

TEXAS COUNCIL OF PERIOPERATIVE REGISTERED NURSES (TCORN) BYLAWS

Article I Name, Mission, Purpose

Section A. Name

The official name of the organization is the Texas Council of periOperative Registered Nurses

1. TCORN is a non-profit organization

Section B. Mission

1. Establish and maintain communication among Texas perioperative nurses and National AORN regarding legislative and professional issues impacting perioperative nursing at a National and State level.

ARTICLE II Membership

Section A.

All members of TCORN will be active members of AORN, Inc., hold a valid Texas RN license, and may be Chapter representatives or individuals members as indicated below:

1. Chapter membership

- a. All Texas AORN Chapters who pay dues to TCORN are eligible to send one voting representative.
- b. Each Chapter belonging to TCORN will determine how they select their representative to TCORN.
- c. One chapter representative is eligible for reduced rates at TCORN functions.

2. Individual membership

- a. Meets the requirements for TCORN membership.
- b. Pays individual TCORN membership dues.
- c. May vote.
- d. May hold office, serve on and chair committees in TCORN

ARTICLE II Dues

Section A. Amount: Dues for Chapters and Individual Members will be set by the Officers

Section B. Renewal:

- a. Dues cover annual membership in TCORN for the fiscal year (March 1 through February 28)
- b. TCORN membership will automatically terminate if dues are not current.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section A. Officers

1. The officers of TCORN are

- a. Chair – Serves for one year immediately following term as Chair-Elect
- b. Chair-Elect – Elected annually for one year and serves the following year as Chair
- c. Vice-Chair – Elected in even numbered years for a two year term

- d. Secretary – Elected in even numbered years for a two year term
- e. Treasurer – Elected in odd numbered years for a two year term
2. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
3. No AORN Chapter may have more than two members serving in office at any given time

Section B. Duties

1. Chair
 - a. Presides at all meetings.
 - b. Serves as official representative of TCORN.
2. Chair-Elect
 - a. Assists the Chair as delegated.
 - b. Assumes the office of Chair at end of term.
3. Vice-Chair
 - a. Assists the Chair as delegated.
4. Treasurer
 - a. Maintains financial records
5. Secretary
 - a. Keeps minutes of all proceedings of the Council
 - b. Maintains correspondence

Section C. Eligibility for Office

Any TCORN member may run for office.

ARTICLE V Elections

Section A. Officer Elections

1. Election of officers shall be held by electronic ballot prior to the annual Council meeting at AORN Congress
2. The voting members of TCORN (Chapter Representatives and Individual Members) shall elect officers.
3. Nominations may be submitted up to thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled annual meeting.
4. A Tellers Committee, appointed by the Chair, will tabulate the votes.
5. A plurality will elect.

Section B. Vacancies

1. A vacancy in the office of Chair is filled by the Vice-Chairman.
2. Vacancies in offices of Chair-Elect and Vice-Chair may be temporarily filled should they become vacant. The remaining officers will select a Council member to serve in this capacity until the regularly scheduled meeting, when the entire Council will vote on a member to fill the vacancy.
3. Vacancies in offices of Treasurer and Secretary may be temporarily filled should they become vacant. The remaining officers will select a Council member to serve in this capacity until the regularly scheduled meeting, when the entire Council will vote on a member to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section A. Council Meetings

1. There will be one scheduled meeting during AORN Congress.
2. The Chair may call additional meetings as necessary.

3. Roberts' Rules of Order Revised shall govern the proceedings of TCORN.
4. One-third (1/3) of the TCORN membership shall constitute a quorum

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section A. Standing Committees

1. Legislative
2. Membership Strategies
3. Nominating
4. Strategic Planning
5. Special Projects
6. Website

ARTICLE VIII Amendments to Bylaws

Section A.

1. Proposed amendments will be posted on the website at least 30 days prior to a vote.
2. Members will be notified of the website posting.
3. Voting may be electronic or paper.

ARTICLE IX Distribution of assets on dissolution

Section A. Dissolution

TCORN may be dissolved by a resolution approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the membership.

Section B. Funds

At the time of dissolution all funds in the treasury will be given to the AORN Foundation.

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