

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



Current Position

Research Nurse Educator
CHOC Children's Hospital
Orange, CA

APHON Membership

APHON member since 1989

Local Chapter Membership

Southern California Chapter member since 1985

Education

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

Qualifications

APHON National

- Board of Directors: Director-at-Large, 2020 – Present
- Nominating Committee
 - Chair, 2008 – 2010
 - Member, 2007 – 2008
- Conference Program Planning Committee: Member, 2007 – 2010
- Clinical Practice Committee: Chair, 1995 – 1997
- Local Chapter Committee: Vice Chair, 1991 – 1995
- Conference Program Planning Committee: Chair, 1990
- Publications
 - *Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing*
 - Co-Author: "Dinutuximab: A Novel Immunotherapy in the Treatment of Pediatric Patients with High Risk Neuroblastoma," 2017
 - *APHON Counts*
 - Author: "Launching an Innovative Home Administration Program for the Delivery of a Unique Targeted Agent Treating Relapsed or Refractory B-cell ALL," 2019
 - Author: "Targeted Immunotherapy: Launching an Effective Education and Administration Strategy for the Bedside Pediatric Oncology Nurse," 2018
 - Editor, 2010 – 2015
 - Column Editor, 2009 – 2010

- Author: “The High Risk for Obesity in Pediatric Oncology Patients Receiving Isotretinoin,” 2009
- *APHON Counts* Writing Award, 2019

APHON Local Chapter

- Southern California Chapter
 - Conference Chair, 1994 – 1995
 - President
 - 2015 – 2019
 - 1987 – 1991
 - Secretary
 - 2007 – 2011
 - 1985 – 1986

Other Nursing Leadership

- Professional Organizations
 - Children’s Oncology Group
 - COG DVL Protocol Core Group: Nurse, 2015 – Present
 - Nursing Nominating Committee: Member and Chair, 2015 – 2020
- Publications
 - *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, Lead Author: “Empowering Adolescents and Young Adults to Support, Lead, and Thrive: Development and Validation of an AYA Oncology Child Life Program,” 2019
 - *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, Co-Author: “Asparaginase Toxicities: Identification and Management in Patients with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia,” 2017
 - *Oncologist*, Co-Author: “Consensus Guideline for the Use of Glucarpidase in Patients with High Dose Methotrexate Induced Acute Kidney Injury and Delayed Methotrexate Clearance,” 2017
 - *Children and Their Families: The Continuum of Nursing Care*, 3rd Ed., Chapter Author: “The Child with a Malignancy,” 2014

Additional Qualifications for Office

Besides my extensive leadership roles in both National APHON and my local chapter, SCAPHON, I have been acknowledged by my peers for my pediatric oncology nurse expertise. I received the 2011 Kathy Ruccione Excellence in Pediatric Oncology Nursing (SCAPHON award) and the 2012 Dr. Patricia Greene Leadership award. I have also demonstrated leadership in nursing education. My expertise surrounds novel targeted agents and clinical trials for which I have presented on a national stage for both APHON, SCAPHON, and ONS. In addition, I have been a poster presenter and mentored nurses at my institution to present posters at several recent APHON and AYA International Conferences; recently being a co-author of two concurrent sessions at the 2021 Global AYA Conference. These speaking presentations and poster presentations

are outlined in my attached CV. I am extremely comfortable in facilitating board meetings and leading task forces or committees as to contribute and establish excellence in the care of pediatric hematology/oncology patients. I have demonstrated leadership as a board liaison to several APHON committees in my current role as Director-at-Large. I am a Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse and was one of the pioneers becoming certified in the first available year-1993. I am also a Pediatric Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Instructor since 2007 and have been actively involved in teaching new RN residents and staff on novel targeted agents as well as developed our Home Blinatumomab Program.

Current Volunteer Commitments

- Children's Oncology Group, 2015 – Present
 - DVL Core Group Nurse: Study Committee for Phase 1 Clinical Trials. In-person or virtual attendance during fall COG meetings.

Candidate Statement

I have had the good fortune of being a pediatric hematology nurse for 40 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 nursing colleagues in institutions within 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, and APHON Nominating Committee Member as well as the Chair. In addition, I had the privilege of serving as the Editor of APHON Counts and now serving on the APHON Board as the Director-at-Large. In SCAPHON, I have previously served as the President, Secretary and Conference Chair. I have also held leadership roles within the nursing discipline of the Children's Oncology Group previously serving as the Chair of the Nursing Nominating Committee and continue my leadership role serving as a DVL Core Group Nurse.

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 have 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.