Nomination Results

On July 1, nominations for our executive team opened, and results are in.

The Nominees are:

Chair
- Coby Mastude
- James Gwynn
- Mike Reidy

Secretary/Treasurer
- Dough Lien
- Coby Mastude
- Mike Reidy

Membership/Grievance Chair
- Cori Mills
- James Gwynn

Professional Practice Committee (PPC) Chair
- Mike Reidy
- Cori Mills

To VOTE, use the QR Code or go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAB-AHW-Election

Governor's Announcement

Health care employees to be tested regularly, unless they show proof of vaccination

Many questions have been asked regarding where ONA stands on the new ruling by Governor Kate Brown made August 4, 2021 that will require weekly COVID-19 testing for personnel in health care settings who choose not to be vaccinated.

Scott Palmer of the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) said: "This is a reasonable and sensible approach which respects the individual choices of health care workers while also protecting public health.

ONA believes COVID-19 vaccinations are critical to protecting our members, our patients, our families and our communities and we urge all Oregonians who can get vaccinated to do so now."

Currently state law prohibits employers from independently mandating vaccines for certain limited categories of workers, including health care workers, an issue the Governor intends to work with stakeholders and legislators to address in the February 2022 session.

Currently, employers with union-represented staff must recognize and honor a union’s right to bargain over changes to working conditions in represented facilities. ONA will work with our union members in facilities across the state to ensure employers respect our legally binding contracts.

For further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Barnes, labor representative.
Learn About your Union and ONA

ONA Labor Representative, Jessica Barnes will be visiting SAB Aug. 11 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Elkhorn Conference Room.

If you have questions about your union and ONA, or simply wish to visit please stop by.

Oregon nurses are too important to not get vaccinated!

“I thought about my grandparents who have comorbidities, about a friend who lost his dad, the newborns I am around at work, and my best friend’s baby who I would do anything to help keep safe.

- Jessica Conrad, RN, Klamath Falls, OR

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Voice of Oregon Nurses Since 1914

T - Talk to someone you trust
R - Research vaccine information from reputable sources.
U - Understand where your hesitancy or concern is coming from.
S - Set an appointment to receive your vaccine and talk to your health care provider.
T - Talk to your patients about your own story of overcoming vaccine hesitancy.

www.OregonRN.org/COVID-vaccine

Nurses and the COVID-19 Vaccine

As one of the most trusted professions, nurses play a key role in preventing the spread of infectious diseases like COVID-19 by accepting and encouraging vaccination.

ONA drafted a position statement on the vaccine last December that notes nurses have a commitment to the communities they serve to be well-informed about the vaccines. The position statement encourages nurses to lead the way in getting vaccinated and provide an example for everyone else!

The American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics (2015) states that RNs have an ethical responsibility to “model the same health maintenance and health promotion measures that they teach and research”, and this responsibility includes vaccination against infectious disease.

The ANA policy Statement on Immunizations emphasizes that nurses should be advocating, educating, and advising patients to receive Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) recommended vaccinations, but acknowledges that if nurses are declining the vaccine themselves, public trust is damaged.

Do your part, get the vaccine and advocate for others to do the same!

Visit the ONA COVID-19 vaccine resource center to learn more: www.OregonRN.org/COVID-vaccine.