Election Time for Staffing Committee

Every spring, we elect one-half of ONA McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center staffing committee representatives. The staffing committee is required by state law to develop, monitor, and approve staffing plans for each nursing unit in the hospital. It provides a mission-critical function to ensure patient safety through appropriate staffing.

The committee typically meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1500. It is composed of one-half direct care nurses and one-half nurse managers. Direct care nurses are paid for this meeting time. The employer must release you from your shift; they must find coverage for you!

ONA provides support to committee members via our Professional Nursing Care Committee and direct staff assistance. Moreover, free CE credits, to ONA members, are offered online through our OCEAN Online CE platform. You can use your education funds to pay yourself for the two-hour course on “Staffing Education and Advocacy Training.”

On June 30, 2022, reps from the departments below expire. Any ONA dues paying member is eligible to serve, including the current incumbent. Please self-nominate by emailing our labor rep, Gary Aguiar, at Aguiar@OregonRN.org no later than June 1, 2022.

These terms are expiring:

- Critical Care Unit
- Cardio Cath Lab/CVPR
- Progressive Care Unit
- Short Stay/Preadmission Testing
- Wound Care
- Women’s Health, Birth and Child Center

The election process is detailed here.

If you have any questions, please contact your ONA labor representatives, Gary Aguiar at Aguiar@OregonRN.org.