Two Union Meetings - April 21

ONA leadership will host two virtual union meetings on April 21 for you to get information and ask questions about the following issues:

- HB 2697, the Safe Staffing bill that will set ratios in many units and empower OHA to hold hospitals more accountable
- A report back on “Care Pair” Team Nursing
- Nurse Task Force meetings to raise issues on a monthly basis

The first meeting will be held from 17:30 (5:30 p.m.) to 18:30 (6:30 p.m.), the second meeting will be from 19:45 (7:45 p.m.) to 20:45 (8:45 p.m.). The meeting will be held over Zoom, watch for a text message link as the meeting date gets closer.

Join the Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88952376942?
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Meeting ID: 889 5237 6942
Passcode: 518097

Building a Stronger Bargaining Team

A TOP BARGAINING PRIORITY - to have good representation from ALL UNITS at the bargaining table.

ONA nurse leadership is looking for unit spokespersons from Family Birth Center, Emergency Department, and other units to make sure we have strong and diverse experience at the table. To join the team you must be a member in good standing, be willing to advocate for your unit’s needs while supporting nurses represented across all units and programs. Contact Brittany Foss or Chad Mayo if you have questions.
ONA Officer Elections

The voting for new terms of office will occur from **APRIL 18 THOUGH APRIL 25**. Members in good standing will be receiving an electronic ballot that will be sent to their personal emails.

If you are not currently getting ONA emails you should consider updating your contact information by using the link or QR code provided below.

The following candidates have been nominated for officer positions:

- **Brittany Foss**, Med Surg | Chair
- **Chad Mayo**, SSU | Vice Chair
- **Nicole Chambers**, Hospice | Secretary / Treasurer
- **Heather Chambers**, ICU | Membership Chair

Grievance Chair and PNCC Chair did not receive nominations. By voting in the election you send a signal of support to the volunteer nurse leaders that will be getting ready to bargain our next contract this coming winter. By voting you show support for nurse leaders working to represent your interests.

Updates on Safe Staffing Bill

**Safe Staffing Bill, HB 2697 - moves closer to passing**

Safe staffing is in sight! After months of hard work, negotiations and advocacy from our members and allies, we are on the verge of passing real safe staffing standards into law in Oregon. The legislature is preparing to vote on House Bill 2697, and your legislator needs to hear from you!

**HB 2697 WOULD:**

1. Set statutory staffing ratios for specific units.
2. End the practice of “break buddies” and require sufficient coverage for breaks.
3. Require facilities to provide $200 compensation for each missed break.
4. Establish staffing committees for allied health care and service workers.
5. Enhance regulatory enforcement so hospitals and other employers are held accountable for breaking staffing rules.

Learn more about the specifics of the bill amendments by visiting the Safe Staffing website: [https://www.oregonrn.org/SafeStaffing-AmendedBill](https://www.oregonrn.org/SafeStaffing-AmendedBill)

Please take a moment to use our tool to send a letter to your legislators and ask them to stand up for Oregon’s nurses, health professionals and patients by approving HB 2697!