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President's Message



Dear SOHN Members,

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as President of SOHN. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges ahead and am deeply grateful for the unwavering leadership of our 2024–2025 SOHN President, Dr. Maria Colandrea. Her dedication, vision, and steady guidance have strengthened our organization tremendously. She leaves an enduring legacy of excellence, and we are sincerely thankful for all she has done. We are also grateful that her continued involvement will remain an important part of our

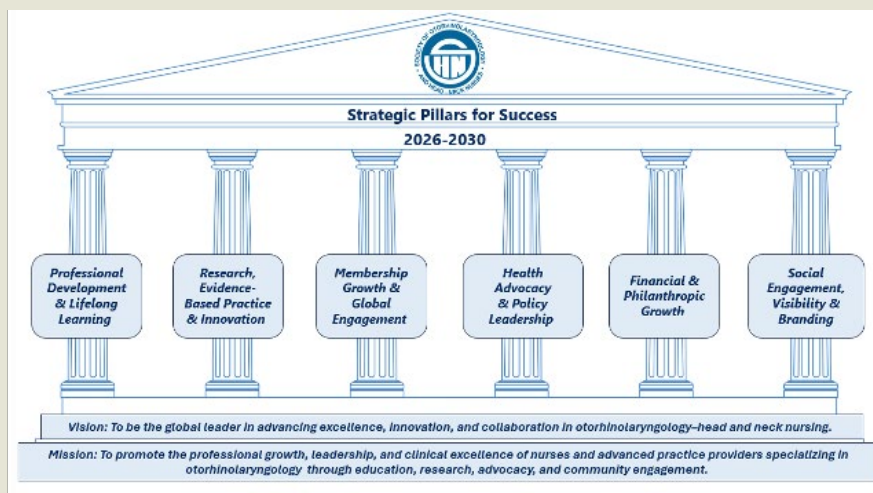
community.

As I begin this two-year term, I am energized by the work ahead and excited about continuing to advance and grow our organization. Together, we will build on our strong foundation, expand opportunities for our members, and further position SOHN as the professional home for ORL clinicians committed to excellence in patient care, scholarship, and leadership.

This Update is filled with valuable information about our organization's upcoming offerings and opportunities. You will find valuable information about programming, advocacy initiatives, research opportunities, scholarships, networking events, certification and continuing education offerings. There is truly something for every member, and your engagement is what brings this organization to life.

SOHN Strategic Plan 2026-2030

SOHN's Executive Board, Board of Directors, and committee chairs recently gathered virtually for our Mid-Winter Board meeting. A central focus of that meeting was the redevelopment of our Strategic Plan for 2026-2030. Organized around six pillars, this plan provides a clear roadmap for the next five years. In the final stages of development, the Strategic and Operational Plan will soon be available on our website for members to learn more about how these priorities will guide our organization's work.



Education remains at the HEART of our mission

There are abundant continuing education opportunities for all who seek them, including an outstanding program planned for our Spring Seminar Virtual Meeting on May 7–8.

And be sure to save the date for our Annual Congress, celebrating SOHN's 50th year, in Boston from October 8–11. The program planning committee is securing an exceptional program honoring our legacy while advancing current practice. We are excited to offer several highly sought-after hands-on skills courses, including Pediatric Skills, Vestibular Assessment and Management, Otology, Tracheostomy Management, and Advanced Scoping, complemented by a pharmacology-focused

day and comprehensive ORL courses. Full program details will be available on our website very soon and shared through upcoming communications.

Please also keep an eye out for additional FREE CE offerings from the Special Interest Groups and Chapters. Registration links for upcoming events are communicated through email, social media blasts and available on our website.

Warm Welcome to New SOHN Members

A very special welcome to our new members, we are thrilled to have you join the SOHN community.

Janelle Leonard Pennsylvania	Nicki Johnson Tennessee	Colleen Collins New Jersey
Khadijah Azman Singapore	Adebola Olarewaju California	Jessica Figueroa Massachusetts
Madison Walker Ohio	Heather Curtis Colorado	Michelle Taylor-Brink North Carolina
Rachel Holmes Utah	Liana Ulness Minnesota	Jodi Stoller Wisconsin
Gabrielle Kittel Illinois	Rajat Sood New Jersey	
Karen McGarry Ohio	Sara Randolph Nebraska	
Lisa Bayruns New Jersey	Michaela Gist California	

The Membership Committee and leadership continue to focus on growing our organization nationally and internationally, strengthening our student and early-career pipeline, and expanding opportunities for mentorship, scholarship, and leadership.

Congratulations to our newly certified (and renewed) CORLNs

SOHN would like to recognize the following members for achieving board certification in otorhinolaryngology and head–neck nursing over the past six months. Congratulations to our newest CORLNs!!!

Newly Certified CORLNs:

- Casey Adams
- Patti Anne Gillman
- Ella Guzman
- Amanda Johnson
- Jillian Karpink
- Charlotte Kenkel
- Emily Vorwaller

Recertified CORLNs:

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

Certification remains an essential component of our specialty. Your commitment to professional excellence strengthens our specialty and improves patient outcomes.

We warmly encourage others to consider board certification through the National Certifying Board of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (NCBOHN). Certification is a meaningful step in your professional journey; an opportunity to demonstrate current competence, validate your specialized knowledge, and gain formal recognition for your expertise in ORL nursing. As a voluntary, periodic process, certification reflects a commitment to excellence and lifelong learning in our specialty. The certification examination is administered by the Professional Testing Corporation, ensuring a rigorous and respected credential. Registration for the next test by April 8th. [For more information click here.](#) I congratulate our newly certified colleagues and would be happy to support anyone interested in pursuing this important milestone.

Membership Survey

A sincere thank you to all who completed our recent membership survey sent on behalf of the Practice and Research Committee. The response rate was exceptional and provides invaluable guidance as we shape programming, initiatives, and future priorities for SOHN. Results are currently being analyzed and will be shared in a future SOHN publication.

Awards and Scholarships

Please take a moment to explore the many awards, lectureships, scholarships, and research grants available to our members. SOHN proudly supports author awards, poster awards, named lectureships, scholarships for advancing education, research grants, and additional honors recognizing excellence within our specialty. We encourage you to review these opportunities and consider applying or nominating a colleague. [For more information, go to the Scholarships and Awards tab.](#)

Announcing a New Partnership: SOHN and The DAISY Foundation™

We are thrilled to announce a new partnership between SOHN and The DAISY Foundation™, the leading international organization dedicated to recognizing the compassionate and extraordinary work of nurses. During a recent meeting, SOHN and DAISY explored opportunities to collaborate in ways that align with our mission, expand recognition for nurses in our specialty, and increase awareness of the vital role of otorhinolaryngology and head and neck nurses. DAISY shared its wide range of awards—including categories for nurse leaders, educators, students, health equity, volunteers, and international contributions—as well as opportunities for national recognition,

grants, and professional development. Together, we discussed leveraging DAISY's global network of more than 7,500 partner organizations, strengthening our shared presence on LinkedIn and other platforms, and exploring a special joint recognition initiative as part of SOHN's upcoming 50th anniversary.

Have You Been Honored with a DAISY Award?

We would also love to celebrate our own members. If you have been honored with a DAISY Award, please let us know at headquarters (info@sohnnurse.com). We will highlight SOHN members who have received this meaningful recognition on our website and in future communications, as we continue to showcase the remarkable impact of nurses on our specialty.

SOHN Daisy Award Recipients



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DR. ERIN ROSS, KEVIN CALLANS & TERESA FAWLEY

Please join me in celebrating Dr. Erin Ross and Kevin Callans on their presentations at the Annual International Nursing and Midwifery Research and Education Conference in Dublin, Ireland this February. This international nursing and healthcare research conference brings together healthcare professionals, researchers, and educators from around the world to share innovative work and explore pressing topics. Having an abstract accepted for presentation at this prestigious international meeting is a significant honor.

Dr. Ross, a nurse practitioner in otolaryngology at the Cleveland Clinic, presented "Addressing Social Inequities in the Current Age-Related Hearing Loss AAO-HNS Guideline." Kevin Callans, a pediatric discharge planning nurse at Mass Eye and Ear, presented "Global Health Nursing: Better Outcomes Through Innovation and Sustainable Practices". Together, they proudly represented the field of otolaryngology on a global stage, sharing their important work with colleagues from around the world.

In true testament to how small our world can be when the ENT community gathers internationally, they were also able to reconnect with Teresa Fawley, one of our Irish SOHN members, who was present at the meeting. It was especially meaningful to see colleagues from across the globe come together, strengthening both professional and personal connections within our specialty.

Their dedication, expertise, and leadership continue to advance our profession and improve care for individuals with otolaryngologic conditions. We are incredibly proud of Erin and Kevin and deeply grateful for all they contribute to SOHN and to the specialty of otolaryngology.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement and thank you for sharing your work with the international community.

In Closing...

Thank you for your dedication to your profession and to the patients and communities you serve. If you are looking for ways to become more involved, please reach out at any time. There is a place for you within SOHN to learn, grow, contribute, and lead.

I am confident in our future and excited about all that we will accomplish together over the next two years.

With gratitude,

Wendy Lord Mackey, DNP, MSN, APRN-BC, CORLN, FAAN
President 2026–2027
Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation

Awards, Grants, and Scholarships



SOHN and ENT-NF offer a wide variety of Awards, Grants, and Scholarships to SOHN Members.

For more information, scan the QR code, visit sohnnurse.com/awards, or contact us at SOHN's National Headquarters – info@sohnnurse.com.

Committee Chair Updates

National Educational Committee

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education. – [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

Happy New Year! Let's make 2026 a year to remember for all the right reasons! SOHN has much to look forward to in 2026... celebrating 50 years of dedication to supporting the education and professional growth of ORL nurses.

Spring Seminar

The next major National Continuing Professional Development (NCPD) event on the SOHN calendar is our Spring Seminar! **The virtual Spring Seminar dates are May 7 (Pediatric) and May 8 (Adult).** Our spring seminar co-chairs- Janna Bradley, Julie Chiappa and Allison Paisley- along with education coordinator Sharon Jamison and Accredited Provider Program Director Karen Ulmer are working hard putting together an agenda of speakers and certain topics to enhance your ORL nursing practice.

[Registration Link](#)

Pediatric Program

- Lindsey Calandra, MSN, CRNP
Pediatric Vestibular Laboratory: Evaluation and Clinical Applications
- Beth Moller, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Clinical Recognition of Child Abuse: Implications for Otolaryngology Practice
- Bernadette Palmese, AuD
Congenital CMV: Audiologic Considerations
- Monica Deshpande, FNP
Vascular Anomalies in the Pediatric Patient
- Lauren Licwinko, MSN, CRNP-AC
From Hospital to Clinic: The Expanding Role of the Nurse Practitioner

Pediatric Case Presentations

- Jana Bradley, MSN, CRNP, PNP-BC, CORLN
- Julie Chiappa, MSN, CRNP, CORLN
- Laurie Newton, DNP, CPNP-AC/PC
- Stephanie Lesser, DNP, CPNP

Adult Program

- Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCISI
Professionalism in Nursing Practice
- Panagis Galiatsatos, MD, MHS
Vaping: Clinical Implications for the ORL Patient
- Vinciya Pandian, PhD MBA MSN ACNP FCCM FAANP FAAN FFMRCISI
How to Write a Successful Abstract
- Bryan Ward, MD
Neurotology Approach to Diagnosing the Dizzy Patient
- Tara Weaver, MSN, CRNP
Clinical Practice Guideline Update: Sinusitis
- Saige Fang, MSN, CGPCNP-BC
Clinical Practice Guideline Update: Sinusitis
- Emily McGill, NP, and Hilary Krombel, PA-C,
Inpatient Care of the Head/ Neck Patient

Case Presentations

- Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN
- Troy DeRose, RN, MSN, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C, FNP-CACGNP-C
- Allison Paisley, MSN, CRNP, CORLN
- Kelly Agnew, PA-C

Annual Congress

Plan to also attend SOHN's 50th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium October 8-11, 2026 in Boston, Massachusetts. See the SOHN website [SOHN 50th Annual Congress](#) to submit an abstract for either (or both!) a podium or poster presentation. We look forward to highlighting the amazing work done by our SOHN members as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. And speaking of 50 years of SOHN... you don't want to miss the many special celebrations planned at Congress.

Nurse Planner Resource Page

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 2026 versions of the SOHN education forms are uploaded to the website. *NOTE: there is a new activity planning template that is required for all SIG and chapter education activities. The new template combines several of our "old" forms into one streamlined document. Once we get used to using it, I think (hope!) that we will find it makes our NCPD documentation a bit easier. One major addition to the new template is that we need to include an established nursing competency (and cite the source!) that aligns with each education activity. For your convenience, there is a new resource on the Nurse Planner Resource Page that lists many of the established competencies broken out into topic areas. Also included is a selection of resources related to nursing competencies. Please use these updated forms for all your chapter/ SIG education activities- they have been revised to reflect the revisions to the ANCC criteria. You can access the nurse planner resource page on the SOHN website: login



to your SOHN account and click on <https://www.sohnnurse.com/nurse-planner>. A new "Nurse Planner Tutorial" will be recorded soon and posted to the resource page. Reminder, once it's posted, all chapter nurse planners and SIG leaders will need to view the tutorial and complete the post-test (ANCC requirement). Watch the SOHN email blasts for more information.

Join Our Program Planning Team

Your National Education Committee is looking for interested SOHN members to join our conference planning committees. We need another co-chair to work with Allison (and Sharon and Karen) for the adult day of Spring Seminar. We also would love to have one (or two) interested members who would like to join our Congress planning committee. We need you and your input to continue planning and offering the outstanding NCPD activities

that SOHN is known for. Please contact SOHN (info@sohnnurse.com) or Karen Ulmer (fandkulmer@gmail.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

Sincerely,

Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN

Accreditation Provider Program Director

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee

The Healthcare Policy and Advocacy Committee hold meetings throughout the year focusing on healthcare issues and trends pertinent to the SOHN members. Specific government policy initiatives and laws are reviewed that affect the advancement of ORL Nursing, care of patients, the health of our local communities, and the broader national effects on the delivery of healthcare in our society. We invite all members to join us at any of our meetings or events.

Goals:

1. To review and analyze existing health policies at the local, state, or national level that impact SOHN nurses and patients.
2. Advocate for policies that improve public health, healthcare access, quality, and equity for our patients.
3. Policy monitoring by supporting new health policies by working with relevant

organizations and agencies and monitor the impact of OHS relevant health policies

Upcoming Meetings

- March 31, 2026, 7-8pm
- August 25, 2026, 7-8pm
- Congress

Please go to the SOHN Website to obtain meeting link.

Call for articles

Interested in writing short summary of nursing policy initiatives in your state level or another topic you are passionate about? Please email Nina DeSell mdesell1@jh.edu.

Call for volunteers

Join the Healthcare Policy and Advocacy committee to help raise awareness among our membership about current health policy that affects our practice and our patients, please reach out to Nina DeSell, CRNP mdesell1@jh.edu.

Interested about health policy for nurses or APPs?

- <https://anacapitolbeat.org>
- <https://www.aanp.org/advocacy/federal>
- <https://www.aanp.org/advocacy/state>

Interested in ORL specific issues with AAO-HNS?

- <https://www.entnet.org/advocacy/federal-legislative-advocacy/>
- <https://www.entpac.org/about/>
- <https://www.sohnnurse.com/health-policy-and-advocacy-quick-reference-guide>

Sincerely,

Nina DeSell, CRNP

Chair, Health Policy and Advocacy Committee

Practice and Research Committee

The Practice and Research Committee is thrilled to share our ongoing initiatives and invite member participation in upcoming opportunities.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

SOHN partners with the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation (AAO-HNS) to develop evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in Otolaryngology. In December, a task force comprising 15 different Otolaryngology societies convened, and we are proud to be the only nursing society included. Thank you for your dedication to promoting the important and unique perspective nurses bring to providing evidence-based care to otolaryngology patients.

The Guideline Task force meets biannually to vote on upcoming topics for new guidelines, need for updates to prior guidelines, strategies for disseminating this information to providers and patients. The Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) provide evidence-based recommendations on a broad otolaryngology topic to standardize diagnosis and treatment. These are data driven, rigorous, and based on ample research. Similarly, an Expert Consensus Statement (ECS) addresses specific topics that may lack extensive research but still require standardized practice guidelines. They are meant to fill the gaps and highlight research needs.

CPG and ECS task force teams consist of a small group of otolaryngology experts evaluating evidence on a topic, deliberating on recommendations, and assessing their strength. When the first draft is complete, external reviewers assess the manuscript for readability and factual accuracy. Prior to final publication, the general public is invited to review the documents and offer feedback. Typically, one SOHN member is included in each task force group, two serve as reviewers, and the entire organization is invited to review the document prior to final publication. At that point SOHN has the opportunity to endorse the publication.

While many of us utilize these guidelines in our daily practice, it's essential to recognize

their broader impact. The 2025 “Make America Healthy Again” (MAHA) report initially advised against pressure equalizing tubes and adenotonsillectomy in children with sleep apnea, claiming the harm of the procedures outweighs the benefits. The AAO-HNS, and other otolaryngology leaders leveraged the established guidelines to demonstrate the safety and benefits of these surgeries for children who need them based on high quality research. As a result, the recommendation was removed from the 2025 MAHA report.

We need you to be part of this important work!

Watch your email for requests to submit your application for participation in upcoming guideline development and review. Expertise in research methodology is not required—just a passion for a selected topic and commitment to the full process. If you have hesitated to apply due to fear or self-doubt, know that your involvement is valued, and we want your voice in this process.

Upcoming guidelines for 2026 currently include:

- Update CPG: Allergic Rhinitis
- CPG: Snoring
- CPG Surgical Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Otolaryngology

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at our next research and practice meeting on March 17th at 7pm EST, where we will discuss improving SOHN educational opportunities, planning quality improvement projects, and writing for the SOHN journal. No experience is necessary, and everyone is welcome.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN
Chair, Research and Practice Committee

Specialty Interest Group (SIG) Update

As I assume the role of SIG Coordinator, I would like to thank Dr. Regina Kahnert for her outstanding leadership of the SIG groups. I am also deeply grateful to each of our SIG leaders for their dedication and commitment to their subspecialty areas. Your continued engagement reflects the strength and passion within our specialty.

This year, we will implement a few updates to the SIG structure. Each SIG (with the exception of the APRN SIG) will host one virtual meeting and one meeting at Congress. We will pause SIG meetings during September and October due to their proximity to Congress.

After thoughtful consideration, we will be dissolving the Geriatric SIG. We extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Cristie Rouch for her many years of leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to this important specialty area.

We have experienced several leadership transitions this year and are grateful for the flexibility and continued engagement of our members during this time of growth and change. Topics and dates have now been

finalized for all SIG groups, except for the Facial Plastics SIG.

As we look ahead, we are currently seeking leaders for the Allergy/Sinus SIG and the Facial Plastics SIG. If you are interested in this meaningful leadership opportunity that advances ORL nursing practice and strengthens our professional community, please contact Maria Colandrea at sohnpresident2024-2025@sohnnurse.com.

Looking forward to a productive year of learning and engagement with our dedicated SIG leaders!

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

Upcoming SIG Sessions			
SIG Group	Date	SIG Leader(s)	Topic
Head and Neck SIG	February 17 7pm-8pm EST	Dr. Kristie Sands	Clinical Approach to Laryngeal Cancer and Care After Laryngectomy
Federal/Military SIG	March 3 7pm-8pm EST	Dr. Tiffany Ellis	Neutropenic Oral Lesions: What Otolaryngology Clinicians and Nurses Need to Know
Otology SIG	April 14 7pm-8pm EST	Sarah Holdsworth	Journal Club: Cochlear Gene Therapy for Hearing Loss-Current Evidence and Clinical Implications
APRN SIG	May 12 7pm-8pm EST	Dr. Maria Colandrea	Malpractice in Otolaryngology: Considerations for Advanced Practice Providers
Pediatric SIG	June 2 7pm-8pm EST	Jana Bradley Julie Chiappa	Journal Club: Pediatric Vaping-Evidence Review and Clinical Discussion
Perioperative SIG	July 13 7pm-8pm EST	Allison Rodriguez	From Harvest to Monitoring: What Every OR Nurse Should Know About Head and Neck Free Flaps
Allergy/ Sinus SIG	August 11 7pm-8pm EST	Needs Leadership	Expanding the Role of Xylitol and Non-Antibiotic Therapies in Chronic Rhinosinusitis Management
APRN SIG	December 2 7pm-8pm EST	Dr. Maria Colandrea	Twelve Steps to Maximizing Your Professional Development
Facial Plastics SIG		Needs Leadership	

Finance Committee

It is an honor to serve as Treasurer of the SOHN for the next two years. I am grateful for your trust and look forward to supporting the financial health and long-term sustainability of our organization.

My vision as Treasurer is simple: to ensure SOHN remains financially strong, transparent, and positioned for intentional growth. Over the coming years, we will focus

on building a resilient financial foundation that supports education, professional development, diversity, and excellence in Otolaryngology–Head and Neck nursing.

Key priorities for this term include:

- Diversifying revenue beyond membership dues to strengthen stability

- Developing ethical, value-aligned corporate partnerships
- Enhancing membership value while improving retention
- Building 6–12 months of operating reserves consistent with nonprofit best practices

- Expanding grant and philanthropic opportunities
- Increasing financial transparency through consistent reporting and member updates
- Managing costs responsibly while reinvesting in programs that directly benefit our members

Our goal is to transition from financial stability to strategic, mission-driven growth – ensuring SOHN can expand educational offerings, strengthen professional resources, and continue serving as the leading voice for ENT APPs and nurses nationwide and beyond.

I am committed to responsible stewardship, clear communication, and thoughtful planning as we move forward together. I look

forward to working alongside our Board and membership to ensure a strong financial future for SOHN and ENT-NF.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our profession and to this organization.

With appreciation,

Troy DeRose RN, MSN, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C FNP, ANCC- C ACGNP

Treasurer, SOHN, ENT-NF

Nominating Committee

Enhance Your Leadership Journey with SOHN!

Are you passionate about advancing the field of otorhinolaryngology nursing? Now is the perfect time to take your involvement in SOHN to the next level! We invite you to apply for one of the open-leadership positions for the upcoming year.

Serving in a leadership role offers numerous benefits including:

- Developing and refining leadership skills
- Contributing to the growth and advancement of the nursing profession
- Strengthening your professional resume
- Creating a legacy in ORL nursing

The Nominating Committee is committed to presenting a strong ballot for August 2026 elections, and we encourage dedicated members like you to step forward. If you have any

questions about the available positions or the application process, please reach out to

margaret.mccasland@gmail.com or info@sohnnurse.com and cc Margaret McCasland.

Take this opportunity to make a difference—your leadership matters!

Office Duties (all terms are 2 years)

President-Elect Office Duties

1. Assumes the office of President-Elect on the first day of January following election to that office.
2. Attends all meetings of the Board of Directors.
3. Participates in meetings as directed by the President.
4. Knowledgeable of all policies, administrative/committee guidelines, and position statements of the organization.

5. Submit written reports for board meetings by the designated dates.
6. Participates in designated Board activities (e.g. First Timers' Orientation).
7. Assists with selection of committee leaders/members.
8. Serves as the Strategic Board Liaison.
9. Confers with the Executive Director prior to Board Meetings to be briefed regarding issues and to contribute to the proposed agenda.
10. Submit budget proposals to the Treasurer if needed.
11. Attends committee meetings and other designated functions with or at the direction of the President during Congress and throughout the year.
12. Assumes the office of President on the first day of January following one year as President-Elect.

Vice President Office Duties

1. Assumes the office of Vice President on the first day of January following election to that office.
2. Attends all meetings of the Board of Directors.
3. Participates in meetings as directed by the President.
4. Knowledgeable of all policies, administrative/committee guidelines, and SOHN position statements.
5. Submits written reports for meetings by the designated dates.
6. Participates in designated Board activities (e.g. First Timer's Orientation).
7. Serves as chairperson for the Policy Committee.
8. Participates in evaluations and meetings as assigned by the President.
9. Assumes the duties of President in the absence of or inability of the President to act.



Secretary Office Duties

1. Participate in scheduled and special Board meetings as required.
2. Responsible for record keeping of Board meetings. Review revisions for final drafts of minutes.
3. Assume responsibilities for special projects as appointed by the President.
4. Collaborate with Headquarters, officers, and Board members on issues affecting membership, communications, and record keeping.
5. Excerpt and submit pertinent data to respective committee chairpersons.

Eligibility: For Officer positions above, nominees must have served on the SOHN Board of Directors.

Board of Directors Office Duties (2 positions)

1. Attend all Board of Directors meetings.
2. Submit a written Board Report.
3. Acts as Chairperson of an assigned committee.
4. Participate in various activities of the Board of Directors.
5. Participate in activities as directed by the officers.
6. Knowledgeable on the policies, procedures, Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan of SOHN.

Eligibility: Nominee must have been a full SOHN member for 2 years preceding nomination.

Nominating Committee Member Office Duties (3 Positions)

1. Identify qualified members with an interest in serving in an elected position, obtain written consent to serve and submit names to the chairperson.
2. Communicates with the Nominating Committee chairperson as needed.

3. Campaign Material Guidelines for Nominees:
4. Members nominated for a SOHN position shall be afforded the opportunity to enhance their election strategies with campaign material.
5. A biographical sketch will be printed in the Update when provided by the nominee in compliance with the parameters established by the Nominating Committee.

Eligibility: Nominee must have been a full SOHN member for 2 years preceding nomination.

Respectfully,

Margaret McCasland, MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC/PC

Nominating Committee Chair

Membership Enhancement Committee

Hello members and friends of SOHN! Welcome to our new members we have listed in this update! We are happy you have joined our organization. Membership is expanding within the US with a new chapter starting in California, and internationally with a chapter in Canada starting soon! We are excited to branch to our neighboring country! We are also connecting with the AAO Global Liaison to help with meeting our goals and to invite international members to join. Please continue to spread the word about SOHN. If you are attending a meeting locally or internationally download our membership flyer from the website to hand out!

Membership Renewals

Life is busy! We value all our members and would like you to continue to be part of this great organization! If you have not had the chance to renew your membership, please go to member-clicks to renew: (insert link) Remember, you have an option to select a 2 year membership if that is easier for you. For some this is a great idea, as funding in work organizations can change from year to year. If for some reason you did not receive the link you can go directly to the website to complete your renewal.

Social Media

We continue to use social media platforms to market SOHN. These channels offer us the opportunity to reach a broader audience and attract new members to our community. Please stay connected and remember to "like" us and respond, as this drives the algorithm to bring SOHN into a search sooner, increasing visibility of our organization. We also plan to do some member spotlights. Please let me know if you would like to participate in a spotlight clip or have an idea for one.

Lisa Gagnon, APRN, CPNP

Membership Enhancement Committee Chair

ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal Update

Interested in sharing your work through publication? - [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

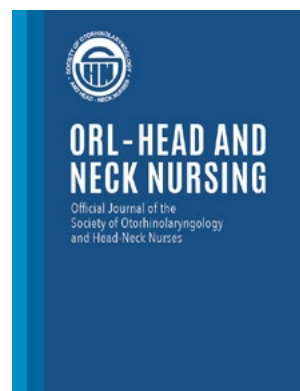
- Ensure your manuscripts align with the standards set forth by the ORL - Head and Neck Nursing Journal and Equator Network.
- We welcome various manuscript types including original research, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, case studies, and perspectives.

We are also looking for additional members to joining the editorial board!

Email info@sohnnurse.com for more information.

Upcoming Issue Topics

Issue 1, 2026 LARYNGOLOGY
Issue 2, 2026 SINUS, RHINOLOGY & NASAL DISORDERS
Issue 3, 2026 PEDIATRIC ORL
Issue 4, 2026 ADVANCING PATIENT CENTERED CARE



Call for Poster Abstracts

SOHN 50th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium | October 8-12 | Starr Center, Boston, MA

Poster Abstract Information

Submission Deadline: August 1st, 2026

Applications should be submitted electronically by August 1, in order to be considered for poster awards. Posters will be accepted on a rolling basis, and primary authors will be notified of the poster acceptance within 1 month of submission. See below for poster submission criteria, categories, and submission form.

Submission Criteria

- Late submissions will not be eligible for the Poster awards but may be considered for inclusion in the Congress program.
- Mentorship for poster submissions is available.
- A PDF of the poster presentation must be submitted to Headquarters by September 1.

Poster Categories

- Research
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Quality Improvement
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The Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head & Neck Nurses (SOHN) proudly marks 50 years of leadership, innovation, and impact in specialty nursing. Since 1976, SOHN has been the professional home for nurses and advanced practice providers dedicated to ear, nose, and throat care—advancing standards, education, research, and advocacy across the nation.

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Chapter Excellence/Chapter Report July 1, 2026
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Honor Award July 1, 2026
Nursing Scholarships July 1, 2026

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Midwinter Attendee Application November 1, 2026
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NCBOHN Deadlines and Testing Windows

Application Deadline*	Testing Window
April 8, 2026	May 9 – May 23, 2026
September 2, 2026	October 3 – October 17, 2026

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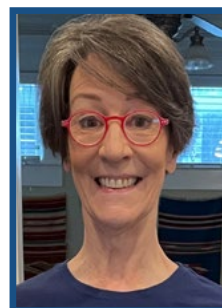
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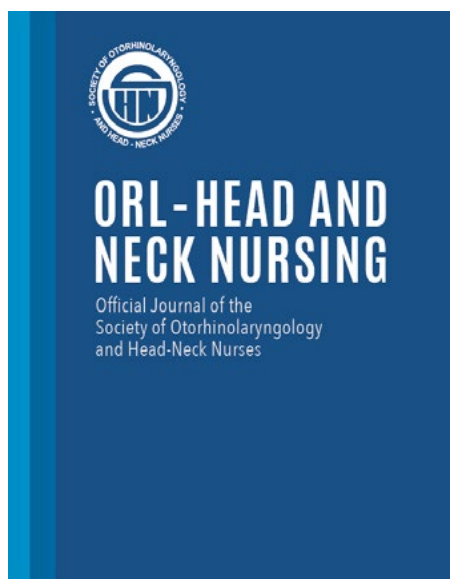


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Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming SOHN / ENT NF Events

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

- April 22nd
- July 22nd
- October 7th (Congress)

Editorial Board Meetings

Board Members Only

- 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

- May 27th
- August 19th

Membership Enhancement Committee Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

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

National Education Committee Meetings

All Nurse Planners are Invited to Attend

- June 9th
- December 1st

Social Media Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- 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

- April 7th
- June 2nd
- August 4th

Congress Planning Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- 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

Committee Members Only

- March 24th
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