Why does my membership matter?
Being an ONA member means that you want to be part of the process, want to have a voice, and care about the decisions that are made in our hospital and affect patient care.

Contract Ratification Vote Scheduled for Wednesday, April 27

The TA becomes our first Oregon Nurses Association (ONA)/PNMC contract after nurses have had a chance to review it and then vote to accept the agreement.

6:45 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.
Sherwood Room

Become an ONA Member Today and Vote on the First ONA Contract!

You must be an ONA member in order to vote on the contract.

It’s easy to join. Click here for a membership application, or

1. Pick up a membership packet from your break room, fill out the application and then give it to a team member, or

2. Go to www.OregonRN.org and select Prov Newberg under Find Your Bargaining Unit, scroll down to the bottom of the page. There you can print, complete and then submit it either by fax (503.293.0013) or giving it to a bargaining team member.

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A quick reminder about dues:

**What are the monthly dues?**

The dues are $37.99/month. The moment we ratify our first contract, the dues will be $81.25 for full-time (FT) and about $43/month for part-time (PT) or per diem nurses working under 64 hours a month.

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**Do I have to pay dues twice if I’m a member at a different ONA facility?**

No. Nurses who work at two ONA facilities pick a base hospital for the purposes of membership and only pay dues once.

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As part of ONA’s ongoing efforts to best serve our members and every nurse in Oregon, we are excited to present OCEAN (Oregon Continuing Education Activities for Nurses) online continuing education. It is available at: [www.OregonRN.org](http://www.OregonRN.org)

This new learning environment provides continuing education (CE) opportunities to ONA members and nurses across the region, in a convenient and user-friendly format. The OCEAN system features:

- Self-paced, independent learning modules, covering a broad range of topics and encompassing all levels of nursing practice
- CE that is conveniently accessible 24 hours a day
- The ability to house each learner’s CE history for easy access and retrieval

You can find out more about using OCEAN online CE by visiting the ONA website, [www.OregonRN.org](http://www.OregonRN.org).

**We encourage you to enjoy the courses currently available and be sure to check back regularly as more courses are added.**

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**Update Your Contact Information**

Throughout the year it is critical the bargaining unit team and ONA labor relations representatives are able to communicate openly and efficiently with nurses. It is even more critical during contract negotiations. The ONA website, mail at home and emails at home continue to be the best methods of getting negotiation updates to all members as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately, many members aren’t getting the most up-to-date information because ONA doesn’t have a current mailing address or home email address on file for them or the email address on file is a work email.

ONA is often restricted when sending out mass emails to employer-based email addresses and if we don’t have a current mailing address or home email address that results in many members not receiving the critical information they need as quickly as they should. To remedy this situation, **ONA is encouraging all nurses to go to [www.OregonRN.org](http://www.OregonRN.org) and click on — Update Your Information under the Membership Services green tab**, to update their information on file to include a personal (non-work) email address to ensure the messages get through in a timely manner.

Together we can make sure everyone is involved and stays informed!