



MEC Upcoming Events

Mideast Chapter Fall Conference - September 11-13, 2025 Charleston, WV

WOCNext 2025 Conference sessions available until September 15, 2025

Partners in Practice Presentation September 29, 2025

Ostomy Day October 4, 2025

Wound Day November 1, 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is flying by! It started with a bang at WOCNext 2025 in Orlando. Thank you to everyone who attended the Mideast Chapter Membership Meeting in person and virtually. Conference is a great way to reconnect with colleagues, learn and see new products. It is awesome to be with a community of WOC nurses that share a passion for our specialty and are willing to share their expertise through lectures and networking opportunities. During the President's Meeting, the Chapter's Presidents and President Elects discussed membership engagement. As a member you are aware of the many tools that the WOCN® Society offers to its members. The question is how do we engage those WOC nurses that are members and those that are not members of the Society to become more involved or join our organization?

Things that the MEC is doing to engage our members:

Increasing our presence on social media

Facebook

LinkedIn

Instagram

Sending out a quarterly newsletter to provide chapter updates

Provide an annual fall education conference

Quarterly Partners in Practice Presentations to support new and experienced members

Offer scholarships to help assist with WOC Education Program tuition and those seeking an

advanced practice degree.

Sending welcome letters to new members

Sending letters to members whose membership has lapsed as a reminder to renew

How can you help with engaging members?

Discuss the WOCN Society membership benefits with nonmembers.

Invite nonmembers to local networking events and chapter events.

Save a seat at events for new members to help them feel a part of the community.

If you are on the fence about volunteering, take a leap and volunteer. We have short-term and long-term volunteer opportunities.

The Board would love to know your ideas to help with membership engagement. Please send your ideas to mideastregionwocn@gmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you in Charleston, WV in September!

Patti

PRESIDENT ELECT UPDATE

Greetings from your President-Elect Tracy Swift!

WOCNext 2025 was a fun time had by all. We had a great attendance at our meeting on Sunday June 1st. 56 were in attendance. This number included some past Presidents, as well as new members. It was great to see so many new members attend. The Meet and Greet for First time attendees is gaining popularity and the room was overflowing with people.

Our own Mideast Chapter members were on hand to show off their posters including our poster award winners:

Cindy Sylvia - "CRCM© Unveiled: A Comprehensive Risk and Compliance Model for Pressure Injury Risk Assessment in Legal Nurse Consulting"

Elizabeth Kulling – "Management of Left Ventricular Assist Device LVAD Driveline Infections Utilizing Negative Pressure Wound Therapy – A Case Series"

We also want to acknowledge and congratulate our MEC members who spoke and presented at conference:

Terri Beeson presented a great session titled Pee-ople Everywhere are at Risk for a UTI.

Michelle Beck presented an interesting case study during the session titled Nightmares on Ostomy Street.

Great presentation ladies and we look forward to more exciting presentations from our members at both our Chapter Conference and the WOCNext 2026 conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

See everyone in West Virginia!



Board Members



Indiana Members



Kentucky Members



Ohio Members



West Virginia Members
Award



Elizabeth Kulling- Poster Award

Pictures courtesy of Brittney Geisling, Chapter Historian and Social Media Chair

DIRECTOR #1 UPDATE

Partners in Practice is an initiative by the Midwest Chapter where seasoned WOC nurses share their

experience to help newer WOC nurses in their practice.

Monday 9/29/25 7pm

Transforming Ideas: From Project to Abstract to Poster

Carole Bauer, MSN, RN, ANP-BC, CWOCN

Monday 12/8/25 7pm

WOC Professional Roles and Responsibilities

Patti Burke, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Monday 1/12/26 7pm

Validating Your Role: Data Tracking and Productivity

Maureen Rosette, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Upcoming Topics:

PGP Recertification

Public Policy Advocacy

[Use the QR Code to join us for a Partners in Practice presentation](#)



DIRECTOR #2 UPDATE

Hello Mideast Chapter, WOC Nurses!

Director # 2 here working with awards and scholarships.

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline for submitting Abstracts for the WOCN national conference is November 1, 2025. Please share your work by submitting your Abstracts, so we can proudly showcase our contributions with posters in Indiana 2026.

Additionally, don't forget to apply for our awards and scholarships! The deadline is August 15th, and you're welcome to nominate yourself or a colleague.

Let's take a moment to celebrate our achievements—there are still many scholarships and awards waiting to be claimed!

For your review:

<https://www.wocn.org/chapters/mideast-chapter-scholarships/>

<https://www.wocn.org/chapters/mideast-chapter-awards/>

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michele Kessie, BSN, RN, CWOCN

DIRECTOR #3 UPDATE



Mideast Chapter
of the WOCN®
Conference

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Bridging the Curves, Hills & Valleys of WOC Nursing



Mideast Chapter
Wound, Ostomy, and
Continence Nurses Society®

September 11 - 13, 2025
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Charleston, West Virginia

Hello fellow MEC members, MEC conference is approaching fast!

Room block ends August 22nd. Please reserve your rooms before then so you are guaranteed the group rate and a room on site. You won't want to miss this great learning and networking

opportunity!

For conference schedule and further details go to:

<https://conference.mideastregion.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/MEC-Conference-Brochure-2025-2.pdf>

For hotel reservations go to:

<https://conference.mideastregion.org/hotel-info/>

Hope to see you there!

Lisa

DIRECTOR #4 UPDATE

The MEC Board needs you! Elections for 2026 Director #1 and Director #3 will happen this year! Cut off August 15th, 2025.

Director #1: Communications/ Membership Support

Assist the Board with communicating to the MEC members the activities and business of the region.

Promote and support membership in the MEC.

Director #3 Conference Planning Director

Plan and promote educational programs for the region, assist and advise the Local Conference Planning Committee (LCPC) in the planning of our annual MEC Conference

Director #3 cannot be an Industry Member

If you are interested in running for either position, please contact Ashley Begarly for more information. The cut off for submitting your name will be here in a blink of an eye.

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