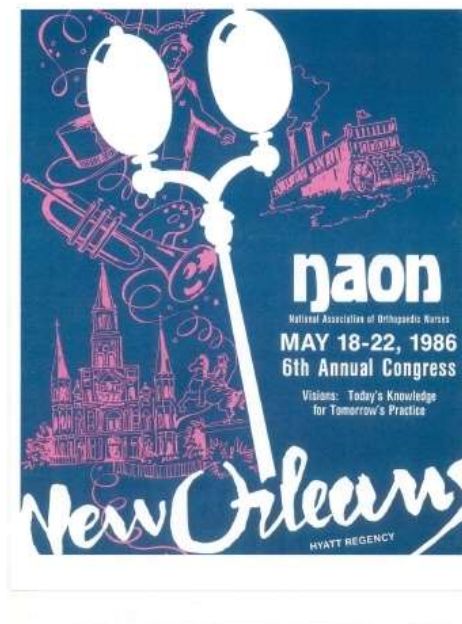
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- Marie Infante, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- The Long, Range Planning Committee developed a Strategic Plan for NAON's future Completion of *Orthopaedic Nursing Practice: Process and Outcome Criteria for Selected Diagnoses*, done in collaboration with the ANA
- Completion of the *Core Curriculum of Orthopaedic Nursing* Formation of the Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board, with The National League of Nursing National Testing Services retained to help develop and administer the certification exam.
- Two District Workshops, in Washington, DC and San Diego, CA.

Award Recipients:

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Nancy R. Freedman





1986-1987

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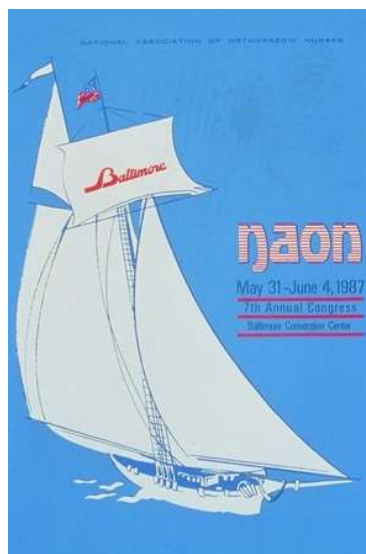
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- Carol Eve Moye, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Publication of *Orthopaedic Nursing Practice: Process and Outcome Criteria for Selected Diagnoses*
- Establishment of the Nursing Curricula Task Force, to identify methods to increase awareness of orthopaedics in undergraduate nursing programs.
- Completion of the second Model Workshop, *Physical Trauma*, for distribution to chapters.
- Two District Workshops were held in Minneapolis, MN and Los Angeles, CA

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Mary Ann Underhill
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Catherine Smrcina
- Orthopaedic Nursing writer's Award presented to Colleen Jane Dunwoody (Experienced Author) and Cathleen E. Kunkler (New Author)





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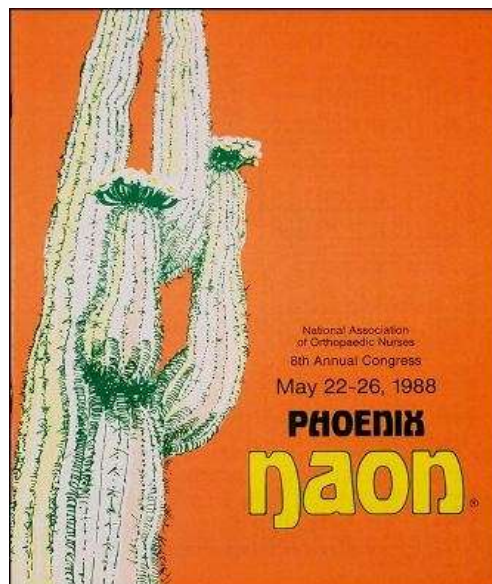
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- Roseanne Arlington, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- The first ONC exam was held, with 538 nurses out of 900 passing.
- Three Certification Review Courses were held across the country.
- 7,000 members at the time of Congress
- District Workshops were held in Denver, CO and Memphis, TN
- House of Delegates approves a position statement in support of Baccalaureate in Nursing Entry
- Level for practice.

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Colleen Griffin
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Cynthia Pastorino
- Orthopaedic Nursing Writer's Award presented to Rene Zubay





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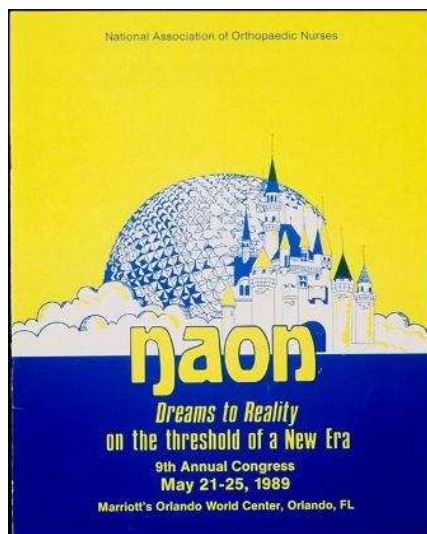
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- Joan Shurbet, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- The Divisional Structure was implemented to improve communication, productivity and accountability.
- Participated in the incorporation activities of the NFSNO, when the Federation became a viable entity unto itself. NAON served as the first secretary under the new structure.
- Joined with ANA to counter the AMA proposal for Registered Care Technologists, their answer to the nursing shortage.
- Regional Meetings were held in Des Moines, IA and Seattle, WA.
- Two certification courses were held.
- Debra Slye became NAON's Director of Education

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award Presented to Katherine Greatrix
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award Presented to Mary Ann Underhill
- Orthopaedic Nursing Writer's Award Presented to Susan W. Selman
- NAON News Essay Award Marilyn L Reeves
- Honorary Membership, Michael A. Cunningham





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- Diane Zacher, NC Regional VP
- Carolyn Morse, SC Regional VP
- Bobbie Hodge, W Regional VP
- Susan Salmond, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Development of the NAON/AAOS Joint Scholarship Program
- Orthopaedic Nurse Day held October 30th
- “Ortho Not Other” Campaign initiated
- Regional workshops held in Providence, RI and San Antonio, TX
- Sports Medicine Symposium held in San Antonio, developed with the Mid American Orthopaedic Association

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Petronella Farkas
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Mary Faut Rodts
- Nan Hilt writer’s Award presented to Sr. Paula Rose Jauernig for “Organizing and Implementing an Ilizarov Program”
- NAON News Essay Award presented to Brenda Marshall, MS, RN





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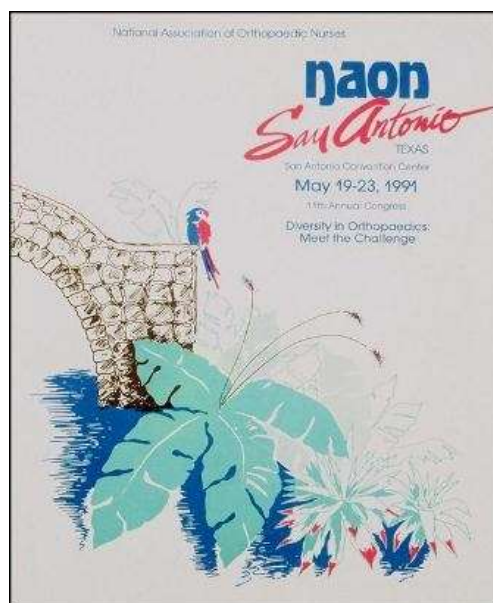
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Highlights of the Year

- Celebration of 1st Orthopaedic Nurses Day October 30th.
- 1st Annual Pledge Walk / Runathon at Congress, raising \$6,224 for the Arthritis Foundation.
- Collaboration with AAOS on a video on HIV/HBV precautions for caring for the orthopaedic patient
- Providing the nursing and Allied Health Program at the AAOS meeting in New Orleans
- First Fall Clinical Institute held in Crystal City, Virginia, focusing on advanced concepts related to orthopaedic nursing practice
- 2nd Legislative Workshop
- Phase 2 of the Ortho Not Other Campaign
- Strategic Planning, with new mission statement:
NAON is a professional organization of nurses whose mission is to promote orthopaedic nursing education and research, thus advancing the delivery of orthopaedic patient care.

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award Presented to Mary Anne Winkeljohn
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award Presented to Lee A. Cotton for "Unit Rod Segmental Spinal Instrumentation for the Treatment of Neuromuscular Scoliosis".





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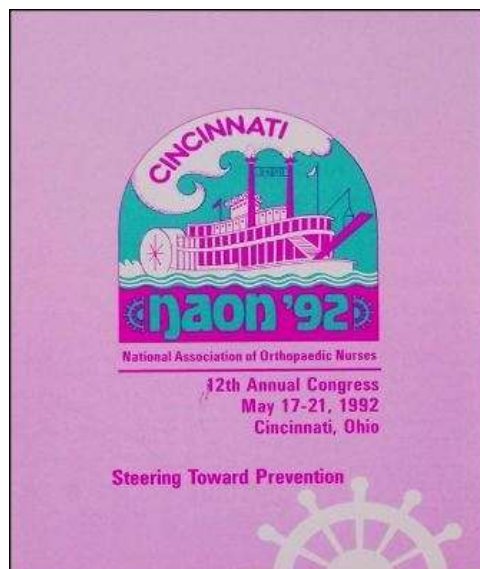
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Highlights of the Year

- Strategic Planning, focusing on maintaining internal support for members, continuing strong educational offerings, maintaining good financial status, fostering membership growth, combating membership complacency and encouraging volunteer participation.
- Fall Board meeting on Cape Cod, during Hurricane Bob.
- Revision of the Division of Education.
- NAON signed on to Nursing's Health Policy Agenda Statement. The brochure, Nursing's Agenda for Health Care Reform was given to participants in the Fall Institute.
- Proposed the first nursing diagnosis to the North American Nursing diagnosis Association (NANDA), "high risk for peripheral neurovascular dysfunction".

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award Presented to Maryrae Blanchard
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award Presented to Margo McCaffery and Christine Vourakis for "Assessment and relief of Pain in Chemically Dependent Patients"





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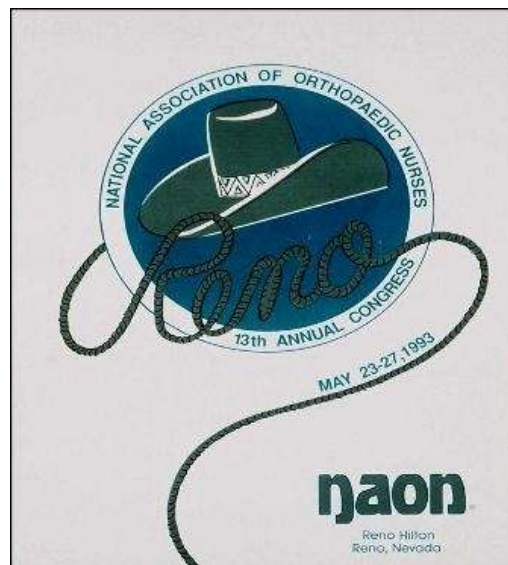
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- Kay Wienke, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Successful re-accreditation with the American Nurses Association to remain an accredited provider of nursing continuing education.
- Telemarketing campaign to boost membership to 9,546.
- Nancy Brunner hired as Project Supervisor for the newly restructured Division of Education.
- Establishment of the Clara Donohoo Memorial Lecture, honoring the founder and leader of the Orthopaedic Nurses Association, the first US professional organization for orthopaedic nurses.

Award Recipients:

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Kathy S Bomar
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Nancy Ross Bell
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award presented to Noreen C. Trentadue for "Physiologic and Behavioral responses of Children Receiving Intermittent Intravenous Morphine Following Orthopaedic Surgery".





1993-1994

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- Linda Thibault, President Elect
- Delores Schoen, Vice President
- Carol Simon, Secretary
- Melinda Mock, Treasurer
- Mirna Rucci, NE Regional VP
- Linda Anderson, SE Regional VP
- Sidni Smith, NC Regional VP
- Elizabeth McMurry, SC Regional VP
- Bruce Garrett, W Regional VP
- Catherine Smrcina, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- NAON's first National Leadership Conference and Committee Workshop at Snow Bird, Utah
Attendance at the 20th Quadrennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Madrid, Spain by President Whittington and Immediate Past President Smrcina
- Bilingual workshop in orthopaedic nursing in Puerto Rico by members of the Executive Board
- Representation at the first Nursing Summit related to health care reform, as well as the National Consumer Summit in Washington, DC in support of consumer health issues.
- Participation in a White House briefing on health care reform, where members of the Executive Board met with President Clinton.
- Application and acceptance for Organizational Affiliate Status within the American Nurses Association.

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Marie Poppe
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award presented to Karen VanHandel and Barbara Krug for "Prevalence and nature of Call Light requests on an Orthopaedic Unit".

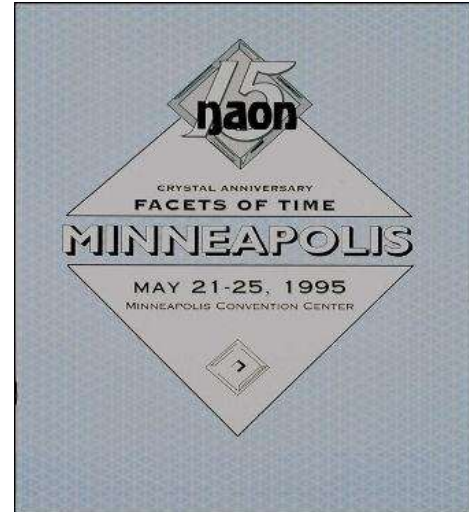




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Highlights of the Year

- Operation Leadership, designed to identify and mentor leaders at the local level, increasing the visibility of NAON and its members, and make an impact in the legislative arena.
- NAON Health Initiative Promotion (HIP) started, providing slides to NAON Chapters to promote wellness in their communities
- In collaboration with the National Osteoporosis Foundation developed *Osteoporosis Across the Life Span*.
- With the Arthritis Foundation the slide presentation *Benefits of Exercise and Moving with Arthritis* were developed.
- Immediate Past President Whittington was elected president of the National Federation for Specialty Nursing Organizations (NFSNO).
- Collaborated with the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN) on Transition of Orthopaedic Patients and Nurses, a workshop held prior to NAON's Fall Institute in Huston, TX.
- Establishment of the NAON Foundation as a 501c3 charitable foundation.
- Participation in the planning and execution of a mini, White House Conference on Aging, Health Needs of Older Women: Now and Into the 21st Century by President, Elect Delores Schoen and Verdell Williamson.
- Resolution during the House of Delegates to change the Past President's Scholarship to the Jane Callahan Memorial Past President's Scholarship

Award Recipients

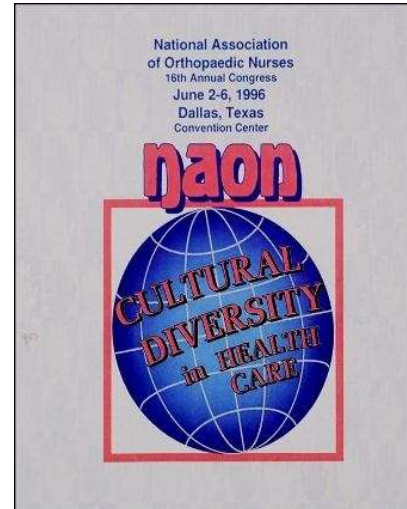
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Betsy Tursky
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to NAON's Past Presidents (first 15 years)
- Distinguished Service to NAON Catherine A. Brown
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award presented Cynthia Caroselli for Research Utilization: "Reducing the Pain", and Ann Marie O'Brien and Thomas Spoltore for "Rehabilitation of the Spinal Cord Injury Patient".



1995-1996

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- Nancy Mooney, President Elect
- Adrian Harper, Vice President
- Carol Simon, Secretary
- Bruce Garrett, Treasurer
- Mirna Rucci, NE Regional VP
- Jo Anne Nance, SE Regional VP
- June Pierce/Linda Hightower, NC Regional VP
- Elizabeth McMurry, SC Regional VP
- Donna Funk, W Regional VP
- Linda Thibault, Immediate Past President



Highlights of the Year

- Participation in the Healthy Women 2000 Conference sponsored by the National Institute of Health and NOF, held in Washington, DC.
- Provided *Trauma Challenge* as part of the First Annual Multi, Specialty Conference on Care of Trauma Patients in New Orleans, sponsored by EA, AORN and Mosby.
- Launch of the NAON web site, NAONLine, giving members access to events, educational offerings, certification information and more.
- Organizational changes in the Division of Education, including the Director of Education becoming a full, time paid position, with Lorry Schoenly taking the role at Congress.
- Contracting with Pritchett and Hull Associates to engage in joint ventures for the publication of patient education materials, as well as being a professional resource for the company.
- Congress changes included restructuring Congress to 4 days, proving “1st NAON Congress Attendee” stickers, along with “V” stickers for those who had volunteered on the national level with NAON, and 10 Stryker grants for Congress attendees.

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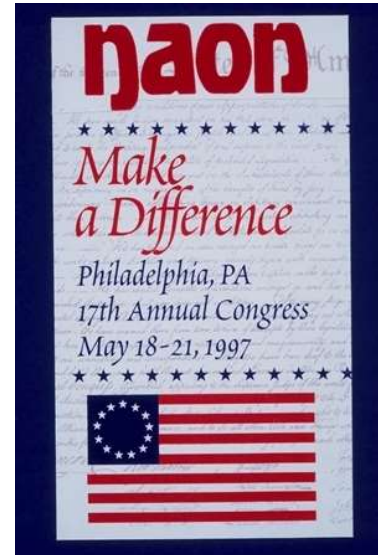
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- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Melinda Mock
- Distinguished Service to NAON presented to the members of the Division of Education
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award presented to Ann M Hunt for the “Relationship Between Height Change and Bone Mineral Density”
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 1997) presented to Sue Baird Holmes
- Jane Callahan Memorial Past President's Award Stuart D. Downs



1996-1997

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- Kathy Vanderbeck, Secretary
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- Dee Schoen, Immediate Past President



Highlights of the Year

- Contract with Krames Communications Incorporated to review and endorse patient education materials specific to orthopaedics.
- 4th Strategic Planning and Leadership Conference produced a new strategic plan and a change in the mission statement "The mission of the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses is to advance musculoskeletal health care by promoting excellence in orthopaedic nursing, research, education, and practice.
- First Case Management Conference *Across the Continuum: The Transition of the Orthopaedic Patient*, jointly sponsored by NAON and Mosby, Year Book was held in New Orleans. A second workshop, *Successful Outcomes* was held in Orlando.
- Professional Development Initiative was produced which included leadership articles in the Orthopaedic Nursing Journal written by Karlene Kerfoot.
- Increase in the number of contact hours offered in the Orthopaedic Nursing Journal to 20 per year, to help members meet their ONC requirements for recertification.
- With the formation of Chapter 156 in Jackson, WY, NAON now has chapters in all 50 states.
- Thank you letter from President Clinton following after giving him a copy of the Core Curriculum of Orthopaedic Nursing when he injured his quadriceps tendon.
- International Chat Room at Congress, with attendees from around the world, including Brazil, Canada, England, Iceland, Israel, New Zealand, Australia and Switzerland.

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Judith A Nelson
- Distinguished Service to NAON presented to the Orthopaedic Nursing Editorial Board
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award presented to Barbara L. Shoemaker and Marijo Ose for "Pediatric Lap Belt Injuries: Care and Prevention".
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 1998) presented to Jane Farrell
- Jane Callahan Memorial Past President's Award presented to Sylvia Sherry, BSN,BS,RN



- Presentations at the International Congress of Nurses and the Royal College of Nursing.
- The research committee completed round II of the Delphi Study, *Orthopaedic Nursing Research Priorities: A Comparison and Extension Follow, up Study*.
- Participation in the Japanese Orthopaedic Association's 71st Annual Congress in Tokushima, Japan. Mary Rodts, Linda Thibault and Vicky Hoshowsky participated in a panel discussion Orthopaedic Nursing: Past, Present, and Future, as well as doing individual presentations.
- Became part of "The Best Practice Network", a collaborative project with other nursing and physician associations that seek out and share the best practice in health care.
- With A.S.K Data Systems, Inc, released NAON's first software production, *Orthopaedic Nursing Self, Assessment Software*.
- House of Delegates approve bylaw change to make NAON an international organization, and to provide an international membership category.
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Executive Board:

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- Pat Nally, Vice President
- Kathy Vanderbeck, Secretary
- Jane Smith, Treasurer
- Anita Meehan, NE Regional VP
- JoAnne Nance, SE Regional VP
- Linda Hightower, NC Regional VP
- Sandra Cahill, SC Regional VP
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Award Recipients

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- Distinguished Service to NAON Not awarded
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award presented to Milena Segatore for "Managing the Surgical Orthopaedic Patient with Parkinson's Disease"
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 1999) presented to Clare Sterns
- Jane Callahan Memorial Past President's Award Not awarded
- Honorary Membership presented to Claudia Cuddy



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- Donna Funk, W Regional VP
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Highlights of the Year

- Collaboration with the AAOS to jointly produce three patient education videos: Total Knee Replacement, Total Hip Replacement, and Knee Arthroscopy.
- Implementation of *Mentoring the Stars*, a formal leadership development program for the Executive Board.
- Fourteen sessions at Congress were “virtual” session, accessible thru NAONline, NAON’s web site.
- Online continuing education offered via two re, accredited Journal articles also on the web site.
- Partnering with the National Osteoporosis Foundation to get diagnostic testing for osteoporosis covered under Medicare.
- Transition of the Orthopaedic Nursing Journal from Ann Maher to Mary Rodts as editor.
- Endorsement of Medical Empathy’s *Patients Guide to ACL Surgery*.
- Addition of a non, denominational Sunday morning service at Congress

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Maureen Storey
- Distinguished Service to NAON presented to Kathleen Smith
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award presented to Joni Baltes, Messner, RN, Beth VanDen Langerberg, RN, Helen Koberstein, RN, Gregory Hollman, MD for “Pediatric Sedation: The Art and Science”.
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 2000) Presented to Joseph H Dimon
- Jane Callahan Memorial Past President’s Award Not awarded
- Honorary Membership presented to Patricia Reichart





1999-2000

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- Mary Heron, SC Regional VP
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Highlights of the Year

- Charting a Course for Managed Care, NAON's Third Annual Case Management Conference was held on a Caribbean cruise.
- Environmental scan done by the Executive Board and members attending the annual Leadership Conference to identify emerging internal and external trends that will affect NAON's future, using the results to implement and manage change successfully.
- Technology changes, including addition of the President's Forum to the web site, use of email for communication between board members, and the appointment of a NAONLine forum coordinator.
Addition of a new contracted position, Director of Research.
- House of Delegate approved structural and governance changes including elimination of the Vice President role, and changing the Regional VP's to Directors with no regional affiliation.
20th Anniversary Celebration at Congress in Denver.

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Beverly Boesch
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award Not presented
- Distinguished Service to NAON presented to Marlene F. Diedrich
- Nan Hilt Award presented to Eugene E. Berg
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 2001) presented to Nancy Mooney
- Jane Callahan Memorial Past President's Award presented to Rachel L. Schwartzman
- Honorary Membership presented to Cindy Nowicki



2000-2001

Executive Board

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- Wyvonia Harris, Vice President
- Cynthia Gonzalez, Director
- Marjorie Kulesa, Director
- Laurie Sienkiewicz, Director
- Geri Tierney, Director
- Robin Voss, Director
- Melinda Mock, Immediate Past President

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Sandra Soper
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Katherine (Katie) Greatrix (posthumously)
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to ONNY Lorry Shoenly
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 2002) presented to Catherine Smrcina
- Jane Callahan Memorial Past Presidents Award presented to Kathy Rosario, RN
- Katie Greatrix Academic Scholarship presented to Cindy Mosher, RN,CS,ONC
- Honorary Membership presented to William Tipton, MD





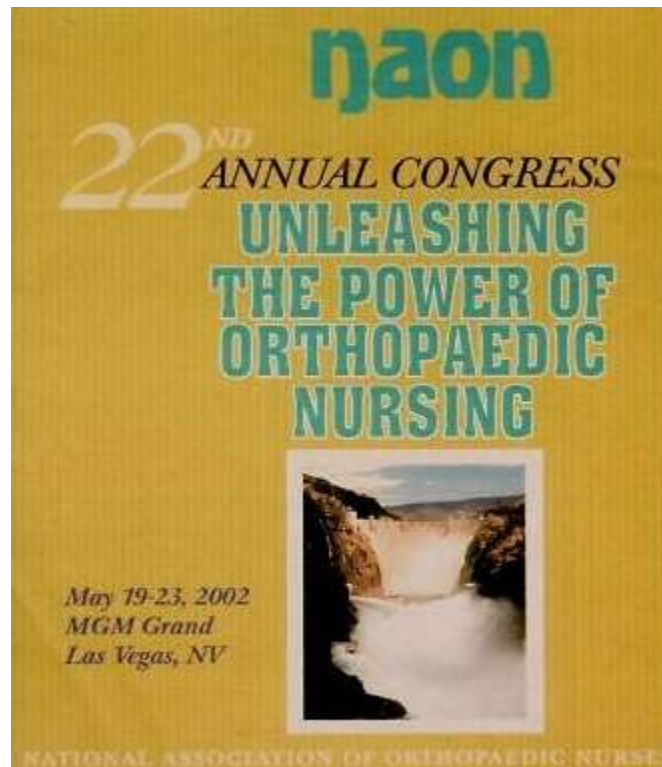
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- Barbara Shoemaker, Secretary
- Cheryl Grove, Treasurer
- Marjorie Kulesa, Director
- Miki Patterson, Director
- Geri Tierney, Director
- Robin Voss, Director
- Mary K Wollan, Director
- Anita Meehan, Immediate Past President

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Mary Norene Jamieson
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Alan Quittendon
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to ONNY Chapters and Members from Washington, DC and Shandksville, PA
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 2003)
Presented to Ann Butler Maher

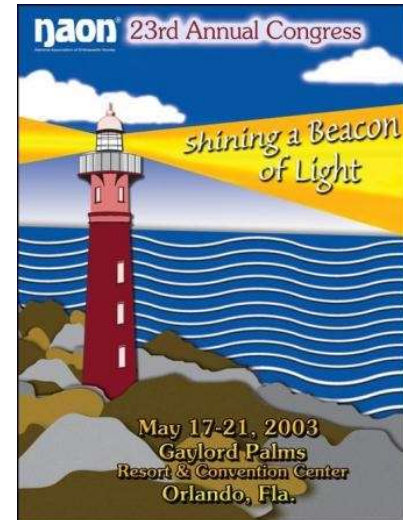




2002-2003

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- Cheryl Grove, Treasurer
- Marjorie Kulesa, Director
- Andrea McConville, Director
- Margaret McWilliams, Director
- Miki Patterson, Director
- Mary K Wollan, Director
- Sharon Stormer, Immediate Past President



Highlights of the Year

- NAON endorsed the Bone and Joint Decade (a global, multi-disciplinary initiative targeting the care of people with musculoskeletal conditions – bone and joint disorders)

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Joan Petow
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Sheri Stormer, Anita Meehan, Barb Shoemaker
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Dottie Roberts
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 2004) presented to:
 - Teri Pellino
 - Jane Callahan Memorial Past President's Award presented to Brenda McKenzie, ARNP,C, MSN
 - Katie Greatrix Academic Scholarship presented to Susan Barnett, RN, BSN, CNOR, ONC
- Nurse in Washington Internship Endowed Scholarship presented to Maryann Alexander, PhD, RN, ONC
- Continuing Education Grant presented to:
 - Karthyn K. Barbay, BSN, RN, ONC
 - Stryker Howmedica, Osteonics Grants
 - Barbara Bogner, BSN, RN, ONC
 - Cecilia A. Curoe, BSN, RN, ONC, CNOR
 - Karen S. Homan, RN, ONC
 - Christine McCallum, RN, ONC
 - Ronald Moneron, RN
 - Gary W. Staton, BSN, RN, CNOR, RN IV
 - Mary D Todt, RN, ONC
 - Kimberly C. Wood, RN, CNOR
- NAON / AAOS Grant
 - Peggy Doheny, PhD, RN, ONC
 - Patricia Estok, PhD, RN, FAAN
 - Linda M. Brown, MSN



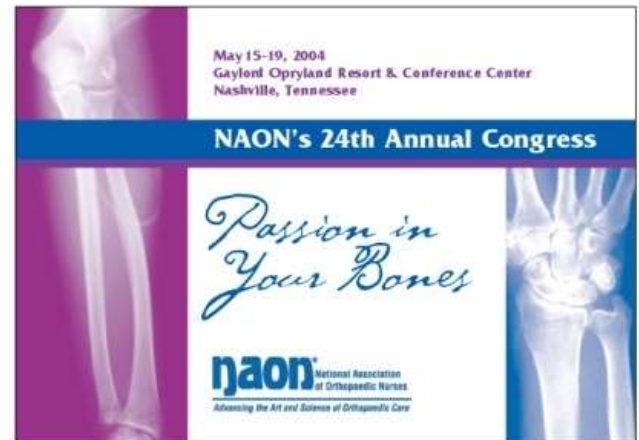
- ONCB Certification Scholarships
 - Benda Elliff, RN, MPA, ONC, CCM, LNCC
 - Kristen Engelsman, BSN, RN
 - J. Alanna Korda, BSN, RN
 - Colleen McCarthy, Bed, Med. EdD(C), RN
 - Mary Jo Satusky, BSN, RN, ONC
- Orthopaedic Industry Scholarships Sponsored by Aircast, INC, Pritchett & Hull Associates, INC and St Luke's Hospital
 - Cara Anne DeVault, BSN, RN
 - Christy Weaver, BSN, RN, ONC



2003-2004

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- Geri Tierney, President
- Robin Voss, President Elect
- Barbara Shoemaker, Secretary
- Cheryl Grove, Treasurer
- Linda Altizer, Director
- Jan Foecke, Director
- Andrea McConville, Director
- Margaret McWilliams, Director
- Mary K Wollan, Director
- Laurie Sienkiewicz, Immediate Past President



Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Kathryn Kleefisch Barbay
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award presented to Bobbie J. Gross, MSN, RN and Beverly A. Novak, MSN, RN, CNS for "Heart Failure Management in the Elderly Postoperative Patient"
- Nan Hilt Research Writer's Award presented to: Cheryl B Stetler, PhD, RN, FAAN, Margaret Burns, PhD, RN, Karen Sander, Buscemi, MSN, RNC, Deborah Morsi, PhD, RN, and Eileen Grunwald, PhD, RN for "Use of Evidence for Prevention of Work, Related Musculoskeletal Injuries."
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 2005) presented to:
 - Gigi Viellion
 - Jane Callahan Memorial Past President's Award Erin S. Hart, RN, MS, CPNP
 - Styker, Howmedica, Osteonics Grant
 - Wilma L. Bouska, RN, ONC
 - Becky Leigh Shepard, RN, CN III
 - Christine L. Uhrmacher, RN < ONC
 - Tawana Dinsdale, RN
- ONCB Certification Scholarship:
 - Meghan Compton, RN
 - Mary J. Kelly, RN
- Chapter Educational Grant
Triangle Chapter #023



2004-2005

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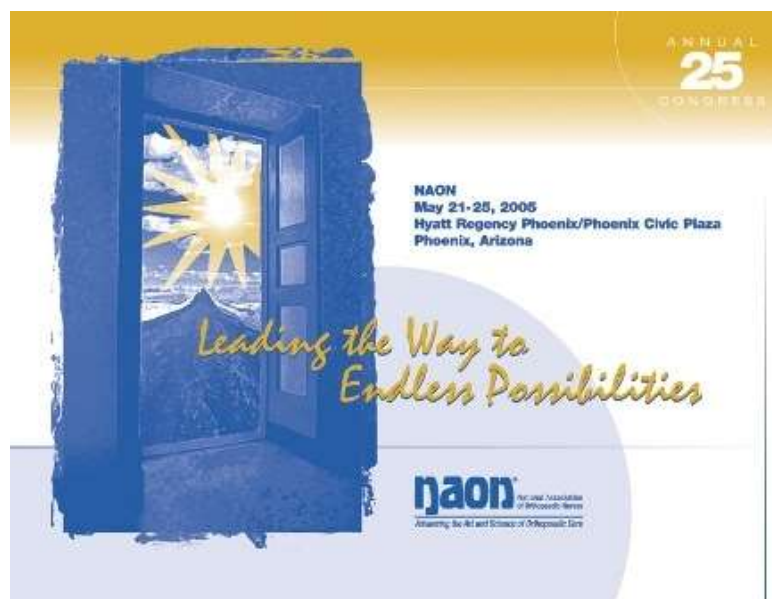
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Highlights of the Year

- Released NAON Scope and Standards, the Advance Practice Resource Manual and the Operating Room Manual, 2nd Edition
- Developed a Clinical Guideline on Nursing Research
- NAON was presented with the Hartford Award
- Transitioned the publication of our journal to Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins – leading publisher of healthcare journals and publications

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Bettie Becky Vaughn
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Mary Rodts
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award not presented
- Nan Hilt Writer's Award not presented
- Nan Hilt Research Writer's Award presented to Margaret R. Rateau and Deborah Reed
- Clara A. Donahoo Memorial Lectureship Award (lecture to be presented in 2006) presented to Connie Whittington
- Katie Greatrix Scholarship Award Kimberly C Wood, BSN, RN, CNOR





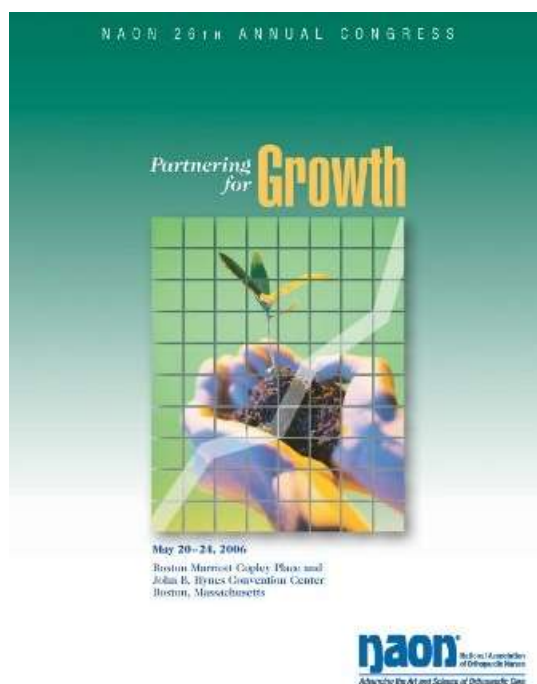
2005-2006

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Highlights of the Year

- Had our first House of Delegates electronic vote to define the fiscal responsibilities of Chapters, membership and changed the language of the election process so we could have our first electronic ballot





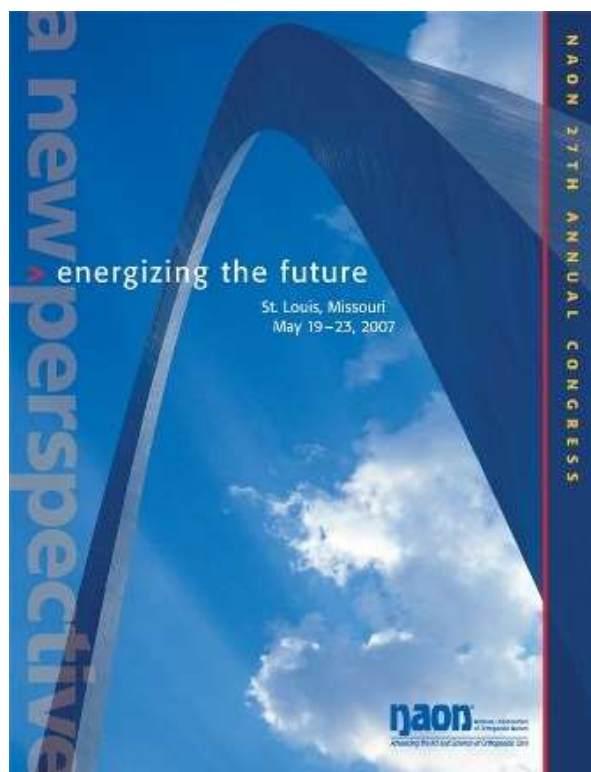
2006-2007

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- Hayat Neshiwat, Director
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Highlights of the Year

- Changed the terms of office for the Executive Board





2007-2008

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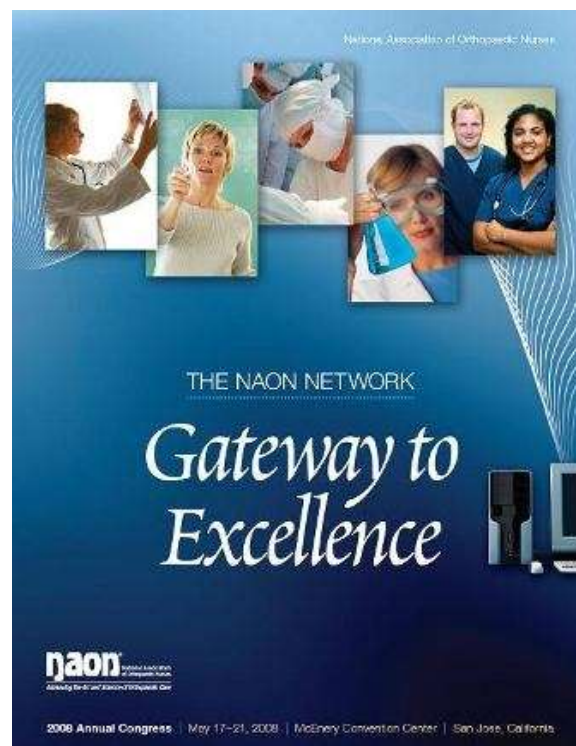
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Highlights of the Year

- Introduced a new role, Director of Programs
- Launched a redesign of the NAON website
- Implemented the “Each One, Reach One” recruitment campaign

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Cynthia M. Gonzalez, MSN, RN, OCNS-C, APN
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Audrey Nelson, PhD, RN, FAAN





2008-2009

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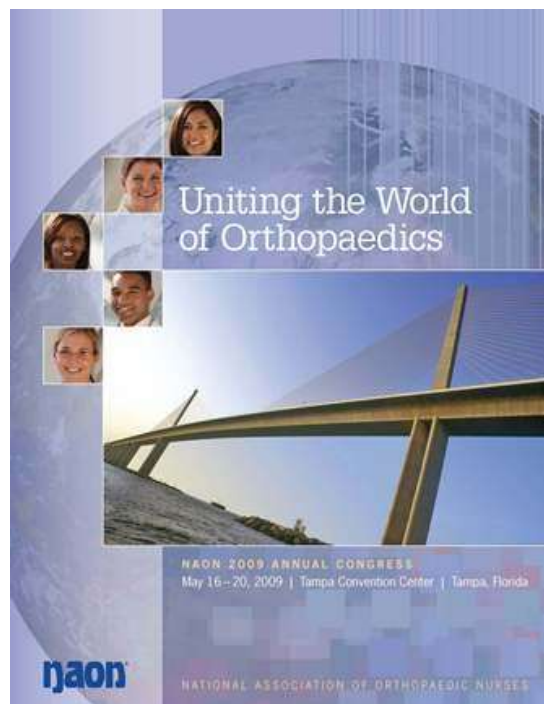
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- Christy Weaver, Director
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Highlights of the Year

- Completed the 6th Edition of the *Core Curriculum for Orthopaedic Nursing*
- Completed the Orthopaedic Nursing Review Course revisions

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Mary Reedy, RN, ONC
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Gigi S. Viellion, RN, ONC





2009-2010

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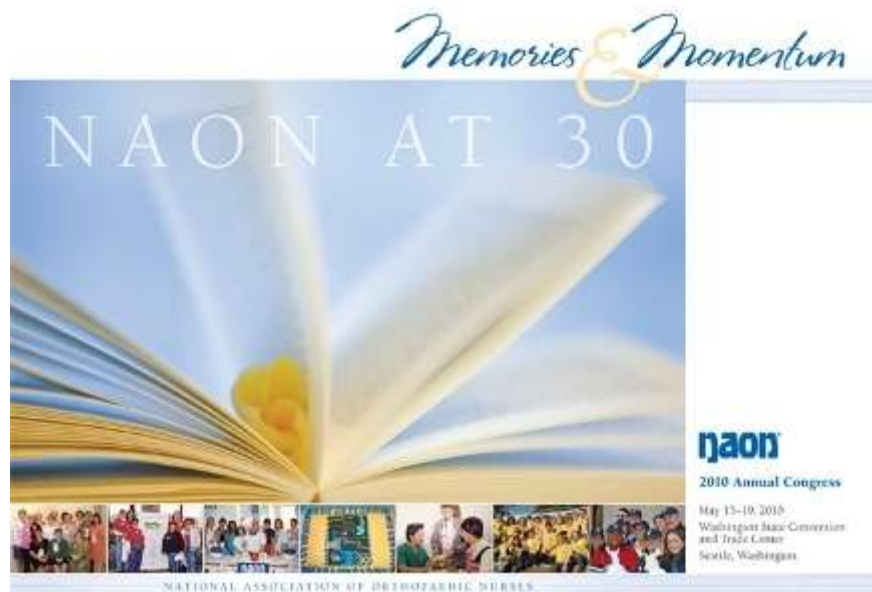
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- Christy Weaver, Director
- Mary K Wollan, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Developed Clinical Practice Guidelines and Position Statements

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Jack Davis, MSN, RN, ONC
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Robert Lonadier BS, RN, ONC





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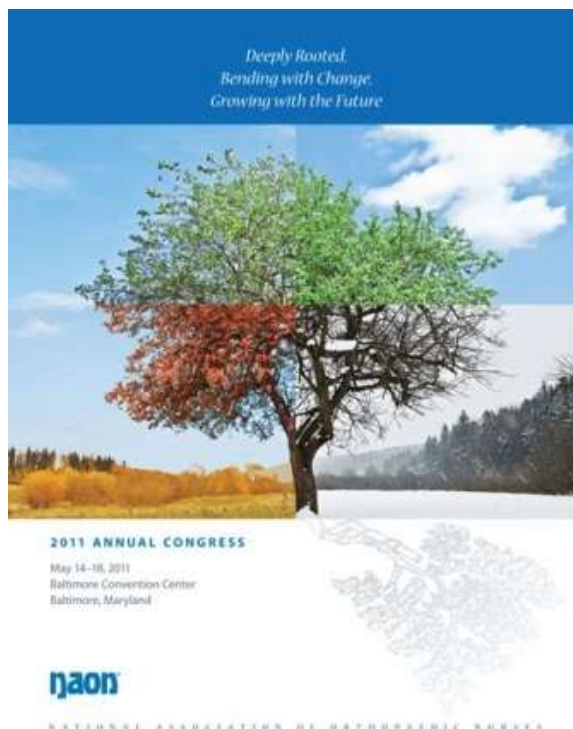
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- Pam Cupec, Director
- Ray Kleposki, Director
- Beverly Morris, Director
- Maureen Storey, Director
- Marj Kulesa, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Created a NAON History Webpage in honor of our 30th Anniversary
- Completed the revision of the online Q&A for the Core Curriculum
- Began revising the APN Resources Product
- Completed the NAON TKR and THR Patient Education Series Manuals

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Jane Smith, MSN, MHSA, APN-BC, ONC and Luann Theis, MSN, RN, ONC
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Jan Foecke, MS, RN, ONC
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Diane Pentenburg, RN, ONC, CNOR, RNFA





2011-2012

Executive Board

- Mary Jo Satusky, President
- Christy Oakes, President Elect
- Doris Gould, Secretary
- Julie Twiss, Treasurer
- Fred Brown, Director
- Ray Kleposki, Director
- Robert Lonadier, Director
- Beverly Morris, Director
- Maureen Storey, Director
- Brigitte Failner, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Developed practice points about acute pain, chronic pain, constipation, hemorrhage, nosocomial surgical site infection, and postoperative urinary retention
- Published *An Introduction to Orthopaedic Nursing*, 4th Edition

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to NAON Education Committee: Mickey Haryanto Kathryn Curcione, Cheryl Grove, Lynn Burkett, Lynn Parsons, Nadine Trznadel, Kathy Vanderbeck, Tammy Caruthers, Rebecca Herron, Linda Murphy
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Mary K. Wollan
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Scott Arkwright, RNFA, BSN





2012-2013

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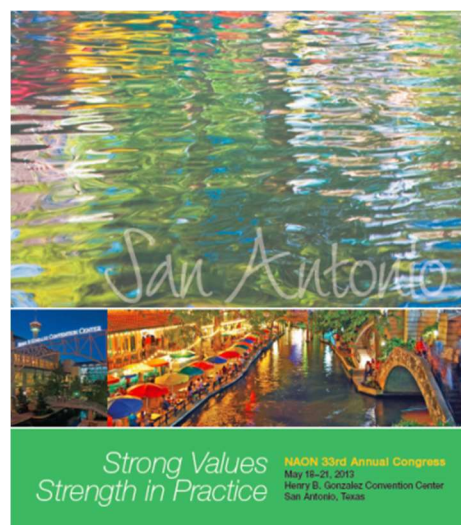
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- Beverly Morris, Director
- Ann Bruemmer, Director
- Mary Jo Satusky, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Invented “BONES” game for Congress to create opportunities for networking and relationship building
- Revised the NAON Core Curriculum, Core Competencies, APN Resource Guide, Total Knee and Clinical Practice Guidelines, Orthopaedic Nursing Review Course

Award Recipients

- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Brigitte Failner, MSN, RN, ONC
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Melinda Mock, RN, ONC, CLCP
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Katie Pierson, DNP, MSN, RN, ONC





2013-2014

Executive Board

- Pam Cupec, President
- Julie Twiss, President Elect
- Colleen Walsh, Secretary
- Cheryl Grove, Treasurer
- Doreen Johnson, Director
- Barbara Levin, Director
- Robert Lonadier, Director
- Ann Bruemmer, Director
- Angie Pearce, Director
- Christy Oakes, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Released our Patient Education Manuals in Spanish
- Launched NAON eBooks – download NAON educational materials straight to your mobile device

Award Recipients

- President's Award presented to Marilyn Joan Cupec
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Debra Sietsema, PhD, RN
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Marjorie Kulesa, RN, BS, ONC, CNOR and Christina Kurkowski, NP
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Simone Stein, RN, CMSRN, ONC





2014-2015

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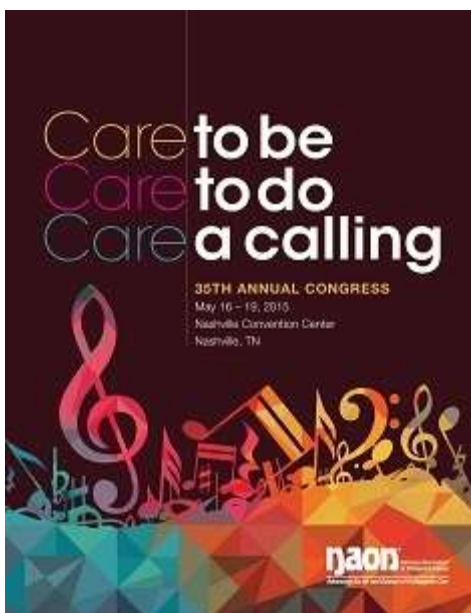
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- Ann Bruemmer, Director
- Pam Cupec, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Created our ACORN Committee (Advancing the Career of the Orthopaedic RN) to attract younger members to NAON
- Introduced the “Joint Connection” interactive exhibit hall to Congress
- Released the Safe Patient Handling Course
- Came out with a Congress mobile application

Award Recipients

- President’s Award presented to Yakima Regional Medical and Cardiac Center Suite Staff and Co-workers
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to CAT Committee
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Beth Kaiser Schafer, MS, RN
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Mary Ann Hensley, RN, BSN, CNOR, ONC





2015-2016

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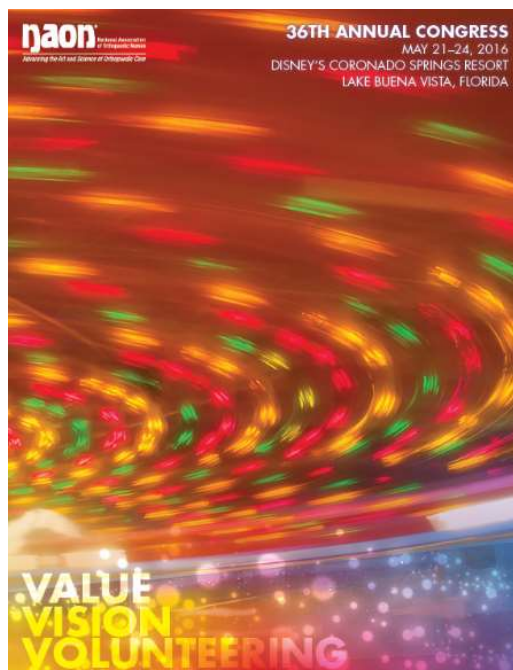
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- Mickey Haryanto, Director
- Angie Pearce, Director
- Jack Davis, Director
- Julie Twiss, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Rave and Save program brought in over 50 members
- Offered 12 free webinars to NAON members
- Self-Assessment CD available in online format
- New Operating Room Manual will be released

Award Recipients:

- President's Award presented to Sonja Lonadier
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to Robin Voss, RN, MHA, TNCC-I
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Ann Bruemmer, RN, BSN, MSN, CNOR
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Naomi Tashman, RN, BSN, ONC





2016-2017

Executive Board

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- Angie Pearce, President Elect
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- Kathryn Curcione, Treasurer
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Award Recipients

- President's Award presented to Sean, Bridget, and Erin Walsh
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to ACORN Committee
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Deb Valentine, MSN, RN, CCM, ONC
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Michael Zychowicz, DNP, ANP, ONP, FAAN, FAANP



2017-2018

Executive Board

- Angie Pearce, President
- Mickey Haryanto, President Elect



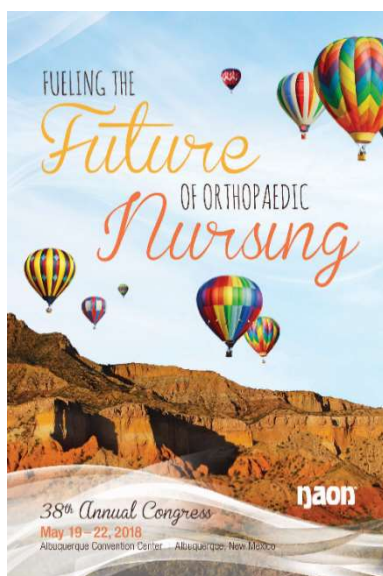
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- Jack Davis, Director
- Laura Hixon, Director
- Charla Johnson, Director
- Melissa Yager, Director
- Colleen Walsh, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- Released the online Orthopaedic Pain Management Review Course
- Released the Online Nurse Practitioner Review Course
- Launched a re-design of the NAON website
- NAON presented at the Australian & New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Association (ANZONA) Annual Meeting

Award Recipients

- President's Award presented to L. Ray Pearce
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award presented to: 2017 Leadership Search Committee
 - Maureen Storey, MSN, ARNP, ONP-C
 - Colleen Walsh, DNP, ONC, ONP-C, CNS, ACNP-BC
 - Patricia Little, RN, ONC
 - Robert Lonadier, MSN, RN, BS, ONC
 - Doris Gould, MS, ANP-retired, GNP-retired
 - Christy Oakes, MSN, RN, ONC
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to Mary Rodts, DNP, CNP, ONC, FAAN Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Adam Stephan, RN
- Honorary Member Award presented to Kristy Weber, MD





2018-2019

Executive Board

- Mickey Haryanto, President
- Jack Davis, President Elect
- Gary Salcedo, Secretary
- Kathryn Curcione, Treasurer
- Amber Kujath, Director
- Deb Valentine, Director
- Laura Hixon, Director
- Charla Johnson, Director
- Melissa Yager, Director
- Angie Pearce, Immediate Past President



Highlights of the Year

- NAON introduced a new, tiered membership structure
- NAON launched Orthopaedic Nurses Week
- NAON released the Safe Patient Handling Course
- NAON released Best Practice Guidelines for Total Knee and Total Hip Arthroplasty
- NAON released the 5th Edition of *An Introduction to Orthopaedics*
- NAON rejoined the International Collaboration of Orthopaedic Nurses (ICON)

Award Recipients

- President's Award presented to Budi Haryanto
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award: Debra Sietsema, MSN, PhD
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award presented to: NAON 2018 Research Committee
 - Jack Davis, MSN, RN, ONC
 - Dawn Denny, PhD, RN, ONC
 - Amber Kujath, PhD, RN, ONC
 - Anita Meehan, MSN, RN-BC, ONC, FNGNA
 - Debra Sietsema, MSN, PhD
 - Colleen R. Walsh, DNP, ONC, ONP-C, CNS, ACNP-BC
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award presented to Diane M. Jeselskis, RN, BSN, ONC
- Honorary Member Award presented to Toby King, USBJI



2019-2020

Executive Board

- Jack Davis, President
- Lynn Burkett, President Elect
- Gary Salcedo, Secretary
- Elizabeth Turcotte, Treasurer
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- Deb Valentine, Director
- Laura Hixon, Director
- Charla Johnson, Director
- Michele Hughes, Director
- Mickey Haryanto, Immediate Past President



Highlights of the Year

- NAON launched new LMS in July 2019 based on member feedback
- NAON began 40th Anniversary celebrations
- NAON launched the NAON Orthopaedic Nurse Excellence (ONE) Award
- NAON Board updated the organization's strategic plan
- NAON received full reaccreditation from ANCC

Award Recipients

- President's Award:
 - Philomena Davis
 - Daniella Immediato, MSN, RN, ONC
 - Lisa Briskie, BSN, RN, ONC
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award: Pam Cupec, MS, RN, ONC, CRRN, ACM-RN
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award: NAON 2019 ACORN Committee
 - Lyndee Leavitt, BSN, RN, ONC
 - Kyala Pascual, BSN, RN, ONC, CJCP
 - Ibrahim Mamadou, RN
 - Paulina Andujo, BSN, RN, ONC
 - Lisa Marchlewski, BSN
 - Sarah Nash, BSN, RN, ONC, CMSRN
 - Melissa Gagliano, MSN, RN, NEA-BC
 - Ka pik (Becky) Ng, RN, CMSRN
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award: Megan Webb, MSN, RN, CNL, ONC
- Honorary Member Award: Dave Hambro
- Orthopaedic Nursing Excellence (ONE) Award:
 - Medical University of South Carolina, 10 East Orthopaedics
 - Connecticut Orthopaedic Insitute at Midstate



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Highlights of the Year

- NAON continues celebrating 40th Anniversary Year
- NAON shifted to 100% virtual including Congress education, ONRC review courses, and committee/board work
- In response to COVID-19, created a resource page for our members and also collected stories that tie back to our “OrthoNowOther” campaign
- NAON joins ANA’s Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation initiative as a Champion member
- Work continues on Core Curriculum revision

Award Recipients

- President’s Award:
 - Stephen Longnecker, MD
 - Fernley and Sara Wagner
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award: Margaret Ann (Peggy) Herzberg, DNP, RN, ANP, ONC
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award: Colleen Walsh, DNP, ONC, ONP-C, CNS, ACNP-BC
- Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award: Lara Beth Guidry Conner, MSN, RN, ONC
- Honorary Member Award: Mary I. O’Connor, MD
- Orthopaedic Nursing Excellence (ONE) Award: Concord Hospital’s Orthopaedic Institute



2021-2022

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- Amber Kujath, President Elect
- Paulina Andujo, Secretary
- Elizabeth Turcotte, Treasurer
- Matthew Lowe, Director
- Donna Kurek, Director
- Michele Hughes, Director
- Franz Henryk A. Vergara, Director
- Lyndee Leavitt, Director
- Lynn Burkett, Immediate Past President

Highlights of the Year

- NAON had our first in person Congress since the pandemic
- NAON shifted back to a hybrid model of virtual and in person meetings and ONRCs
- NAON published the Core Curriculum, 8th Edition

Award Recipients

- President's Award: Kathryn N. Moran, BSN, ONC
- Outstanding Contribution to NAON Award: Angela Pearce, MS, RN, FNP-C, ONP-C
- Distinguished Service to NAON Award: Susan W. Salmond, RN, EdD, CNAA, CTN
- Honorary Member Award: Yashika J. Watkins, PhD
- Orthopaedic Nursing Excellence (ONE) Award: Long Island Jewish Valley Stream/Unit 2W





Launched New Logo:

Old Logo:



New Logo:

