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ONA / Cascade Health Solutions (CHS)

Co-Chairs
Rita Vait, RN
Ann Richards, RN

Vait and Richards Announce Plans to Step Down as BU Co-Chairs

They seek replacements to take up ONA leadership at CHS

Ann Richards and Rita Vait have told our members that our recently completed bargaining round was their last negotiations as Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) bargaining unit (BU) leaders. They successfully led our BU for many years. Recently, they have been actively recruiting other RNs to step forward to serve nurses. Besides bargaining, the co-chairs also welcome newly-hired RNs to join our ranks by helping them complete ONA membership forms.

Please join us in thanking Rita and Ann for their terrific service! Also, please encourage other nurses to consider serving as our leaders in the future.

Our bylaws require us to hold annual elections on the last Thursday of April. Nominations are due 30 days prior to the election.

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CA 5 Fall Dinner in November

You are invited to attend our Constituent Association 5 (CA 5) Fall Dinner, Thurs., Nov. 10, 2016 at Valley River Inn, McKenzie Ballroom.

Please consider joining other nurses from Lane County for a meal funded by ONA. The fall dinner features bargaining unit updates, an analysis of the U.S. election results and a raffle drawing.

Please RSVP by Nov. 4 to Tyna Gormley at tgormley@peacehealth.org, text 541.914.7988, or text/call Wendy Hunter at 541.225.7355.

In the shadows of the Coburg Hills, construction crews busily finish the Pete Moore Hospice House north of Eugene. Our employer has hired and is training nurses to staff the facility, which is expected to open in mid-December.
2017 ONA Statewide Election Positions Open

Vice President/ANA Delegate
Treasurer
Director (4)
Cabinet on Health Policy (4)
Cabinet on Education (3)
Cabinet on Nursing Practice & Research (2)
Cabinet on Human Rights & Ethics (1)
Cabinet on Economic & General Welfare (1)
Nominating Committee (3)
ANA Delegate Alternate (2)
NFN Delegate (3)

January 20, 2017 is the deadline to self-announce candidacy for the statewide ONA elections.

If you are interested in running for one of the open leadership positions, please complete the Talent Bank & Consent to Serve Form here.

For more information, please contact Kathy Gannett at 503-293-0011 or 800-634-3552 ext. 309.

YES ON 97

Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) is proud to endorse Measure 97 this November – the ballot measure that would hold some of the largest corporations accountable to working Oregonians. Measure 97 asks some of Oregon’s largest companies – including the likes of Comcast, Wal-mart and Monsanto -- to invest in Oregon’s communities by changing the tax code to ensure that C-corporations with over $25 million in in-state sales pay their fair share in corporate taxes.

By law, the estimated $6 billion in revenue Measure 97 would generate would be allocated to public education, senior services and health care. Part of this funding will help fill the anticipated gap in Medicaid funding to keep thousands of Oregonians on the Oregon Health Plan, extend care to uninsured children across the state, and help provide Oregonians with health services like school nurses and basic public health programs.

In advocating for our patients, nurses understand that Oregon schools should be fully funded, all seniors should have services to stay safe and independent, and everyone should have access to quality, affordable health care. But none of that can happen when Oregon has the lowest corporate tax rate in the country.

To learn more and get involved in the Yes on 97 campaign, contact ONA’s political organizer Chris at Hewitt@oregonrn.org or by calling 503-293-0011.