

Jamie Wrenshall-Ridout, MSN, MBA, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, CASC



PRESIDENT-ELECT (ONE TO BE ELECTED)

Jamie Wrenshall-Ridout, MSN, MBA, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, CASC, is the system vice president for perioperative nursing practice and central sterile at Geisinger Health System, Central, North Central and Northeastern Pennsylvania. She earned a BSN from West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia; an MSN from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; and an MBA from Elon University, Elon, North Carolina.

Ridout has been a perioperative nurse for 33 years and a member of AORN for 33 years. She is a member of

- Capital North Carolina (2018-present)
- the North Carolina Council of Operating Room Nurses (2016-present)
- the Ambulatory Surgery Specialty Assembly (2016-present)
- the Leadership Specialty Assembly (2016-present)
- the Perioperative Nursing Informatics Specialty Assembly (2016-present)
- the Sterile Processing/Supply Chain Management Specialty Assembly (2016-present)

Ridout has attended AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 10 times in the past 10 years, each time as a delegate.

Ridout has received

- North Carolina Council of Operating Room Nurses Perioperative Nurse of the Year (2017)

Highlights of Ridout's service to AORN include that she is

- Vice President of AORN (2024-present)
- a member of the Perioperative Explications for the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses With Interpretive Statements Committee (2025-present)
- a member of the Finance and Audit Committee (2024-present)
- a member of the Compliance Committee (2022-present)
- chair of the Board Chapter Visits Committee (2025-present)

She has been

- a member of the Nominating Committee (2018-2020)
- Secretary of AORN (2022-2024)
- a member of the Fellowship Selection Committee (2023-2024)
- a member of the AORN Values Committee (2022-2024)
- a member of the Jerry G. Peers Committee (2023-2024)

In other leadership roles, Ridout is

- a member of the Cardinal Advisory Board (2024-present)

She has been

- president of the North Carolina Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (NCASCA; 2021-2024)
- a member of the NCASCA Board of Directors (2017-2022)

- education chair of the NCASCA (2017-2022)
- responsible for assisting her former ASC become the #1 Ambulatory Surgery Center in North Carolina as recognized by *Newsweek* (2021-2023)

In her community, Ridout is

- a volunteer for TABLE NC, North Carolina (2024-present)
- a volunteer for Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (2023-present)

She has been

- a volunteer for Texas Health Action Kind Clinic (2023)
- a volunteer for Wildflower Lane Farm, North Carolina (2024)
- a volunteer for Strings for Hope, Tennessee (2024)

ELECTION STATEMENT

AORN is more than an organization. It's a community built by perioperative nurses who care for the future of our profession and patient safety. AORN has always been a guiding light, offering resources, education, advocacy and connection. This spirit of service—members supporting members—has sustained AORN for decades, and it's this same spirit that will carry us into the future.

As a multigenerational community, each member contributes unique insights. Veteran nurses offer wisdom born of experience; our newest members bring fresh ideas and energy. As your President, I'm committed to fostering a culture where all members feel valued, where ideas are welcomed, and where differences become a source of innovation rather than division.

Beyond budgets and policies, serving is about heart. I am, first and always, a perioperative nurse. Throughout my 33 years in perioperative nursing, I've had the privilege of standing shoulder to shoulder with colleagues, facing the daily challenges of patient care and celebrating the triumphs that come with teamwork and passion. I know the pride that comes with mentoring a new nurse, the exhaustion that comes with staffing shortages, and the resilience it takes to return the next day and give everything again.

Looking ahead, our task isn't only to meet today's challenges but to envision a stronger tomorrow. As your President, I'll affirm AORN is an organization where perioperative nurses feel connected, supported, and empowered. I want members to have resources at their fingertips, mentorship opportunities that inspire growth, and a sense of belonging that reminds them they are part of something larger than themselves. I want chapters to thrive as places of community and innovation.

I'm excited about the future of AORN and energized by the vision of what we can achieve together. I pledge to keep you—the members—at the heart of every decision. AORN isn't about me, or even about the Board. It's about you. It's about us. It's about our profession.

I ask for your support and your vote, not simply to hold a title, but to continue to carry forward a mission that I deeply believe in, to serve and represent you, and walk beside you as we build the future of perioperative nursing. Let's step into the future with confidence. Let's lift each other up, share our knowledge, and build a stronger profession.

My name is Jamie Ridout. It'd be my honor to serve as your next President.