

AACN CHAPTER AT UCLA

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting: [Zoom](#)
Pw: 144900

Attendance



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Education Chair Daisy Samonte, MSN, RN, CCRN, CSC, CMC	Vendor Chair Jose Chavez, DNP, ACCNS-AG CCRN FCCM	

Time	Discussion
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1700-1800

Guest speaker:

Hui-Wen Sato on "The Patient Perspective: The view from the other side of the bed"

A powerful and deeply personal presentation by Alina, who shared her journey from experienced nurse to breast cancer patient. Drawing from both her clinical expertise and lived experience, she offered a unique perspective on navigating diagnosis, treatment, and recovery from both sides of the healthcare system. Her story provided valuable insights into the patient experience, emphasizing the importance of compassionate communication, empathy, advocacy, and truly seeing the person behind the diagnosis.

Zoom recording available: If you were unable to attend or would like to watch the presentation again, the full [Zoom recording](#) is now available (password: tb@qWb*8)

1800-1805

Meet our newly appointed Region 17 Chapter Advisory Team (CAT):

Annierose Abogadie, MSN, RN, CPHFH, CPHQ, CPPS, NE-BC, CCRN-K, PED-BC

Annierose Bogadi was introduced as the incoming Chapter Advisory Team member for Region 17, sharing her background as a pediatric ICU director with 20+ years of experience and expertise in quality and patient safety, healthy work environment, and BCON certification.

- Approve:
 - June Board Meeting Minutes
 - Sandra
 - Feri

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1805-1815 **My Why&How: Sandra Lee**

Sandra shared her personal journey into nursing, from her initial resistance to her father's suggestion due to academic pressures, to her diagnosis of type 1 diabetes and subsequent hospitalization, which led her to reconsider nursing as a career. She described her 25-year career at CHLA, including opportunities for further education supported by her employer.

Monthly Why&How Presentation Schedule

1815-1835 **New Board Member Introductions**

- Name & Board Position
- Position/organization you work for
- How long you've been involved with the chapter
- One goal you have in your new role this year

1835-1900 **Business Report:**

- Financials
 - Good standing “green”
 - Checking steadily increasing - \$30,000 however distributing checks today
 - Saving \$44,000
- Membership
- Social Media
 - Work with outreach committee for upcoming events
- Webmaster
- Education
 - Discuss a plan for if we want to share speaker content in the future
 - *August 5 - Potential Educational Dinner*, to be confirmed
- Programming
 - Aug: CNS panel discussion
 - Sep: Olena on AI, or Dr. Tayyeb (HealthImpact) - zoom link available for observers
 - Feri voted as chapter representative (all members in favor)
 - Oct: Dr. Tayyeb (HealthImpact), or Olena on AI
 - Nov:
 - Dec:
 - Jan:
 - Feb: Symposium: reporting on symposium recruitment efforts
 - Other ideas:
 - Nurse Networking event for students?
 - CRNA Panel
 - Educator panel:
 - Daisy?
 - UCLA SON Professor?
 - Sue Martinez or Fran Blayney?
 - Jessica Klaristenfeld: Perspective from a new operations manager

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- Daisy: An RN from my former ICU has a presentation along the lines about RNs and setting their boundaries. She presented at the SFV symposium last April too.
 - Clinical topics:
 - ARDS: Yury Matusov @Cedars?
 - Yasmin: Joscel James on humor in therapeutic communication. Presented at NTI. Wants honorarium
 - Maureen to present again on changes over her career?
- Next meeting August 15th - Board Retreat

A C T I O N I T E M S

- Secretary to print out and laminate QR code for the table. Continue to socialize that the QR Code is the only way that we will be tracking attendance coming forward
- Get zelle
- Continue to give and receive handoff and continue to work together
- Auditing process - need non-board member (Due August 15th, available August 2nd)
 - Need 2 people
- Attendance tracking - include membership or not and include email

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

- Jul 16-18, 2026: Sigma Theta Tau Conference
<https://www.sigmanursing.org/connect-engage/meetings-events/congress>
- Jul 21, 2026 16:00-17:00. Virtual meeting for California National Coalition, with Dr. Ali Tayyeb (HealthImpact). If interested, contact Feri for link to be an observer
- Aug 5, 2026: Chapter Educational Event, dinner w/Mölnlycke. More details to follow
- Aug 15, 2026 last day to submit: Quarterly financials due for Apr-June + Check signer form + Audit form
- Aug 19, 2026: Monthly chapter meeting. Education: CNS Panel with Jose Chavez, Mary Lawanson Nichols, and David Schmidt
- Aug 22, 2026: Pediatric Trauma Across the Care Continuum class at Children's Hospital Los Angeles
- Sep 2, 2026: ? Chapter Educational Event
- Sep 16, 2026: Monthly chapter meeting. Education TBA. Consider applying for COE Awards (due 11/1)
- Sep 24, 2026: Organ Donation in Trauma Care: A Collaborative Approach. RSVP at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/onelegacysymposiums2026>
- Oct 7, 2026: ? Chapter Educational Event
- Oct 14, 2026: San Fernando Valley AACN Chapter Acute Care Fall Symposium.
<https://sfaacn.nursingnetwork.com/>
- Oct 15, 2026: 14th Annual One Legacy Donation and Transplant Symposium. RSVP at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/onelegacysymposiums2026>
- Holiday dinner on Dec. 16 or 17? Urgo Medical on Therapeutic Wound Cleansing. 1212 Santa Monica
- Wed Feb 17: Chapter Annual Leadership Symposium at California Endowment Center. Need to confirm reservation