

Candidate for Director at Large
Sharon Bergeron, BSN RN CPON®



Current Position

Research Nurse Educator
CHOC Children's Hospital
Orange, CA

APHON Membership

APHON member since 1983

Local Chapter Membership

Southern California Chapter member since 1983

Education

BSN, 1981, California State University Long Beach,
Long Beach, CA

Qualifications

APHON National

- *APHON Counts*
 - Column Author
 - *"Targeted Immunotherapy: Launching an Effective Education and Administration Strategy for the Bedside Pediatric Oncology Nurse,"* 2018
 - *"The High Risk for Obesity in Pediatric Oncology Patient Receiving Isotretinoin,"* 2009
 - Editor, 2010-2015
 - Column Editor: Treatment Innovations, 2009-2010
- Annual Conference
 - Poster Presenter: *"Implementing An Adolescent and Young Adult Mentor Retreat and Education Curriculum: Wise Investment for Emerging AYA Patient Leaders,"* 2018
 - Poster Presenter: *"Building the Ideal Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Program Model to Empower AYA Cancer Patients to Succeed, Lead and Thrive,"* 2018
 - Poster Presenter: *"Implementation of a Safety Infusion Procedure for IV PEG-Asparaginase"* 2016
 - Poster Presenter: *"The Impact of an AYA Oncology Activity Specialist on AYA Cancer Patients,"* 2016
 - Poster Presenter, Co-Author: *"Rock the Halls": A Unique Fitness Program for Adolescents and Young Adults"* 2016

- Preconference Session Presenter: *“Targeted Immunotherapy: Launching an Effective Education and Administration Strategy for the Bedside Pediatric Oncology Nurse,”* 2016
- Speaker: Nursing Education Symposium-United Therapeutics, *“Decision Making in High-Risk Neuroblastoma,”* 2015
- Speaker: Nursing Education Symposium- BTG International, Inc., *“Glucarpidase for the Treatment of Methotrexate Toxicity,”* 2014
- Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing
 - Co-Author, 2017
 - *“Dinutuximab: A Novel Immunotherapy in the Treatment of Pediatric Patients with High Risk Neuroblastoma”*
- Nominating Committee: Member and Chairperson, 2007–2010
- Annual Conference Program Planning Committee:
 - Member, 2007–2010
 - Chairperson, 1990
- Awards
 - Dr. Patricia Greene Leadership Award, 2012
 - Kathy Ruccione Founder's Award for Excellence in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing, 2011
- Evidence Based Practice/Research Committee: Chairperson, 1995–1997

APHON Local Chapter

- Southern California Chapter
 - Chapter President
 - 2015–2019
 - 1987–1991
 - Chapter Secretary
 - 2007–2011
 - 1985–1986
 - Annual Conference Chairperson, 1994–1995
- Annual Conference
 - Annual SCAPHON Conference: *“The Use of Novel Targeted Agents in Pediatric Oncology: Putting the Pieces Together for the Bedside Nurse,”* 2014
- Local Chapter Committee: Vice Chair, 1991–1995

Other Nursing Leadership

- Oncology Nursing Society
 - Annual Conference Presenter: *“Fostering Safe Administration of Clinical Trial Treatments”* 2018
- Professional Organizations
 - Children’s Oncology Group
 - Protocol Core Group Nurse, COG DVL Protocol Core Group, 2015–Present
 - Nursing Nominating Committee: Member and now current Chair, 2015–Present

- Publications
 - Oncologists: Co-Author, 2017
 - *“Consensus Guideline for the Use of Glucarpidase in Patients with High Dose Methotrexate Induced Acute Kidney Injury and Delayed Methotrexate Clearance”*
 - Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing: Co-Author, 2017
 - *“Asparaginase Toxicities: Identification and Management in Patients with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia”*
 - *“Children and their Families: The Continuum of Nursing Care 3rd Edition,”* 2014
 - Contributing book author: Chapter 22: *“The Child with a Malignancy”*

Additional Qualifications for Office

Besides my extensive leadership roles in both National APHON and my local chapter, SCAPHON, I also have demonstrated leadership in nursing education. My expertise surrounds novel targeted agents and clinical trials. I have presented on a national stage for both APHON, SCAPHON and recently at the 2018 ONS National Conference in Washington DC as a result of my novel agent education tools and presentations expertise. In addition, I have been a poster presenter and have mentored nurses at my institution to present posters at several recent APHON and AYA International Conferences. These speaking presentations and poster presentations are outlined in my attached CV to utilize as a reference. I am extremely comfortable in facilitating board meetings and leading task forces or committees to contribute and establish excellence in the care of pediatric hematology/oncology patients. I am also a certified pediatric oncology nurse and was one of the pioneers in becoming certified in 1993. I also have been a pediatric chemotherapy and biotherapy provider instructor since 2007.

Current Volunteer Commitments

- Children’s Oncology Group: Chair, Nursing Nominating Committee. 2018–2019

Candidate Statement

I have had the good fortune of being a pediatric hematology/oncology nurse for over 37 years and have been actively involved in both APHON and SCAPHON since 1985; holding many leadership positions which has enabled me to collaborate and establish professional relationships with numerous other nursing colleagues in institutions within Southern California as well as across the country and into Canada. Most notably, the 1990 APHON National Conference Chairperson, Conference Planning Committee member from September 2007 to 2010 and Local Chapter Vice Chair, as well as holding an elected position for APHON's Nominating Committee from 2007–2010 and serving as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. In addition, I had the privilege of serving as the editor of APHON Counts. In SCAPHON, I am the current president and have previously served in the roles of Secretary and Conference Chair of our annual 2-day conference. I also have held leadership roles within the nursing discipline of the Children's Oncology Group and am currently serving as a DVL Core Group nurse and the current Chair of the Nursing Nominating Committee.

In my current role as a research nurse educator, I have been involved in developing education tools to assist nurses in caring for patients receiving novel targeted therapies that have been presented at national conferences and published in nursing journals. I pride myself for articulating a strong work ethic and vision to motivate nurses to contribute new ideas that are in line with the mission and vision of APHON.

I believe that my professional experience, especially in leadership contributions, exemplifies the necessary traits to effectively execute the responsibilities of APHON's Director-at-Large position.