



**MINUTES of Southeast Region of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society™
General Membership Meeting and Award Presentation**

Meeting date: October 5, 2019

Call to order: General Membership meeting of the Southeast Region of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society™, was held in Columbus, Georgia on Saturday, October 5, 2019. The meeting convened at 7:30 am, President Laura Shafer presiding, and Angela Graham, Secretary.

Board Members in attendance: Jennifer Anderson, Past President; Laura Shafer, President; Glenda Brunette, President Elect; Martha Davidson, Treasurer; Angela Dye, Director of Awards; Elaine Rush, Director Conference Planning; Amy Armstrong, Chair of Nominations Committee; Lori Borja, Director of Special Projects; Melanie Jacobs, Director of Communications; Bernie Haberer, Association Management and Webmaster.

Attendance:

Georgia: 25

Tennessee: 7

Alabama: 19

North Carolina: 14

South Carolina: 7

Florida: 8

Total: 76 attendees (signed in)

Welcome: Laura Shafer, President opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Congratulations to Georgia for a successful conference. Thank you to Debra Nelson's planning and coordination of our first 5K Ostomy event.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Ann Kahl-Taylor, and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 2019 WOCN® Southeast Region Membership meeting from Nashville.

Motion carried.

Officers' reports:

Secretary: Current Membership reported as **690** members. Encouraged all attendees to reach out to peers to encourage membership. Recognized the 70 First time attendees.

Treasurer: Reviewed our current Income and Expenses distribution.
Stressed importance of Vendor support and member participation to our society.

Director of Special Projects Report:

13 abstracts submitted and 10 accepted.

Encouraged to complete conference evaluation for Posters and receive contact hours.

1st place \$1,000: Michelle Sweat / Respiratory Device Related Pressure Injury Prevention in Adult Critical Care

2nd place \$500: Donna Byfield / Lived Experiences of Ostomy Patients Participating in Support Groups: A Qualitative Phenomenology

3rd place \$250: Ann Taylor / Case Study: Evaluation of Unique Skin Protectant Treating Various Presentations of Moisture Associated Skin Damage

Nominations Committee Report:

20% percent of the membership participated in online voting for 2019.

2019: 112 votes

2019 Election results:

Director of Conference Planning – Angela Graham

Secretary – Debra Nelson

Treasurer – Martha Davidson

Director of Special Projects – Amy Armstrong
2019 Positions available to be considered.

President Elect

Nominations Chair

Director of Awards

Director of Communications

Director of Conference Planning Report:

Recognized all those who participated in conference planning. Recognized and thanked this year's conference chair,

Thanks to all vendors who participated.

Diamond Sponsors:

ConvaTec

Mölnlycke

Gold Sponsors:

Acelity/KCI

Hollister

Smith & Nephew

Silver Sponsors:

Coloplast

Hartman

Next year's conference will be in Orlando, Florida September 24-26, 2020. Florida Chair: Megan Chipman

Awards Presentation:

Laura Shafer, President acknowledged outgoing Board members:

Secretary: Angela Graham

Director of Special Projects: Lori Borja

Treasurer: Martha Davidson

2019 October 5th Awards Ceremony Presentation

Conference Scholarships

- 1) Elizabeth Jones, BSN, RN, CWOCN. Columbia, SC
- 2) Jamie Talton, MSN, FNP-C, CWOCN. Lumberton, NC
- 3) Judy Burbage, BSN, RN, CWCN. Hanahan, SC
- 4) Holly Thornton, BSN, RN, CWOCN. New Bern, NC
- 5) Terry Postma, BSN, RN, CFCN. Ocoee, TN

Advanced Practice Scholarship

Jill Danahy, BSN, RN, CWON. Savannah, GA. Enrolled in the Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP program at Walden University

WOC Nursing Program Education Scholarship

Michelle Gerhring, MSN, RN. Currently enrolled in the full scope at Emory University for the WOCNEP.

Rookie of the Year

Sarah Gibson, BSN, RN, CWOCN Newland, NC

Nurse of the Year

David R. Crumbley, MSN, RN, CWCN Auburn, AL

GA State Recognition Award

Lucinda A. Bufford, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Youth Rally received a \$2,000.00 donation.

Friends of Ostomates Worldwide received a \$1,000.00 donation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.

Angela Graham BSN RN CWOCN
Secretary

APPROVED: September 28, 2021