Elections Update

AURN Annual elections have concluded! Welcome your new AURN leaders!

CONTESTED SEATS:

Vice President:
- Maria LaVelle

Staffing Committee Representative for the Women and Infants Cluster:
- McKenzie Chown

UNCONTESTED SEATS (the following all won by acclamation as their seats were uncontested):

Secretary:
- Natasha Schwartz

PNCC:
- Melissa Vazquez (CHAIR)
- Natasha Schwartz
- Duncan Zevetski
- Eric Carlson
- Kartika Vasavada

Your newly elected nurse leaders are to take office beginning in June per your bylaws, however some positions may begin immediately depending on current vacancies, etc.

Election Recap: Announcement of elections and call for nominations went out house wide via newsletter on Jan. 29, 2021 with reminders on Feb. 13, March 8 and March 17. Election announcement was sent out via house wide newsletter on April 1, 2021 with the voting taken place on April 19 - 23 with several reminders. An email blast announcement with the outcome of the contested election seats went out on Monday, April 26.

Did you miss any of these important announcements from ONA? Please make sure we have your email address on file (www.OregonRN.org/11). Getting important information out to our membership has always been both important and a difficult task.

Now more than ever we rely on our hard-working nurse leaders, stewards, and committee members to help get the information out by printing newsletters, putting them up on ONA bulletin boards, talking to coworkers and making sure folks know to get their contact information updated with ONA to receive our emails.

It takes all of us working together to keep our union strong! Also please note that ONA does not own or run any Facebook group pages, those are run independently by individuals.

Please remember to keep your email address updated, check your ONA Bargaining Unit webpage for updates and as always talk to your unit representatives, stewards and nurse leaders.
Although the annual election process has concluded we still have vacancies on several committees! Some committees seats are filled by appointment and others are filled by election. We have openings on several committees so please fill out a consent to serve form at: www.OregonRN.org/ohsu-cts.

if you are interested in any of the following.

Please submit no later than May 31, 2021. All consent to serve forms received by May 31 will be reviewed in June to determine if elections need to occur for any of the openings that are filled by election. Said another way, if there is no contest those seats can be filled by acclamation and if there is a contest we will run the election process for those seats.

Seats filled by appointment will also be reviewed and appointed in June.

Seats are open on the following committees:
- AURN executive committee
- PNCC
- Staffing Committee
- Grievance Committee
- DAC Committee

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**Diversity Advisory Council**

The Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) advises the President and the Executive Leadership Team on ways to enhance diversity, multiculturalism and equal opportunity for all aspects of our mission.

As a campus-wide group, the DAC supports diversity initiatives across the university, everything from helping units understand the business case for diversity to providing practical resources for employees, students and community members.

The DAC represents all of the university’s mission areas and student, staff and faculty groups. Working together, DAC members enhance communication and collaboration across OHSU’s schools and departments.

For more information see the DAC website here.
This year’s Bargaining Unit Leadership Conference will look at the concept of Bargaining for the Common Good (BCG), how it impacts bargaining in healthcare, how it impacts our communities we care for, and how ONA might utilize these concepts to further our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in the future.

Bargaining for the Common Good is a return to the roots of unionism – the basic idea of advancing shared interests. We are not just nurses, we are community members, parents, users of public transportation, social justice advocates and renters too! Our employers are required by law to negotiate employment contracts with us, but that only addresses one part of our lives and largely ignores the community members we live with and care for.

Failing to support our community members outside the hospital leads to problems inside our workplace. For example, nurses have cited the lack of community-based mental health services as a factor in increasing boarding and violence in hospitals. This is the definition of a lose-lose issue. Patients, nurses, and our community are all needlessly suffering because of the same problem. So, what happens when union members, especially nurses, take the power of bargaining and pull in the concerns of the communities we live in? How can we use our collective power to advance social justice goals and our values of diversity, equity and inclusion?

Join us virtually for ONA’s 2021 Bargaining Unit Leadership Conference, Friday, June 25 to learn more about the BCG framework and how negotiations can achieve win-win results both for ONA members and our communities.

Who Should Attend?

ONA members who are in a bargaining unit can attend for FREE. If you want to attend but are unsure about your membership status, please contact us.

Continuing Education

Limited continuing nursing education contact hours will be available.

Oregon Nurses Association is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Registration

Registration is open through May 26.

Visit www.oregonrn.org/event/2021BULC to register today!
Voting in the 2021 ONA Statewide Elections is open through May 10. This is an opportunity for every ONA member to have a voice in the future of nursing in Oregon.

This election features contested races for Vice-President, Directors, Cabinet on Health Policy, ANA delegates and more. Vote today and let your voice be heard.

Thank you to all of the members who have stepped up to run for one of the statewide leadership positions. Our organization depends on strong leaders like you to participate in the election and help guide ONA into the future.

The candidate slates are posted on the ONA elections webpage and you can read the candidate bios in the ONA Statewide Election Voter Guide. Get to know the candidates before you cast your ballot.

ONA is using Election-America as the service provider for our 2021 ONA Statewide Election. All members will receive an email or postcard from Elections-America with your verification information: an election code and voting PIN.

For technical assistance, please contact Election-America at Help+ONA@election-america.com

For questions regarding your membership or election guidelines, please contact ONA at ONA@OregonRN.org

The election closes at 11:59 p.m. on May 10, 2021.