Negotiation Update!

Notice to the hospital was given to reopen the contract and a request for information sent. Our first negotiation sessions are due to start in late May.

Executive Committee Changes

We recently lost our chair of the bargaining unit, James (Jim) Bourquin. As such the co-chair of the unit Scott Lorfing has moved into the Chair position.

Jim has worked diligently the last few months to develop, and address needed changes for the nurses at Coquille Valley Hospital. His hard work and dedication to this has been appreciated and his loss is a blow to the unit. As one nurse recently said, “He is our fearless leader.”

This leaves a hole in representation for all bargaining unit nurses. We are giving notice of open nominations for nurses to be a part of the executive team, and be involved in negotiations.

To keep the bargaining unit out of a “trusteeship” there must be at least three nurses from the bargaining unit who have agreed to represent the needs of the unit. Nurses who are nominated-by themselves or another nurse-should expect to serve until spring of 2024. Only nurses who are nominated or elected and consent to serve as such can act as official representatives for the nurses.

Use the link or QR code below to nominate yourself or a fellow nurse.

Scan the QR code with your phone or go to the link below to nominate yourself or a fellow nurse for the executive committee or bargaining team!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CVH-NOM23
Meet your Executive and Negotiation Team Members

Do you know who your current executive and negotiating team members are?

Your current elected representatives to negotiate the contract are:

► Scott Loring (chair)
► Shayla Stidham (secretary/treasurer)

Give them a shout out for stepping up and volunteering to do this work for the improvement of working conditions at the hospital! Let them know how YOU are willing to help them reach the goals identified during negotiations.

What’s new in the hospital? Are you having workplace challenges that require change? Get involved! Help make the needed changes!

Learn more about Stewards

Jim was the ONLY house steward to act as a representative for nurses who may need representation in disciplinary meetings, help with contract interpretation, grievance filings, etc.

A “healthy” bargaining unit typically has one trained steward on each unit and shift to assist with workplaces issues that arise. If you are interested in learning more about what rights you have as a union member or how to be involved, contact your labor representative to find out more.

ONA Statewide Elections

Voting Open through May 15

Voting in the 2023 ONA Statewide Elections is open through May 15. This is an opportunity for every ONA member to have a voice in the future of nursing in Oregon.

This election features races for critical leadership positions, including contested races for the Labor Cabinet and the Cabinet on Health Policy, ANA delegates and more.

Visit www.OregonRN.org/Elections to see the full list of candidates and more information on how to vote.

Steward Trainings

There are steward trainings available virtually via Zoom through ONA.

The next available training is on Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Register to attend!

https://www.oregonrn.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1737056