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President's Message



Dearest SOHN Members,

It is with great pride that I write my final President's message. These past two years have flown by, and I am deeply humbled by the support I have received from each and every one of you. Being elected and having the privilege to serve as President of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology–Head and Neck Nurses (SOHN) as well as the Ear, Nose, and Throat Foundation (ENT-NF) has been the highlight of my professional career.

Serving the members of this extraordinary organization has humbled me, invigorated me, and reaffirmed how proud I am to be an otorhinolaryngology nurse practitioner. As we approach SOHN's 50th anniversary, I stand on the shoulders of the giants who came before me. Each member and leader has shaped SOHN into what it is today, the only national organization dedicated exclusively to otorhinolaryngology nurses, with members who are recognized experts in their fields.

I am incredibly proud of what SOHN has accomplished this year. With the leadership, dedication, and support of our members, we continue to grow and thrive. Highlights from 2025 include:

ENT-NF Fundraising

This year, we surpassed our \$20,000 fundraising goal by raising an impressive \$32,870 through the generosity of our members. We established a new Head and Neck Lectureship honoring past SOHN President Barbara Sigler. To date, \$25,150 has been raised toward this lectureship, and we hope to reach our goal of \$30,000 to fully endow it by the end of the year so we may offer the inaugural presentation during our 50th Anniversary celebration.

We are also launching our **"\$50 for 50 Years" campaign**, and we hope every member will consider supporting ENT-NF with a \$50 donation in honor of this milestone. A special thank you to the ENT-NF Board, especially Hope Anderson and her mother, Betty Mims, for their leadership in the ENT-NF raffle. The prizes, fun, and laughter truly did not disappoint.

Education

Providing cutting-edge, high-quality education remains a cornerstone of SOHN's mission. This year, we offered a total of 103.75 continuing education credit hours through our specialty interest groups, chapter meetings, Spring Seminar, and Congress educational events. This would not be possible without the exceptional leadership of Karen Ulmer, SOHN's Accredited Program Provider Director, and Sharon Jamison, SOHN's Education Coordinator. Their attention to detail and commitment to meeting the highest standards of the American Nurses Credentialing Center allow SOHN to continue delivering excellence. We are also deeply grateful to our members and colleagues who generously shared their expertise at each of these meetings.

SOHN's 49th Annual Congress

Our 49th Annual Congress was another resounding success, filled with meaningful networking, high-quality education, and fun. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Congress Planning Committee, chaired by Dr. Marci Nilsen and co-chaired by Sarah Holdsworth, for their exceptional leadership. From hands-on skills courses and comprehensive educational sessions to engaging lectures and social events, Congress offered countless opportunities for professional growth and connection.

This year, we were proud to offer AMA credits for physician assistant (PA) colleagues for the first time and to have a SOHN booth presence at the American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS) Annual Meeting. These efforts allowed us to extend SOHN's reach interprofessionally and globally, strengthening collaboration and visibility for otorhinolaryngology nursing across disciplines.

Scope and Standards of Otorhinolaryngology–Head and Neck Nursing

The Scope and Standards of ORL and Head and Neck Nursing defines the roles, responsibilities, and accountability of ORL nurses and advanced practice registered nurses, as well as the contexts and methods of professional practice. The updated document has been submitted to the American Nurses Association and is currently under review. Thank you to the many members who provided thoughtful feedback. The response was overwhelmingly positive. I am looking forward to having this important work published in 2026.

Our Members, Our Strength, Our Future

Please continue to share the value of SOHN membership with your colleagues, employers, fellow nurses, and advanced practice nurses. As the only national nursing organization dedicated exclusively to otorhinolaryngology nursing, SOHN provides a unique platform for focused education, professional growth, and specialty-specific expertise. By sharing the impact of SOHN, we strengthen our collective voice and ensure that our specialty continues to thrive for generations to come.

Financially, SOHN remains strong and resilient. The Board continues to practice fiscal responsibility while strategically investing in initiatives that advance our mission and vision. We are deeply grateful to our Executive Director, Marisa Snell, and Affinity Strategies for their exceptional leadership, guidance, and unwavering support in maintaining the Society's financial health and operational excellence.

“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others, and the world remains and is immortal.” — Albert Pike

As I pass the gavel, I look forward with great confidence to SOHN's future under the leadership of Dr. Wendy Mackey, along with our outstanding Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs. I am certain that SOHN will continue to lead our specialty forward, advance the mission and vision of the Society, and leave a legacy for future nurses to benefit from.

Thank you for your trust, your collaboration, and your unwavering commitment to our profession and to one another. Serving as your President has been an honor I will carry with me always. I am profoundly grateful for this journey and excited to watch SOHN continue to thrive as we enter our next 50 years—together. May you all have a wonderful holiday season, taking time to reflect on the many blessings in your life and to enjoy meaningful moments with family and friends.



With gratitude,

Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCSE

President 2024–2025

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation



Member Spotlight: Dr. Wendy Mackey

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Wendy Mackey on her induction as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in recognition of her extraordinary contributions and lifelong work in pediatric otolaryngology.

This prestigious honor places Dr. Mackey among just 3,300 Fellows worldwide, representing nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, administration, clinical practice, and academia.

Her dedication, expertise, and leadership continue to advance our profession and improve care for children and families. We are incredibly proud of Dr. Mackey and grateful for all she brings to SOHN and to the field of pediatric otolaryngology. Congratulations, Wendy!

Celebrating 50 Years of SOHN

Save the Date for our 50th Annual SOHN Congress!

The Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head & Neck Nurses (SOHN) is proud to celebrate 50 years of excellence, leadership, and innovation in ORL nursing.

Since 1976, SOHN has served as the professional home for nurses and advanced practice nurses who care for patients with ear, nose, and throat conditions across all settings. For five decades, our members have shaped national standards, advanced evidence-based practice, driven advocacy efforts, and elevated the specialty through education, research, and practice.

In 2026, we will honor this milestone with a yearlong celebration culminating at our **50th Annual SOHN Congress on October 8th-11th** in Boston, Massachusetts. The city where history, innovation, and healthcare excellence converge.

Join us as we honor our past, celebrate our present, and build the future of ORL nursing.



As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head & Neck Nurses in 2026, we invite you to honor our legacy and invest in our future by supporting the Ear, Nose & Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF) through our special \$50 for 50 Years Campaign. Your support ensures we can continue this vital work for the next generation of nurses and advanced practice providers.

We are asking each member, colleague, and friend of SOHN to contribute **\$50 in recognition of our 50 years** of leadership and impact.

Your donation directly supports:

- Scholarships for ORL nurses and APRNs
- Research and evidence-based practice grants
- Lectureships
- Awards

Every Donation Makes a Difference

Whether you give \$50, \$100, or more, your contribution strengthens the future of ORL nursing and helps us continue the work that defines our profession.

Together, we can honor our history, support our present, and build the foundation for the next 50 years of excellence in ENT nursing.

Support the Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship

With deep love and respect, SOHN invites you to join us in honoring the memory and legacy of Barbara "Barb" Sigler (1946-2023), by supporting the establishment of the Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship.

Barb was more than a past president—she was a pioneer, a mentor, and a visionary whose contributions helped shape SOHN into the internationally respected organization it is today. From leading SOHN as President in 1980, to launching our official journal ORL and Head-Neck Nursing, to helping secure our enduring ANA accreditation, Barb's leadership has left a lasting and profound impact.

We are pleased to share that, to date, we have raised \$25,150 through the generosity of our donors. To officially establish this lectureship, we must raise a total of \$30,000.

We are over halfway there—and with your support, we know we can reach this important milestone.

This lectureship will celebrate Barb's enduring legacy by supporting annual presentations that reflect her lifelong commitment to clinical excellence, professional development, and nursing leadership. Your contribution—no matter the amount—will make a lasting difference and help ensure Barb's remarkable spirit and influence continue to inspire future generations.

To contribute to the Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship, please visit <https://www.sohnnurse.com/ent-nf-foundation>.



2025 Committee Chair Reports

National Educational Committee

"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it." – **Albert Einstein**

The National Education Committee wishes you and yours a Happy Fall. Fall is a season of transition, and time to reflect on change. Change for the better as we continue to plan and execute high-quality nursing continuing professional development activities for SOHN!

The National Education Committee is very grateful for the hard work of our Congress Planning Committee members and Affinity team in presenting our successful 49th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium October 9-12. The SOHN Congress was held at Indiana University Indianapolis Hine Hall Auditorium. 127 registrants were able to benefit from the insightful and evidence-based podium presentations, 8 hands-on skills labs, and in-depth pediatric and head and neck comprehensive courses. Of note, 46 attendees reported that this was their first SOHN Congress! We hope to see even more new attendees next year in Boston (October 8-11, 2026) as we celebrate SOHN's 50th Anniversary Congress!

But no rest for the weary! The next major NCPD event on the SOHN calendar is our Spring Seminar! The virtual Spring Seminar dates are May 7 (Pediatric) and May 8

(Adult). Planning is already underway, and we are excited to bring you an outstanding program filled with rich, high-quality education, expert speakers, and timely clinical updates tailored to ORL nursing practice. Details, including session topics, speakers, and registration information, will be shared soon.

Please remember to take advantage of the resources on the Nurse Planner resource page on the SOHN website! You will need to log in to the SOHN website as a member, and under the "Resources" tab, select "Nurse Planner". The 2025 versions of the SOHN education forms are uploaded to the website. Please use these updated forms for all your chapter/SIG education activities- they have been revised to reflect the revisions to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) criteria. Nurse planners and SIG leaders- please remember to note the number of RNs and advanced practice providers (APPs) on your evaluation summary. Nurse planners- don't forget to complete the "blue box" on the evaluation summary, noting how you will use the feedback from the activity in planning future NCPD activities.

Nurse Planners and SIG leaders- please view the nurse planner tutorial and take the post-test so that we can document your education and learning. You can access the

video and post-test from the nurse planner resource page on the SOHN website: login to your SOHN account and click on <https://www.sohnnurse.com/nurse-planner>. The link to the video and test is located at the bottom of the page.

The first SOHN School modules to be available are the long-awaited tracheostomy modules, as well as a module on chronic cough. Thanks to everyone who has been working so hard behind the scenes to bring these resources to our membership. Watch your emails for instructions on how to access the additional SOHN School modules.

As you can imagine, it takes a village, and a lot of hard work, to present these educational opportunities to our SOHN membership! "Many hands make light work" is a popular phrase for good reason. It emphasizes the value of teamwork and cooperation... and SOHN members are a great team! Please consider being a part of our NCPD team. We have opportunities for individuals to assist with spring seminar planning, congress planning, serving as a nurse planner for a local chapter, being an active member of the National Education Committee. There is a place and role for you!

Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN
Accredited Provider Program Director



Health Policy and Advocacy Committee

The Health Policy and Advocacy Committee (HPAC) met during the Annual Congress in Indianapolis, where I provided an overview of several significant national health policy developments. Key issues discussed included the proposed 50% reduction in funding for the National Institute of Nursing Research, the delay of the nursing home minimum staffing rule, upcoming Medicaid program changes, and the potential negative consequences of expiring tax subsidies for the Government Health Insurance Exchange (Healthcare.gov). In addition, we explored a framework to help nurses strengthen their health policy literacy and examined practical strategies for engaging as advocates to promote positive and sustainable health policy change.

To learn more about changes in health

policy at the National Level and how it affects otorhinolaryngology (ORL) nurses and patients, I encourage you to read a great article published in the ORL journal by Suzanne Beshore and Vinciya Pandian entitled "Federal Policy Development Impacting ORL-Head and Neck Nursing" in Volume 43, Issue 3. This article summarizes the health policy changes that are negatively impacting ORL nursing research and patient care, and it offers a path forward by providing a self-assessment tool for ORL nurses to evaluate their current level of health policy literacy and set goals for further development.

As the HPAC Committee transitions to new leadership, and I hand over the chair responsibilities to Nina Desell and Erin Ross, I want to encourage each of you to

remain vigilant and engaged. It is more important than ever for nurses to be aware of the seismic shifts currently taking place in health policy at the national, state, and local municipality levels. These health policy initiatives can either improve or degrade ORL nursing research, practice, and access to equitable health care for all citizens. As you deepen your understanding of key policy issues, I urge you to actively advocate for the priorities and values that matter to you and to our profession. Most importantly, support the candidates, organizations, and groups whose actions and platforms align with these beliefs. Your voice, individually and collectively, remains essential to driving meaningful, positive policy change.

Bryan Facione, HPAC Committee Chair

Editorial Board

As we reflect on the past year, I am pleased to share that the ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal successfully published all four planned issues. This was an important milestone for the journal and a reflection of the commitment of our authors, reviewers, editorial board, and the broader SOHN community.

This year also marked another significant step forward. We entered into a contract with KnowledgeWorks Global Limited (KGL), an editorial services company that now supports the journal with professional copyediting. This partnership strengthens the quality and consistency of our publications and allows our authors to focus on what matters most, sharing their clinical, educational, and research contributions.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to announce four themed issues that reflect the breadth and depth of otorhinolaryngology nursing practice:

- **Issue 1: Laryngology** – Editor: Vinciya Pandian
- **Issue 2: Sinus, Rhinology, and Nasal Disorders** – Guest Editor: Maria Colandrea
- **Issue 3: Pediatric Oral Nursing** – Guest Editor: Wendy Mackey
- **Issue 4: Advancing Patient-Centered Care** – Guest Editor: Marci Nilsen

I want to strongly encourage all SOHN members to consider submitting manuscripts that highlight the outstanding work you are doing in your clinical settings, academic roles, and research programs. Many of us lead high-impact quality improvement initiatives, educational innovations, case studies, and practice-based research that can be challenging to publish in other venues. This journal exists for you; to provide a dedicated, supportive forum to disseminate that work and amplify nursing's voice in otorhinolaryngology and head and neck care.

We also welcome interprofessional collaboration. If you are engaged in team-based projects with physicians, speech-language pathologists, respiratory therapists, physician assistants, or others, please invite them to co-author with you. Interprofessional scholarship strengthens our science and reflects the reality of how we care for patients every day.

We are truly excited to receive your submissions and to partner with you throughout the publication process. Our goal is not only to publish your work, but to support your success as an author.

I look forward to another impactful year for the journal and to showcasing the exceptional contributions of the SOHN community.

Warm regards,

Vinciya Pandian

Editor-in-Chief, ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal

Membership Enhancement Committee

Our Membership Enhancement Committee has been actively working to expand SOHN's visibility and communication efforts through direct networking strategies and strengthened social media engagement. We are evaluating our marketing approaches to ensure we effectively reach the general public, as well as nurses and advanced practice providers, who are seeking professional organizations within the field of otolaryngology. These initiatives will help us broaden awareness, support growth, and ensure SOHN remains the professional home for ORL nurses across all practice settings. We are also encouraging our members to

stay connected to SOHN through Facebook, Instagram and X. The more you "like" us and respond, the more recognition we will receive. Please consider creating a post for any SOHN events with your chapter or perhaps share a story or experience that exemplifies the great things about SOHN! Creative Videos are an option!

Our membership continues to gain members monthly and we are working on international growth! A chapter in Canada is in the works! We are also connecting with the AAO Global Liaison to help us with our goals to increase our international exposure. We did connect

with many international members at our SOHN booth at the AAO exhibit hall at the meeting in Indianapolis and are following up on those connections.

Thank you for all of your contributions to spread the word about SOHN! Please reach out to me directly if you have any ideas, comments or questions about how we are growing our membership. My email is lisa_gagnon@sbcglobal.net.

Lisa Gagnon

Chair, Membership Enhancement

Welcome New SOHN Members

Theresa Wisecarver California
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Chris Kust..... Virginia

Ruth Dejean Florida
Shanna Mavilio..... Massachusetts
Patricia Proveaux Georgia
Jennifer Myers Missouri
Catherine Hudson South Carolina
Janelle Leonard Pennsylvania

Practice and Research Committee

Dear Members,

The Practice and Research Committee is pleased to share highlights from what has been a productive and truly successful year. Our committee has remained highly engaged with the American Academy of Otolaryngology (AAO) through ongoing participation in the Clinical Practice Guideline Task Force. Multiple SOHN members have contributed to guideline development as authors, reviewers, and subject-matter experts—ensuring that the voice of nursing and the specialty of otolaryngology nursing is represented throughout these important initiatives.

We are especially proud to share that Tiffany Ellis will represent the Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses as the only non-physician participant at the upcoming AAO Guideline Task Force meeting in Alexandria this December. Her presence ensures that nursing perspectives continue to inform and strengthen future guideline decisions. If you are interested in Guideline work, keep an eye out for invitations to

participate that are shared with all members when opportunities arise.

We had an extremely successful Congress, with networking, learning, and sharing occurring at the highest levels. The energy and engagement of our membership were felt throughout every session, and we are grateful to all who attended and contributed to such a vibrant and inspiring event. A very special thank you goes to Jen Spellman, who led this year's poster session. We were thrilled to showcase 15 outstanding posters highlighting research, quality improvement, and educational initiatives—many from first-time presenters. Poster abstracts will be noted on our website for those who are interested. Keep an eye out for a call for posters for our 50th Anniversary Congress in Boston, October 8–12, where we hope to feature an even larger collection of innovative work. If you are working on a project and would like to share your work, please consider submitting a poster. Mentorship is available. The committee is also continuing work on a series of

professional practice presentations, which will be offered free to members and made available on the SOHN website. More details will be shared soon.

I am delighted to announce the upcoming transition of committee leadership as committee chair to Tiffany Ellis, who has served with dedication and energy as co-chair for the past two years. Tiffany will continue to advance the dynamic and impactful work of the Practice and Research Committee.

Committee meetings are open to all members. We had a small and intimate—but highly productive—committee meeting during Congress, and we welcome anyone interested in contributing. If you have ideas for a project, presentation, or journal article, our committee is here to provide guidance and mentorship.

Sincerely,

Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN
Chair, Practice and Research Committee

Special Interest Groups

Thank you for continuing to support our Special Interest Groups by showing up to our zoom calls. We have enjoyed putting together some great information over this past year, while at Congress, and still to

come. If you have any suggestions for topics, please don't hesitate to reach out and share. We want to ensure we provide you with the education and networking you are interested in. Hope you have a great rest of your year

and we are excited for what is to come.

Regina Kahnert
Specialty Interest Group Coordinator

Historian Report

I continue to answer various historical questions about SOHN. Unfortunately, some of our archives must have been misplaced or lost in the two moves since they left the safety of our Downing Street office in New Smyrna Beach. I am still working my way through my existing archives. My husband's

illness limits my time in these endeavors. As we approach our 50th Anniversary, I will be happy to answer any archival questions. At some point I will purge records that are no longer relevant and retain those that are permanent records of enduring historical, legal, financial or administrative value that

document SOHN's activities and history. The archives are stored in an air conditioned and humidity-controlled room. Anne Bigelow will be assisting me during the process.

Sandra L. Schwartz, MS, RN, CORLN
SOHN Historian

Updates from the ENT-NF Foundation

Board Report

I attended the Annual ENT-NF Board Meeting in Indianapolis as well as the SOHN Congress, where I coordinated raffle and auction activities on behalf of the Foundation. I solicited more than 40 raffle items and secured two items for the silent

auction. I also set up and decorated the raffle tables and coordinated assistance from members to support raffle operations throughout the event. These efforts resulted in raising over \$4,400 for the Foundation.

The approved budget included room fees for four nights and decorations; however, no budget funds were used.

Hope Andresen
Raffle Coordinator



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National Certification Board Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses (NCBOHN) Updates



At present NCBOHN is in the midst of test administration during the month of October. Results will be available in Late October or early November. When the results are known the certificates will be prepared and mailed. The candidates will be notified prior to that time by the Professional Testing Corporation based in New York City.

A new online system is now in place for applications (initial and recertification) through the PTC website.

In May 2025 seven more applicants passed the examination. The next testing period will conclude in October 2025. We now

have 7 new CORLNs and 5 recertified. It is interesting to note that we are reaching out to western states.

Newly Certified CORLNs:

- Casey Adams from Collingswood, New Jersey
- Patti Anne Gillman from Brookville, Indiana
- Ella Guzman from Los Angeles, California
- Amanda Johnson from West Fargo, North Dakota
- Jillian Karpink from Newtown, Pennsylvania

- Charlotte Kenkel from Thornton, Colorado
- Emily Vorwaller from Bountiful, Utah

Recertified CORLNs:

- Jennifer Carey
- Jose Elias
- Haley Endacott
- Margaret McCasland
- Deborah Mastriani

The NCBOHN Board met on August 6, 2025

Sandra L. Schwartz, MS,RN,CORLN
NCBOHN Executive Director

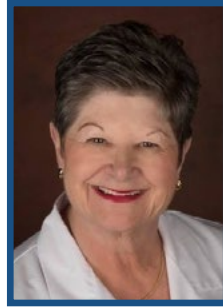
NCBOHN Officers Update



Cristie Rouch
Completed
Presidential term on
12/31/2025



Cheryl Brandt
Completed Vice
Presidential term
on 12/31/2025 and
begins Presidential
term on 1/1/2026



Deena Hollingsworth
Completed Secretarial
term on 12/31/2025
and begins Vice
Presidential term on
1/1/2026



Kris Estheimer
Begins Secretarial term
on 1/1/2026



Jennifer Spellman
Begins Board Member
term on 1/1/2026



Sandye Schwartz
Executive Director

Highlights from the 49th Annual SOHN Congress

October 9-12, 2025 | Indiana University Indianapolis Hine Hall Auditorium



SOHN Board Meeting



Opening Ceremony



Dr. Myers speaking on behalf of Barbara Sigler



Sandye Schwartz Lectureship: Dr. David Brown



Health Policy Lecture: Dr. Jerome Adams



Literary Award



**Lisa Gagnon, MS, APRN, CPNP
New Author Award**



Julie Ward, DNP, FNP-C, CNOR



**Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology
Lectureship**

Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN



**Cynthia Mahry Otolaryngic
Lectureship**

Jane Wang, MSN, RN, FNP



**Sandra L. Schwartz Keynote
Lectureship**

David Brown, MD

Skills Labs



President's Reception



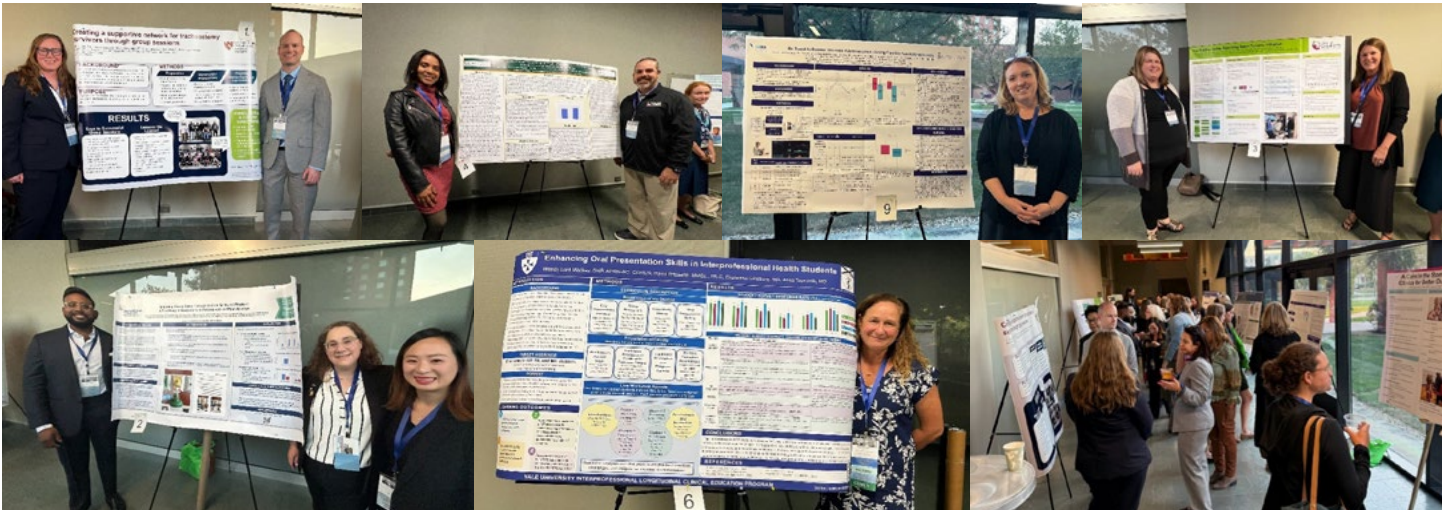
CORLN Luncheon



Chapter Presidents' Luncheon



Poster Presentations



ENT-NF Raffle



Awards and Lectureships



Clinical Excellence Award
Cristie Roush



Presidential Citation
Sharon Jamison



Presidential Citation
Vinciya Pandian



Presidential Citation
Karen Ulmer



Outstanding Service Award
Bryan Facione



Friend of SOHN
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Honor Award
Nina Desell



Honor Award
Cheryl Brandt



Honor Award
Sarah Holdsworth



Honor Award
Melissa Raines



Honor Award
Erin Ross



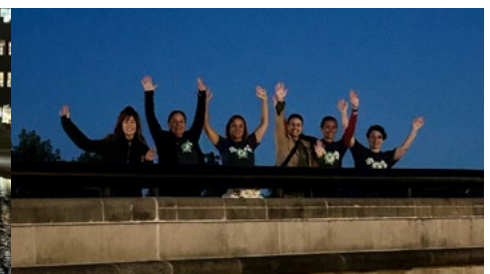
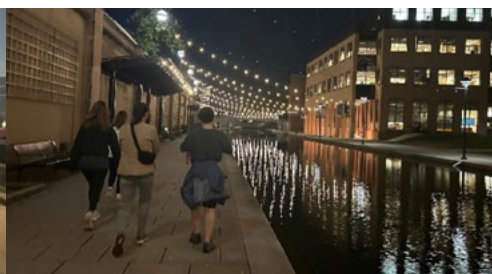
Honor Award
Christina Kepple



Honor Award
Jana Bradley

Other Honor Award Winners Not Pictured
Beth Baker
Julie Chappa
Elizabeth Gould

ENT-NF Walk



Annual SOHN Board Meeting



NCBOHN



Small Chapter Award
North Carolina



Large Chapter Award
Southeastern
Pennsylvania



**Research Category
and First Timer Poster
Award**
Mary Elizabeth
Vanderpost



**Educational Poster
Award**
Wendy Mackey



Literary Award
Lisa Gagnon

Incoming 2026 Board



Newly Elected Members



Presidential Pinning



Special Thanks to our Congress Planning Committee



Marci Nilsen, PhD, RN,
CHPN
Chair



Jose Elisas, RN,
CORLN



Sarah Holdsworth,
MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN
Co-Chair



Wendy Mackey, DNP,
APRN-BC, CORLN



Sharon Jamison, VR,
RN, CORLNE
Education Coordinator



Amy Ashburn, DNP,
FNP-BC, CORLN



Karen Ulmer, MSN,
RN, CORLN
Accredited Provider
Program Director



Maria Colandrea, DNP,
NP-C, CORLN, FAANP



Regina Kahnert, MSN,
APRN-CNP



Marisa Snell
Executive Director

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49th Annual Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN) and Ear, Nose, and Throat Foundation (ENT-NF) Business Meeting – October 12, 2025

I. Call to order

President Colandrea called the 49th Annual Business Meeting to order at 8:09am.

II. Welcome

President Colandrea extended a warm welcome to all Officers, BODs, and members in attendance for the annual Congress meeting

III. Introduction of Officers and Board of Directors, Roll Call

Maria Colandrea, President; Wendy Mackey, Incoming President; Amy Ashburn, Vice President; Lisa Gagnon, Secretary; Kevin Callans, BOD; Tiffany Ellis, BOD; Martha Ryan, BOD; Tyree Smith, BOD; and Affinity Executive Director Marissa Snell

Absent-Lisa Lever, Treasurer; Regina Kahnert, BOD

IV. Introduction of Timekeeper/Parliamentarian

President Colandrea introduced Sarah Holdsworth as the timekeeper/parliamentarian for the meeting.

V. Consideration of the Rules

Sarah Holdsworth announced Robert's Rules of Conduct will be followed for the meeting.

VI. Adoption of the Proposed Rules

Wendy Mackey motioned that the proposed rules of conduct be adopted for the meeting. Second, by Christie Roush. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

VII. Credentials Report

Marisa Snell, Executive Director, presented here were 107 members registered for Congress and 31 voting members in attendance at the business meeting which met 20%-member requirement, satisfying the quorum requirements outlined in the bylaws.

VIII. Adoption of the Credentials Report

Motion made by Wendy Mackey to accept the Credentials Report, second by Amy Ashburn. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

IX. Adoption of the Proposed Agenda

President Colandrea presented the proposed agenda. Motion made by Wendy Mackey to accept the agenda, second by Amy Ashburn. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

X. Approval of October 21, 2024, 48th Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Wendy Mackey to accept the minutes of the 2024 Annual Business Meeting. Second by Cristie Roush. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

XI. Treasurer's Report

President Colandrea presented the treasurer's report in Lisa Lever's absence. The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses' checking account balance as of October 12, 2025, is \$149,506.90. ENT-NF Balance is \$74,559.61. With no discussion a motion was made by Wendy Mackey to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Kevin Callans. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

XII. Officers and Committee Reports

Written reports from Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs were available in the August 2025 Update Newsletter.

XIII. NCBON Report

XIV. Christie Roush presented that there are 7 new CORLN's, 5 Recertified. Cristie Roush presented a check on behalf of NCBON in the amount of \$1,500 to the ENT-NF.

XV. ENT-NF Report

Marisa Snell provided a report on behalf of the Ear, Nose, and Throat Foundation (ENT-NF).

- Total funds raised for the ENT-NF in 2025- \$20,295.00 between Barbara Sigler Lectureship, Spring Seminar, Congress, and Honor a Nurse.
- Total funds raised at Congress- \$4387.00
 - i. ENT-NF Raffle- \$2865
 - ii. Silent Auction- \$950.00
 - iii. ENT-NF Walk and T-shirt sale- \$772.00

XVI. New Business

- 50th Annual Congress Celebration in 2026 will be in Boston, October 8-11, Save the date! There will be a campaign to raise funds for the ENT-NF. \$50 for 50 years. Requesting each member to donate \$50 to support lectureships, scholarships, awards, and grants.

- There have been issues with members receiving SOHN emails because of a firewall at most institutions. Members are encouraged to update their profile with personal emails ensuring they can receive SOHN updates.
- 49th Annual Congress Registration is still available. Lectures have been recorded and available for purchase. Spread the word.

XVII. Presentation of Awards

a. Jennifer Spellman provided poster awardees

- Research Category: Be Sweet to Babies: Sucrose Administration During Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy. Mary Elizabeth Vanderpost, Rachael McAllister, Megan Tepsich, Theresa Irving-Kerr, Nicholas Wolter, Jennifer Siu, Evan Propst.
- Quality Improvement Category: The Waiting Game: Operating Room Turnover Initiative. Maria Caldwell, Carolyn Bell, Stacy Levi, Maggie Humble, Brooke Samson, Suzanna Borger, Stephanie Burwinkel, Theodore Schneider.
- Education Category: Enhancing Oral Presentation Skills in Interprofessional Health Students. Wendy Lord Mackey, David Brissette, Ekaterina Ginzburgh, Alina Tsyrlunik.

b. Chapter Awards

- Small chapter award- North Carolina Chapter
- Large chapter award-Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter
- Congratulations to the Indianapolis Chapter for celebrating their 5th Anniversary

XVIII. Election Results

Kris Estheimer, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the election results for the upcoming term.

- Troy Derosé- Treasurer
- Board of Directors
 - Kristina Keppel
 - Melissa Raines
 - Martha Ryan

- Nominating Committee

- Anne Deleo
- Jacqueline Liberati

XIX. Installation of Officers

President Colandrea expressed her gratitude for all members who ran for positions. She installed SOHN's New officers except for Jacqueline Liberati.

XX. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

President Colandrea thanked the outgoing Board and Nominating Committee Members.

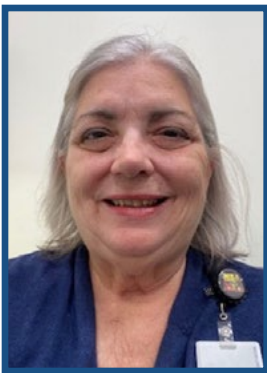
- Maria Colandrea-President
- Lisa Lever-Treasurer
- Regina Kahnert-BOD
- Tyree Smith-BOD
- Kris Estheimer- Nominating Committee
- Rosemary Chandy Patel-Nominating Committee

XXI. Adjournment

With no further additional discussion or new business, the 49th Annual Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:41am.

Thank You to Our Outgoing Board Members!

Thank you to the Outgoing Board and Committee Members. We are grateful for your unwavering support and countless hours spent leading SOHN.



Lisa Lever
Treasurer



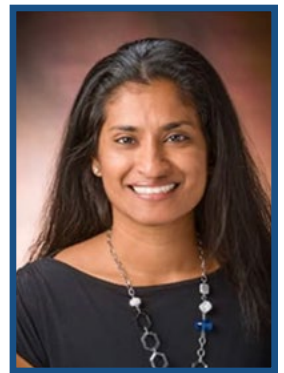
Regina Kahnert
Board of Directors



Tyree Smith
Board of Directors



Kris Estheimer
Nominating Committee
Chair

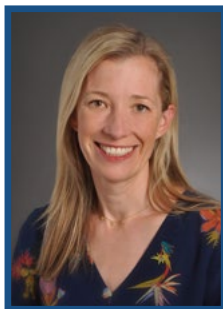


Rosemary Chandy Patel
Nominating Committee

Welcome to the New 2025 Board Members!



Troy DeRose
Treasurer



Kristina Kepple
Board of Directors



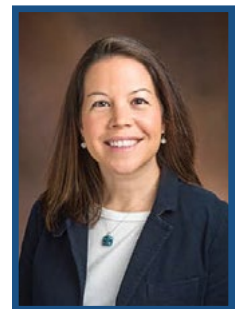
Melissa Raines
Board of Directors



Martha Ryan
Board of Directors



Ann Deleo
Nominating
Committee



Jacqueline Liberati
Nominating
Committee

SOHN / ENT NF 2025-2026 Dates & Deadlines

Chapter Excellence/Chapter Report	July 1, 2026	Friend of SOHN Award	July 1, 2026
Clinical Excellence Award	July 1, 2026	Poster Submission	September 1, 2026
Honor Award	July 1, 2026	Midwinter Attendee Application	November 1, 2026
Nursing Scholarships	July 1, 2026	Research and EBP Practice Grants	Open Year-Round

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming SOHN / ENT NF Events

Spring and Congress Meetings

Paid Event – All Members are Invited to Attend

Spring Seminar Series –Virtual

Pediatric May 7th

Adult May 8th

**50th SOHN / ENT-NF Annual Congress
and Nursing Symposia** Oct 8th–11th

Annual Business Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- October 11th (Congress)

SOHN Board Meetings

Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only

- January 28th (MWBM)
- April 22nd
- July 22nd
- October 7th (Congress)

Editorial Board Meetings

Board Members Only

- January 27th
- April 28th
- July 28th
- November 17th

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- March 31st
- August 25th
- October 9th (Congress)

ENT-NF Board Meetings

Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only

- February 25th
- May 27th
- August 19th

Membership Enhancement Committee Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- February 17th
- June 16th
- October 9th (Congress)
- November 24th

National Education Committee Meetings

All Nurse Planners are Invited to Attend

- January 27th
- June 9th
- December 1st

Social Media Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- January 27th
- February 24th
- March 31st
- April 28th
- May 26th
- June 30th
- July 28th
- August 25th
- September 29th
- October 27th
- November 24th
- December 29th

Awards Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- February 3rd
- April 7th
- June 2nd
- August 4th

Congress Planning Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- January 13th
- February 3rd
- March 3rd
- April 7th
- May 5th
- June 2nd
- July 7th
- August 4th
- August 18th
- September 1st
- September 15th
- September 29th
- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st

Nominating Committee Meetings

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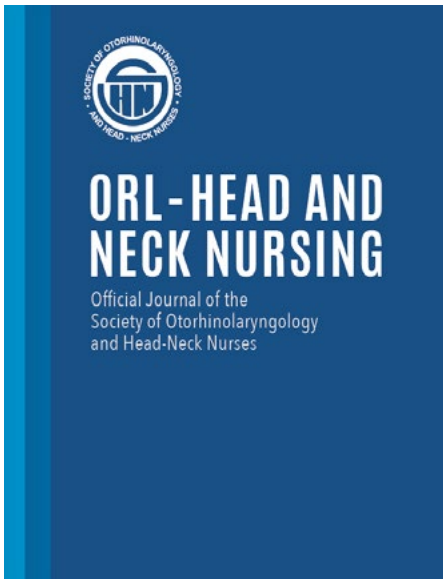
- January 20th
- March 24th
- May 26th

Research and Practice Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- March 17th
- June 30th
- October 9th (Congress)

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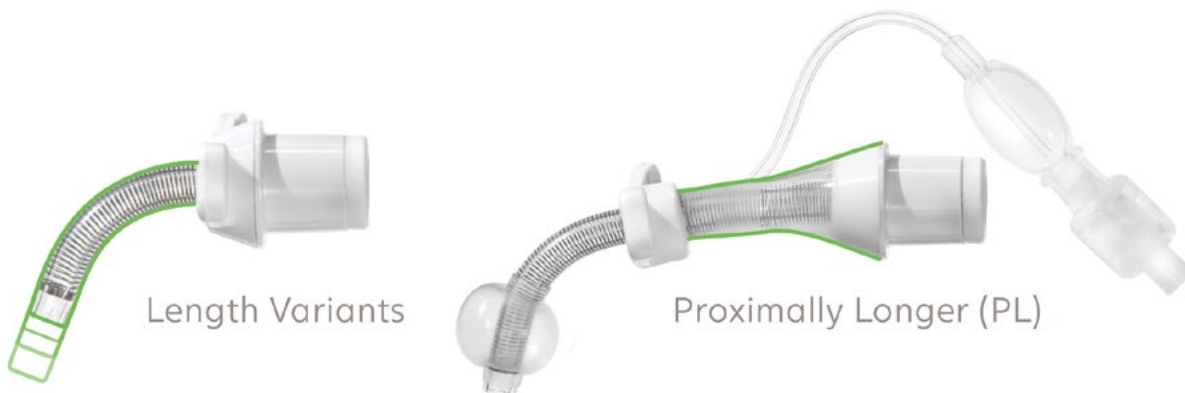
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