

AONL Annual Conference Planning Committee

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The AONL Annual Conference Planning Committee serves as an advisory group that partners with staff to shape the conference program, drawing on evaluation insights, reviewing abstracts, and guiding content development to ensure a dynamic and relevant experience for nurse leaders.

The committee is composed of nurse leaders representing diverse roles, geographic regions, and practice settings. Members are selected based on their experience, areas of expertise, and ability to represent the needs and interests of the broader AONL membership. AONL staff members support and facilitate the committee’s work.

AONL Strategic Alignment

Priority

1. Lead, Inspire, and Support the Health Care Workforce
2. Advance Nursing Leadership
3. Eliminating disparities in health care outcomes
4. Technology
5. Innovation

Objective

1. Engage the community of nurse leaders who represent membership to drive innovation and knowledge exchange across the care continuum
2. Develop resources that prepare all leadership career pathways for today and tomorrow.
3. Ensure themes and presentations allow for sharing of best practices and evolving research in reducing health disparities.
4. Include activities which highlight technology. Sessions which focus on digital transformation competencies.
5. Support the Nurse Innovator Showcase and other relevant activities to highlight and elevate innovation



Stakeholders

1. Annual Meeting Attendees
2. AONL Members
3. AONL Board of Directors
4. All who submit abstracts
5. AONL Staff
6. AHA
7. Conference Partners (Tradeshaw Logic, etc.)
8. Annual Meeting Sponsors
9. Host Cities
10. AONL Education Committee (Abstracts)



Meeting Cadence

Annual Retreat in host city in June every year.

Monthly virtual meetings via Teams. Agendas sent via email before the meeting.



2025-2026 Deliverables

Deliverable	Target Date
Committee Retreat	June 17-18
Call for Abstracts Open	July 21-Aug. 29
Budget Confirmed	By Sept. 1
External Abstract Review	Sept. 8-Oct. 3
Internal Abstract Review and Decisions	Oct. 7-Nov. 3
Registration Opens	November 12
Presentation Advisor Outreach	Ongoing starting in December
Board Playbook and Schedule	Jan. – Feb. 2026
AONL 2026: Inspiring Leaders Chicago, IL	March 29-April 1, 2026