OFFICERS NOMINATED/INSTALLATION NOTIFICATION

For our elections, ONA sent out requests for nominations and consent to serve information on January 17 and after the required 30 day nominating period, the following officers were nominated and consented to serve. (Although several other excellent candidates were nominated, those candidates declined the nomination.)

- Chair Mesa Greenfield
- Vice Chair Abby Finetti
- Secretary Kathy Burkholder

The bargaining team nominees include Mesa Greenfield, Abby Finetti, Kathy Burkholder, and Amanda Johnson (alternate).

Our bylaws provide that where only one qualified candidate is nominated for a position, at the discretion of the executive committee, an election will not occur and the single qualified candidate will be awarded the position.

LAST CHANCE: If you are interested in running for office or the negotiating team, please contact David Bybee or ONA representative Alison Hamway (541-312-9822; or via fax 503-293-0013 Attn: Alison) within 10 calendar days (by March 5), and we will conduct an election. Otherwise, the executive committee will install the unopposed slate of officers.
Bargaining Survey is Open!

This survey is very important and its purpose is to obtain your opinion on various issues that will be considered in the negotiations that are soon to begin.

To take the 5 – 10 minute survey, go to: www.OregonRN.org. Select Lake District under Find Your Bargaining Unit.

Complete your survey no later than midnight, March 12. If you do not have access to the internet or have any questions about the survey, please contact Melissa Tangedal at 503-293-0011 ext. 323 or tangedal@oregonrn.org.

AFT Affiliation: Member Resources

On February 7, 2013, the board of ONA's national federation, the National Federation of Nurses (NFN), took the first step to affiliate with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). AFT is a 1.5 million-member union, the largest union of professionals in the AFL-CIO. AFT represents teachers and school staff, college and university professors, public employees, and more than 48,000 registered nurses.

The next step? ONA, in accordance with our bylaws, will hold our own vote on affiliation during a special House of Delegates on March 16, 2013 in Portland. If you are an ONA delegate who served in the 2012 House of Delegates, please make every effort to be available in Portland on March 16 for this important special House of Delegates.

In order to provide our members with as much information as possible regarding the affiliation process, we have created a series of documents that will help answer your questions and clarify the implications of our upcoming affiliation decision. You will find a fact sheet on this affiliation and how it works, as well as many other documents that outline the affiliation proposal and the process of affiliation on the ONA website, www.OregonRN.org. (You will need to login to the ONA website to view the page). We welcome your questions and input.

The Oregon Nurses Foundation (ONF) has a new look, a new mission and a new vision for the future of nursing in Oregon! ONF is a 501c3 charitable Foundation with a mission to advance and promote the profession of nursing in Oregon through scholarships, workforce development and training and nursing retention. We are asking nurses across the state to make a charitable donation to the Foundation to help us launch the Oregon Nurses Foundation with new vitality and strength! YOUR generous gift can help provide new scholarships to nursing students wanting to enter the profession, can help fund training and CE programs for nurses who need new skills to adapt the changes in health care, and provide essential services that will keep nurses facing personal and professional challenges in the profession. Our goal? To raise $50,000! Your role? Make a tax-deductible donation to the Oregon Nurses Foundation today! Together, we can make a difference for the future of nursing!

Get more information online at OregonRN.org or by calling the Foundation at 503-293-0011.