Professional Care Committee Nominees

Nominations to the Professional Care Committee closed last Friday, October 27. We have now confirmed with each nominee whether they accept or decline the nomination and are pleased to announce the following candidates have accepted nomination and will stand for election:

**Social Workers and Bereavement Counselors (4 Positions)**
- Corina Alexander (SW-Home Health)
- Susan Miller-Josselyn (SW-Hospice)
- Miranda Rosetto (SW-Hospice)
- Jamie Sinnott (BC-Hospice)
- Emily Sono (SW-Home Health)

**Physical Therapists (2 Positions)**
- Sara Fifield
- Melissa Howells
- Mariana Pope
- Stacey Ufer

**Occupational Therapists (2 Positions)**
- Kirsten Halsan
- Mitch Pottle
- Lynden Scahill

**Speech Language Pathologists (2 Positions)**
- Kara Hayden
- Kendra McInturf
- Dawn Meyer

**Registered Nurses (2 Vacant Positions of 7 Total Positions)**
- Melanie Fruhwirth (Home Health)
- Alecia Weber-DeRoo (Home Health)
- Amelia Woodside (Hospice)

**How the Elections Will Work:**
The elections will be conducted via the same platform we used for our strike and contract ratification votes. Only ONA members will be permitted to vote. Representatives will be elected by a vote of ONA members within their discipline (e.g. OTs will elect the two OT representatives). For Social Workers and Bereavement Counselors, all Social Workers and
Bereavement Counselors will vote on representatives for both Home Health and Hospice. The PCC must have representation from both Home Health and Hospice, so the winners will be: the top vote getter from Home Health, the top vote getter from Hospice, and the next two highest vote getters, regardless of Home Health or Hospice. For RNs, it will work similarly, with all RNs voting on both Home Health and Hospice candidates. However, since the PCC already has representation from both Home Health and Hospice, the top two vote getters overall will be elected (as a reminder, we're just filling two vacant RN positions).

**Election Timeline:**
Thursday, Nov. 9: Candidate Statements Distributed
Friday, Nov. 10: Election Opens
Wednesday, Nov. 15: Election Closes

Running contested elections for each of the twelve available positions is a strong indicator of the health of our union and the excitement of our members to stand up and advocate for one another. Several other leadership opportunities are coming for those interested in getting involved!