It’s Elections Time!

**Elected Officers to Serve as Bargaining Team**

We will be holding elections for all officers in our ONA bargaining unit. The first step is to seek nominees for each of the seven offices: Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Grievance Chair, Membership Chair and PNCC Chair. The duties for each of these offices are described in our bylaws which can be found in the link below.


These elected officers will serve as the core of our bargaining team. Any dues-paying ONA member is eligible to serve.

If you know nurses who would be good leaders, please nominate them. We will then ask them if they accept the nomination. Self-nominations are also welcome. To nominate someone, text/call Gary Aguiar 503-444-0690 or email Aguiar@OregonRN.org

Our bylaws determine election events:

- Sept. 23 - Nominations open
- Oct. 25 - Nominations close
- Oct. 30 - Official list of candidates announced
Know Your Rights

Workshops in Newport, OR

We encourage every ONA member to understand their rights as a worker, how to build nurse power, ONA member benefits, disciplinary procedures, and grievances.

These workshops qualify you to become an ONA Steward. There is no obligation to sign up as a steward. Just come and learn how we operate.

- Oct. 19, Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Newport, OR
- Oct. 26, Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Newport, OR
- Nov. 4, Monday, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Newport, OR

Register now at oregonrn.org/page/knowyourrights

Meet Your New ONA Nurse Practice Consultant

Jesse Kennedy recently joined the staff of the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) in the role of nurse practice consultant (NPC). ONA’s NPCs are registered nurses who provide support for staffing committees as well as providing advice and education on the Oregon Nurse Staffing Law and Oregon Nurse Practice Act. They also offer continuing education to ONA members through OCEAN and other venues such as our convention. In addition, NPCs offer board and committee development education and serve on state boards related to nurses as ONA representatives. They are a great resource for questions regarding nurse practice as well as the ins and outs of the nurse staffing law. In addition to a number of other ONA bargaining units, Jesse is assigned to Peace Health facilities in Lane and Lincoln counties.

Jesse joined ONA’s Professional Services department in May 2019. He has been involved with ONA since nursing school. Jesse’s ventures in professional development have led him to serve as President of the Lane Community College Student Nurses Association, President of the National Student Nurses Association, and Director-at-Large of the American Nurses Association. He has been directly involved in national initiatives focused on acceleration of practice initiatives for student nurses and empowering nurses to reach the pinnacle of their practice. Jesse’s role includes professional development outreach, education content development, and empowering our nurse staffing committees to build the best working environment possible. Jesse is proud not only to be a native Oregonian but also a native Eugenian born at the University District Hospital when it was still the only Sacred Heart hospital in the area.