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NURSES RE-ELECT ONA PRESIDENT KATY COOPER

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TUALATIN, Ore. – Members of the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) overwhelmingly voted to re-elect ONA President Katy Cooper, BSN, RN, CCRN, during ONA’s 2016 statewide elections. Cooper, a registered nurse at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), will begin her second two-year term as ONA president July 1, 2016. ONA represents more than 13,000 nurses throughout Oregon.

“Katy is a remarkable nurse leader who has raised ONA’s visibility and worked to improve patient care and nurses’ working conditions throughout Oregon,” said ONA Executive Director Susan King, RN, MS, CEN, FAAN. “We are proud to have her continue serving as our president as we work to advance nursing practice, establish new health standards and build healthier communities.”

Over the last 14 years, Cooper has served her colleagues in multiple roles, including as a member of grievance and negotiation teams and as chair of the Association of University Registered Nurses (AURN), ONA’s bargaining unit at OHSU. As chair or AURN, Cooper led two successful contract negotiations and improved the bargaining unit's organization and infrastructure. She has also served as a delegate to ONA’s House of Delegates, the Oregon AFL-CIO, the American Federation of Teachers and the American Nurses Association.

During Cooper’s time as ONA president, ONA has successfully expanded its membership, launched new leadership initiatives including the ONA Nurse Leadership Institute, and won significant legislative victories, including solidifying Oregon’s Nurse Practitioner Payment Parity Law and improving Oregon’s Hospital Nurse Staffing Law.
“It’s an honor to be chosen to represent and serve Oregon’s nurses,” said Cooper. “I look forward to continuing the work we’ve started to enhance nursing practice and raise health care standards for all Oregonians.”

Cooper is a proud graduate of Reynolds High School and the OHSU School of Nursing. She earned her CCRN certification as a critical care nurse in 1994. She currently resides in East Multnomah County.

ONA was founded in 1904 as the professional association for nurses in Oregon. It is a nonprofit association and labor union representing registered nurses. Its mission is to advocate for nursing, quality health care and healthy communities.

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