RECEIVERSHIP IN OUR FUTURE!

Effective March 15, 2022, the terms of our two current co-chairs expire. Since no nurse in Benton County self-nominated for these positions—including incumbents Robin Baker and Angela Edwards—the co-chair offices will become vacant. From that date, we will operate our bargaining unit without an executive committee.

Technically, this means our bargaining unit will be in “receivership,” where ONA staff (i.e. labor rep Gary Aguiar) will be the formal decision-maker for our organization. As “peak-level” issues arise, Gary will consult with our stewards and activists. Nurses will have a limited voice on matters that affect the entire membership as well as fewer interactions with human resources or County administration.

Unless someone steps forward, we will operate without official leaders for the foreseeable future for our Benton County bargaining unit. If you want to learn more about the time commitment and activities, please contact Robin, Angela, or Gary. Our bylaws describe the formal duties of these officers, [https://www.oregonrn.org/bec](https://www.oregonrn.org/bec).

In the past, our bargaining unit has had two co-chairs, which has worked well for us. The bylaws provide for an alternate model of a Chair and a Vice-Chair. Moreover, the bylaws create a Secretary position, which has been vacant for several years.

We still have three good stewards, Angela and Robin, along with Niki Kelley, who support nurses in individual disciplinary and grievance actions. It would be helpful if we had more trained and experienced stewards.

If you know anyone interested in serving in any of these roles, please text or call our labor rep, Gary Aguiar, at 503-444-0690.