



History

The WOCN was founded in Phoenix, Arizona in 1968.

Nine ET's, Anita Price, Houston; Lynda Allen, Fort Worth; Ann Glosson, Austin; Ann Lee, San Angelo; Carol Johnson, Dallas; JoAnn Hammon, Tulsa, Gloria Griffin, Amarillo; Doreen Starkey, Houston; Barbara Kusin, Texarkana attended the 1974 regional UOA meeting in San Antonio. They met informally to share some goals, problems and ideas. The group gained so much from this meeting they decided to get together the next year in Houston when the regional UOA met. Anita Price planned a day long program to meet the educational needs of the ET's.

At the Houston meeting, the group made plans to become part of the International Association of Enterostomal Therapists. Later in 1975 at the National UOA- WOCN conference the South Central Region's application was accepted and incorporated by WOCN.

In 1977, a third day was added to the conference. This day was an educational program for the local community of physicians and nurses. Dr. Rupert Turnbull was the guest speaker for this meeting.

Dallas hosted the 1978 national UOA meeting and the ET's from the South Central Region offered many of the programs for this meeting. By this time, the number of ET's in the area had increased enough to hold conferences separate from the UOA.

From a few dedicated, enthusiastic leaders, the WOCN South Central Region has grown to over 354 members. The regional programs have contributed to the professional education of the members. Through the leadership of the members and the medical education programs, the awareness of Enterostomal Therapy has increased in the South Central Region.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Tina R. Meyers	2013-2016
Janet Davis	2011 - 2013
Jill Conwill	2007- 2010
Kathleen Murphy	2003-2007
Janet Davis	2002-2003
Jan Clark	2001-2002
Marcia Davis	2000-2001
Diana Gallagher	1999-2000
Kathleen Murphy	1998-1999
Bette Kussmann	1996-1998
Helen Moore	1992 - 1996
Mary Hernandez	1990 - 1992
Bonny Flemister	1988 - 1990
Bernadette Cullen	1984 - 1988
Lynda Allen	1981 - 1984

Pam Schmidt	1980 - 1981
Charlotte Neale	1977 - 1980
Ann Lee	1975 - 1977