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President's Message



My Fellow SOHN members,

October is often viewed as a time for winding down from the busy days of summer before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season sets in. However, that is not true for SOHN. Our 45th Annual Congress started the month in a big way! Kudos to the congress planning committee, Sharon Jamison, Jennifer Spellman, Helen Kim, and Sara Wheeler, Education Director.

The variety of topics illustrated the attention to detail undertaken by the committee to ensure the educational offerings to ORL nurses cover a wide range of interests. The planning of the 2022 Spring Seminar and the 2022 46th Annual Congress have already started. If you have a suggestion for a topic or speaker that you feel would benefit ORL nurses, contact a member of the committee directly or headquarters. SOHN is your organization, and we would love to have your program input or your expertise as one of our excellent presenters in 2022.

Several changes were announced during the 2021 Congress. Margie Hickey, our Executive Director is stepping down at the end of year. Her family situation has drastically changed, and she is no longer able to give the organization the time and attention that you deserve. Margie will continue to assist with various projects in SOHN.

Thank you, Margie. Transitioning the role from Sandye Schwartz, the first and long tenured Executive Director who was in that position for over 30 years, was a mammoth task and certainly not easy, but you did a phenomenal job. Renee Stevens, the executive assistant, will also be stepping down with Margie. Renee brought a new tone and tempo to the role always putting SOHN and the members needs as her top priority. Thank you, Renee. The SOHN board is undergoing an extensive search for the right replacements. We will be announcing the succession plan soon.

Sara Wheeler, our Education Director, is also stepping down. I cannot thank Sara enough for all her hard work in keeping our educational offerings at the high quality that we have come to expect. SOHN's educational programming will be in good hands. Karen Ulmer and Sharon Jamison are going to share the leadership. Karen Ulmer will be the new Approved Provider Program Director and Sharon Jamison will be the Education Coordinator starting November 1, 2021.

Kari McConnell has served as our Social Media Director for many years. She is also stepping down. It is important for SOHN to have a presence across social media channels as each has its own unique characteristics. The Board feels strongly that the best way to ensure that SOHN has a presence is to share the activities among a team. We are asking for volunteers to step forward and help us build SOHN's following. Just reach out to headquarters, info@sohnnurse.com and provide your name and contact information.

The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF) is the fundraising organization that helps to fund many of SOHN's lectureships and many other research and educational SOHN activities. One of ENT-NF's main fundraising is the auction during our Annual Congress. 2021 was the second year that we have not been able to hold the auction. I am asking every member of SOHN to take a moment and make your tax-deductible donation of \$45 to ENT-NF. 2021 was our the 45th Annual Congress celebrate your organization by donation \$1 for every year – just \$45. It is simple – just one click away! [Donate to ENT-NF](#). Also, encourage your office, hospital, patients, and families to donate to honor that nurse or nurses who made a difference in their lives. Send them to our homepage to [Honor an Extraordinary ORL Nurse](#).

This will be my last Update Message to my SOHN family. I am honored to have been your President. It has been my pleasure to serve all of you as your President in 2020-2021, and I look forward with anticipation for the next 45 years to come!

Sincerely,

Chester Hilton

Chester Hilton, BSN, RN, CORLN
President 2020-2021
Society of Otorhinolaryngology and
Head-Neck Nurses
Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation

Mark Your Calendar with these important SOHN / ENT-NF Deadlines 2021-2022

The Outstanding Service Award

This recognition is the highest service award that SOHN bestows. Its purpose is to recognize and express appreciation for special contributions of service by members.

Deadline: December 30

Friend of SOHN Award

Established in 1983, The Friend of SOHN Award is the vehicle for recognizing and expressing appreciation for special contributions to SOHN by non-members.

Deadline: December 31

Lectureship Awards

Annually ENT-NF awards 3 lectureship awards. Selected speaker(s) will receive a cash award and certificate of recognition for their presentation and their commitment to publish in the Journal. Your expertise is unique so please consider sharing with your fellow ORL and head-neck nurse colleagues.

- Pediatric ORL: The Lois Moore-Rogers Lectureship
- Allergy and Sinus: The Cynthia S. Mabry Lectureship
- Head and Neck: The Kalyann Quinn Hensley Lectureship

Deadline: January 31

Educational and Research Poster Awards

To recognize excellence in educating ORL nurses via poster publications posters at the Annual Congress.

Deadline: May 1

SOHN Honor Award

Many of you serve SOHN in countless ways. Get a copy of the Honor Award form and begin to tally your points. After you have reached 10 points (which can be over any length of time) send it in to receive the recognition you deserve.

Deadline: July 1

SOHN Clinical Excellence Award

This special recognition awards SOHN nurses who have consistently demonstrated excellence in the delivery of skilled and compassionate care to the ORL-Head and Neck patient.

Deadline: July 1

Scholarship Awards

ENT-NF awards makes 3 scholarships available to members to help students achieve their goals. These include scholarships for:

- Allied Health to BSN Application
- RN To BSN Application
- Graduate Level in Nursing Application

Deadline: July 1

Chapter Excellence Award

The Award is based on chapter activities throughout the year beginning July 1 of the previous year and ends June 30 of the current year.

Deadline: by July 1.

Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee

An opportunity to see the inside workings of the SOHN Board. Sponsored in part by the Council of Past Presidents.

Deadline: November 1

Literary Award

This award for published authors in the JOURNAL recognizes and promotes excellence in ORL nursing publication. Writing for this award is one opportunity to bring expertise to nurse colleagues and to advance the practice of ORL nursing.

Award Announced at Annual Congress ~ Cash Award

New Author Award

The New Author Award will recognize and encourage the contributions of a new author publishing for the first time in our peer reviewed JOURNAL. Writing for this award will facilitate professional growth and dissemination of information pertinent to the ORL specialty.

Award Announced at Annual Congress ~ Cash Award

As you can see, there are many opportunities for members to be recognized. Please consider applying. If you have any questions, reach out to SOHN Headquarters for more information.

Thank you to the 2021 SOHN Board of Directors

2021 SOHN Board of Directors Executive Board

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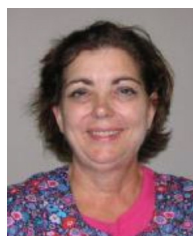


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SOHN 2021 Election Results: Welcome to our Newly Elected SOHN Leaders

Congratulations to the following members. They will begin their term of office on January 1, 2022

Treasurer



Lisa Lever

Board Members at Large



Amy Ashburn



Troy DeRose



Lisa Gagnon

Nominating Committee Member



Martha Jean Ryan



Tyree Smith

SOHN Congress Highlights

The Congress Planning Committee began planning for the 45th Congress “*Overcoming Challenges of a Changing World*” held October 1-3, 2021, in November 2020. Based on the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic the SOHN Board of Directors in 2020 determined the 45th Congress would be offered virtually with the hopes of holding a hybrid event for the 46th Congress.

The Planning Committee, Sharon Jamison, Chair; Jennifer Spellman, Co-Chair; Helen Kim; Chester Hilton; Margie Hickey; and Sara Wheeler, decided to schedule the Pharmacology Day the week before the Congress on September 25, 2021. Margie Hickey, SOHN Executive Director, identified a new platform, “In Event”, for the Pharmacology Day and Congress to be hosted. This platform facilitated the on-demand availability of the program almost immediately following the live presentations allowing participants to watch sessions at their leisure.

Sessions remained open until November 15, 2021. The overall evaluation of the 45th Congress was rated 4.85 out of 5 which is an excellent! The overall speaker ratings were 4.85 out of 5 which is also excellent!

The Congress Planning Committee was dynamic, organized, and committed to ensure the Pharmacology Day and 45th Congress reflected

what you, the membership, identified as learning needs. The Committee used input provided by the Special Interest Groups; evaluations (local, regional, annual meetings); and the National Educational Committee needs assessment. They sought to identify cutting edge topics with the best possible of speakers. The speakers either participated “live” or pre-recorded their presentations with 10 minutes reserved for questions by participants. **The Best of 2021 Congress** will be made available to members in the months to come. This opportunity had been requested by the SOHN membership in the National Education Committee’s Needs Assessment and the Evaluations of the 44th and 45th Congress.

A special shout out of appreciation goes out to Sharon Jamison, John Jamison (Sharon’s husband and “volunteer” film editor), Margie Hickey, and Renee Stevens for their logistical support to ensure the 45th Congress ran smoothly. Jennifer Spellman, Helen Kim, and Sharon Jamison moderated the question-and-answer segment of each presentation.

Our President, Chester Hilton, and the SOHN Board of Directors were helpful in determining the fee structure for Congress, which included a reduced fee for students and retirees. We could not look half as good without SOHN’s Administrative Team, Margie Hickey, Executive Director, and Renee Stevens,

SOHN’s Administrative Assistant, who managed the registrations. It takes a TEAM to put a quality program together. I am so proud of our SOHN Team! Kudos to all who helped.

The 46th Congress Planning Committee Meeting (Jennifer Spellman, Chair; Helen Kim, Co-chair; Vinciya Pandian; Margie Hickey; Karen Ulmer; and Sharon Jamison) have already begun to plan for the 46th Congress to be held as a hybrid event, live in Philadelphia with virtual on-demand programming.

We encourage you to apply for an ENT-NF lectureship that provides a monetary award to the recipient. The deadline for submission is January 1, 2022 and the criteria for lectureship applications are available [here](#). Poster abstract submissions are also encouraged and winning submissions in 4 categories will be recognized with a cash reward at the 46th Congress. Please consider submitting materials for a Lectureship or a Poster session.

I have appreciated the opportunity to be the Director of Education for the last five years. Karen Ulmer will be the new Approved Provider Program Director and Sharon Jamison will be the Education Coordinator starting January 1, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Rich Wheeler, RN, PhD, PMHCNS-BC (retired)

2021 Congress Highlights Awards and Scholarships

Awards

SOHN Outstanding Service Award



The highest service award the Society bestows to recognize and express appreciation for special contributions of service by members

Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN

Friend of SOHN



Recognizes in appreciation the special contributions to SOHN by a non-members

Michael J. Brenner, MD, FACS

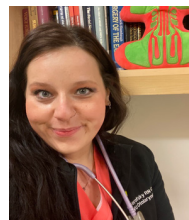
President's Award



A special award from SOHN President to recognize distinguished contributions to the life of the Society and/or to have provided meritorious service on behalf of the Society

Ramute Kemeza, BSN, RN

SOHN Honor Award



Recognizes members who serve SOHN in countless ways

Melissa Borofsky, RN, CORLN

Lectureships

Funded by the Ear, Nose, and Throat Nursing Foundation

Sandra Schwartz Keynote
"The Faces of New Resilience"



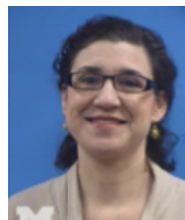
Eugene L. Alford MD, FACS

Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology

"Pediatric Bone Anchored Hearing Device Comprehensive Care"



Carolyn R. Kuschel, BSN, RN, CNOR



Bianca Waller, BSN, RN, CNOR

Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head and Neck
"Transdisciplinary Dysphagia Collaboration"



Karen Sheffler, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Author Awards

Funded by the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation

Literary Award



Up in Smoke: An Update on Vaping, E-cigarettes and Substance Abuse in Teenagers

Laurie Newton, DNP, RN, CPNP

2021 Poster Award Clinical Initiative Category



"Development and Utilization of Telemedicine in ENT During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond"

Jana Bradley, MSN, CRNP, CORLN

Scholarships

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Graduate Nursing Scholarship For DNP



Wendy Mackey, APRN-BC, CORLN

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2021 New Chapter Charter

Welcome to the Greater Indianapolis Chapter (GIC)

President: Tammy Dukeshire, RN, NP, CORLN

Vice President: Sandra Harston, APRN

Secretary: Rhonda Talbott, BSN, RN, CORLN

Treasurer: Marta Anderson, BSN, RN

2021 Chapter Excellence Awards

Small Chapter Excellence Award Winner

< 20 members

North Carolina Chapter

Large Chapter Excellence Award Winner

>36 members

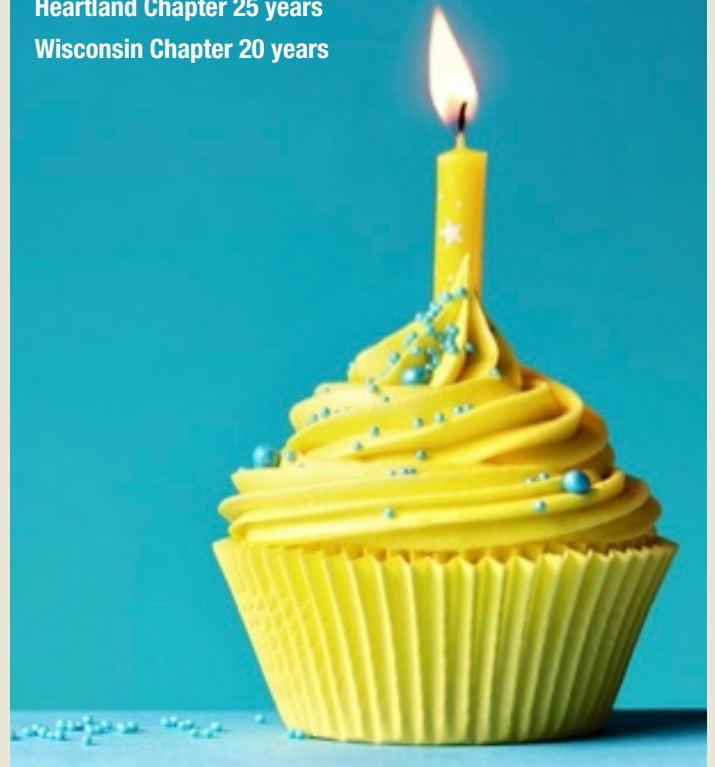
Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

Chapter Anniversaries

St. Louis Chapter 30 years

Heartland Chapter 25 years

Wisconsin Chapter 20 years



ENT-NF Honor Roll

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Tiffany Ellis, MSN ANP-C CORLN
Sharon Jamison, BSN RN CORLN
Sandra Schwartz, MS RN CORLN

ORL and Head-Neck Nursing Journal is seeking manuscripts!

The Editorial Committee is actively seeking manuscripts of interest for our peer-reviewed Journal. *ORL and Head-Neck Nursing* is the only nursing journal dedicated to our specialty. Topics of interest include clinical papers addressing ORL and head and neck oncology topics including research, reviews, case reports, overviews of surgeries and clinical procedures, and nursing leadership. Guidelines for authors can be found on www.sohnnurse.com

Join a SOHN Committee Now

The Committees of SOHN form the foundation of the organization. Please review the following descriptions of the committees and their functions. Plan to volunteer to serve as a member of the committee of your choice. All committees are led by experienced, enthusiastic nurses who welcome your participation. Please send an email to info@sohnnurse.com with the committee(s) you are interested in joining.

National Education Committee:

The National Education Committee promotes the educational growth of SOHN with a focus on Professional Education as well as Community Education. Nurse Planners assist the Approved Provider Program Director and the Education Coordinator in the development, implementation, and evaluation of educational programs, local/regional, and national. Other nurse members serve as program chairpersons, on planning committees, as room moderators and at the National Education events. Commitment and enthusiasm is prerequisite. Sense of pride, satisfaction and accomplishment are guaranteed. Nurse Planner Defined by ANCC, "A registered nurse who is responsible for planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating continuing education activities. For an accredited provider, the Nurse Planner must be prepared at the graduate level, with one degree – baccalaureate or graduate, in nursing."

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee:

The focus of the Health Policy and Advocacy Committee is to keep abreast of new legislation and regulations affecting nursing practice, education, and research. The committee supports legislation and legislative activities on both the state and national level. It provides a venue to introduce nurses to the regulatory and legislative process and mentorship as one becomes politically active.

Membership Enhancement Committee:

The Membership Enhancement Committee promotes the professional growth of individual members, as well as, enhancing the organization and development of chapters. This committee assists with recruitment, recognition, and retention activities.

Practice and Research Committee:

The Practice and Research Committee identifies and prioritizes practice issues and develops/reassess standards of practice and guidelines. The committee also promotes research in otolaryngologic and head and neck nursing. This research will expand the body of nursing knowledge, provide a solid base for our practice, and ultimately advance the profession of nursing. Members are selected based on their strengths and expertise in otology, general ORL and head-neck nursing and will be assigned specific activities to advance SOHN's practice and research goals.

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you can advance your
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Help us meet our goal to raise \$21000 in 2021.



This is your foundation and without it we cannot continue to offer scholarships, lectureships, awards, educational programming and more for the next 45 years. Invest in the future of ORL nursing today.

The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF) was founded in 1997 to enhance the care of the ear, nose, and throat patient by advancing the art and science of nursing through education and research funded by donations from individuals, corporations, and healthcare providers. Donations will be used for educational programs designed to enhance care delivery and prevention of disease for the otolaryngology population; support research initiatives to improve the health of patients with ear, nose, and throat disorders; and to provide educational programs to increase the knowledge of healthcare professionals interested in ear, nose and throat nursing care.

Your support in assisting ENT-NF to enhance the care of ear, nose and throat patients is sincerely appreciated. [Donate online](#) OR send your tax-deductible contribution to headquarters. Make your check payable to ENT-NF and mail to: ENT-NF, 362 Gulf Breeze Parkway, #137, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

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Erin Ross

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Wendy Mackey-Course Coordinator

Benign Head and Neck Disorders

Barbara Carter

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Specific Head and Neck Cancer Treatment and Nursing Implications

Penelope Fisher

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