Bay Area Hospital (BAH) Newsletter

June 9, 2021

ONA Executive Team
Vice-Chair: vacant
Sec/Treasurer: Amy Walter (Short Stay)
Membership Chair: Valerie Hampton (UNIT?)
Grievance Officer: Wendy Carlson (PACU)
PNCC Chair: Melanie Birdwell
Staffing Committee Co-Chair: Kristen Hyatt

Bargaining Committee

The BAH contract will expire December 2021 and we are currently building the bargaining committee.

If you are interested in being part of the team at the table fighting for a strong, fair three-year contract. Please contact your labor representative Misha Hernandez Hernandez@OregonRN.org

BAH Listening Sessions

Bay Area Hospital listening sessions:

► Wednesday, June 9 at 5 p.m.
► Friday, June 11 at 3 p.m.

Please join BAH labor rep Misha Hernandez and ONA labor representative leads Courtney Niebel and Ateusa Salemi for one of two listening sessions.

These sessions are designed for us to hear the concerns of our members and to identify issues in preparation for our negotiations which are coming up soon.

Please check your email for the Zoom link. IF you do not receive it please contact Misha Hernandez.

Safe Nurse Staffing Passed in Legislature

Safe Nurse Staffing During Emergencies Passed in Legislature

We've seen Oregon hospitals fail to staff properly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. That’s why ONA advocated for House Bill 3016 (HB 3016) which the Oregon Senate voted to pass last week. The bill will now go to the governor to be signed into law.

HB 3016 ensures hospitals have to honor frontline nurses’ voices and safe staffing plans by setting reasonable limits on how long staffing plans can be suspended during emergencies, including pandemics like COVID-19. The bill helps support nurses so we can get back to the table to create emergency safe staffing plans; a key issue nurses fought for during the early months of the pandemic.

Thank you to everyone who helped advocate for this important legislation to protect nurses and our patients!
ONA stewards are the lifeblood of what makes our union strong. A strong union has at least one steward for every unit and shift. Stewards are there to answer colleague’s questions and discuss concerns and help keep every nurse up to date on important union activities.

We offer multiple trainings throughout the year, focusing on representing your coworkers, problem-solving workplace issues, welcoming new members to their union, and building our union's overall power to make improvements for nurses.

**Space is limited so register today at:**


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**ONA Annual Dues Adjustment**

Thank you for being a member of the Oregon Nurses Association. ONA is the most powerful voice for nurses in Oregon because of the collective strength of our 15,000 represented nurses and health care workers.

ONA’s Bylaws call for a recalculation of our member’s dues each year, effective on July 1, and in 2021 that calculation will result in a small increase of $0.49 per week.

More information on how ONA calculates your dues can be found in the ONA Bylaws.

A strong collective voice for nurses has never been more important than it is today. Your dues support the work of this organization to advance the profession of nursing and the health of our communities. Again, thank you for being a member of ONA!

If you have any questions, please contact [MemberServices@OregonRN.org](mailto:MemberServices@OregonRN.org)