Samaritan Albany New Executive Committee

Five nurses stepped forward to lead our bargaining unit for the next two years. Please personally thank these nurses for their leadership of our bargaining unit as we prepare for negotiations. Our contract expires June 30, 2021. We will begin this work immediately.

Each of these nurses self-nominated for the positions indicated below. Since nominations closed for all nine executive committee positions on Jan. 20, these five are automatically elected to their uncontested seats:

- Vice-Chair: Melissa Pfleiger
- Secretary: Amina Topp
- Treasurer: Christine Holden
- Grievance Chair: Karen Jantzi
- At-large Bargaining Team Member: Shannon McGarrin

No one self-nominated for four positions, which are now vacant: Chairperson, Membership Chair, Professional Nursing Care Committee Chair, and an At-large Bargaining Team Member.

According to our bylaws, “In case of the Chairperson’s absence, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chairperson. … The Chairperson [shall] Fill vacancies that occur on committees with the approval of the executive committee until the next regular election.”
Get Active in ONA!

While these are difficult times, ONA bargaining units across the state are successfully negotiating with employers remotely using Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or other apps. ONA members in those bargaining units are actively supporting their negotiators in many ways, especially observing negotiations.

To move our employer on our issues, we need nurses from each unit to step forward to keep others informed and get them active. Our contract action team (CAT) is led by Regina Leytem. CATs are communication liaisons who keep our members informed about bargaining matters. So far, these individuals have stepped forward to become CAT members for their units:

- Cindy Mintun, Hospice Outpatient
- Jennifer Diehl, Ambulatory Surgery
- Joni Tinch, Hospice Outpatient
- Karina Vinson, Intensive Care Unit
- Lauren Conser, Medical/Surgical
- Shannon McGarrin, Medical/Surgical
- Victoria Crockett, Emergency

If you know anyone interested in serving as a CAT, please contact Gary Aguiar, our labor rep, text/call 503-444-0690 or email Aguiar@OregonRN.org.