We Have A New Membership Chair!

Please take a moment to congratulate Heidi Burns on becoming your new membership chair! She ran on Oct. 16 and the position was left open for thirty days. No one else let us know they were interested in running.

Heidi is in the process of learning the new role. She is prepared to meet with new hires virtually due to COVID-19. She has the training materials and is allowed thirty minutes of paid time to explain the importance of membership.

Secretary / Treasurer Vacancy

On Oct. 16, we announced that there was a vacancy for the Secretary / Treasurer position and Claire Tyrrell has graciously decided to step up! Claire once resided in Canada, where the unions are strong. She would like to help make our union stronger by becoming an officer.

Claire Tyrrell:

“I have been a nurse for 35 years, mostly in the emergency room. I was a nurse practitioner in Canada. I have been in the states since 2000 and have eight years with Providence. I am looking forward to working with our other officers to make ProvRN a great place to work!”

What Does the Secretary / Treasurer Do?

Per the ProvRN bylaws, these are the duties:

6.2.5.3 SECRETARY

6.2.5.3.1 Send out meeting notices as directed;

6.2.5.3.2 On at least an annual basis, update all members’ contact information, including correct mailing addresses, home and work telephone numbers and email addresses. Provide this information to ONA; 6.2.5.3.3 Collect names of nominees for elected positions and construct a ballot for all the names submitted;

6.2.5.3.4 Confirm that the nominees
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are willing to serve and when there is no Membership Chair, ensure the nominee is in good standing;

6.2.5.3.5 Verify that amendments to bylaws are properly submitted;

6.2.5.3.6 Record, maintain and archive minutes for all Executive Committee meetings;

6.2.5.3.7 Sit on the Elections Committee;

and 6.2.5.3.8 Conduct correspondence as directed by the Executive Committee.

6.2.5.3.9 Should the Chairperson’s position be vacated; the Secretary shall serve as the Chairperson until the next election. 6.2.5.3.10

6.2.5.4 TREASURER

6.2.5.4.1 Keep itemized records, showing the source of all monies received and spent, and keep records, vouchers, work sheets, books and accounts and all resolutions to verify such report and provide a copy of this information to EGW by December 31st of every year.

Since our unit does not have a separate bargaining unit fund like some of the other units have, this position will be predominantly a secretary position.

If you are also interested in running for this position, please let Jocelyn Pitman know by Jan. 23, 2021. You can email her at Pitman@OregonRN.org

Oregon Nurses Foundation: Supporting Nurses Now and in the Future

ONF is also dedicated to supporting the future of nursing through scholarships for nursing students, including the ONF Equity Scholarship Fund. ONA is dedicated to diversity, equity and inclusion work and this scholarship was created to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of the nursing workforce in Oregon to more closely reflect the patient population.

Please consider making an end of the year donation to ONF to help provide resources for nursing students now and in the future!

- Click here to donate to ONF

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This free, year-long program is designed to help you improve your leadership and communication skills. Join a dynamic group of people who want to make positive change in health care through politics, practice and labor.

In 2021, the NLI will focus on equity in nursing and health care during a series of monthly classes, a group project and a mentorship opportunity. Space is limited. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, 2021. Learn more at:

www.OregonRN.org/NLI