**PNCC Election**

The Professional Nursing Care Committee (PNCC) election is open through April 9. Please take a moment and cast your vote for who you would like to represent your program on this important committee! See the list of candidates and voting link below.

**Candidates running for the PNCC:**
- Rebecca Coons (HH)
- Joy Straub (HH)
- Cindy Rasavage (HH)
- Nook Kaneko (HH)
- Allison Hyder (HO)
- Lise Tilley (HO)
- Paul van Waardenburg (HO)
- Alicia Harrison (HI)

www.SurveyMonkey.com/r/SHHCS-PNCC-VOTE

**WOCN Scholarships Update**

We finally have an agreement! Go to the ONA/Sacred Heart Home Care Services (SHHCS) webpage at www.OregonRN.org/85. After learning that the agency wanted to re-engagie in the negotiations around the WOCN scholarships, we sent a survey out to the membership to get your input on their proposal. Thank you to all of you that participated!

Overall, the biggest concern we heard from you was around the exclusion of nurses that had fewer than two years of home health experience. We wrote a counter proposal to reflect this concern.

We proposed that one year of home health experience be preferred but not required.

Stay tuned for next steps and communication about the opportunity to apply for these scholarships. We feel that the agency’s willingness to re-engage in this process was a result of the many months of the nurses and nurse leaders raising concerns about wound care. Thank you for your ongoing engagement and advocacy for your patients and your practice!

**ONA Email Communications**

Are you getting newsletters and other important emails from ONA? If not, please take a minute and update your contact information by sending it to News@OregonRN.org. Thank you!
ONa has issued a demand to bargain over the impacts of changes to health insurance coverage that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2021. We have been receiving reports from nurses that the changes in network coverage are leaving them scrambling to find new providers or figure out how to deal with the added cost of staying with their provider who are now no longer in-network. Many of these are mental health providers who have built trusted relationships with our members and cannot be easily replaced. The stress of losing access to these important health care providers or facing huge increases in paying for their services is a double whammy to nurses trying to take care of their and their family’s mental health especially during this pandemic.

In September 2020, PeaceHealth sent ONA notice that they were changing their third-party administrator. The notice claimed that the new provider, UMR, would cover “a substantially equivalent provider network.” Given the issues we are hearing from members, we are not convinced that this is true. That is why we are seeking to bargain over the impacts.

Our goal is to make our members whole for any financial impact caused by these changes. We need to hear from you if your provider is now out of network and the impact this is having on you. We don’t need personal medical details, only information about the barriers you are experiencing if you provider is now out of network.

You can send your story to Claire Syrett, ONA labor representative via email: Syrett@OregonRN.org. Your personal information will not be shared with administration.

ONa stewards are the lifeblood of what makes our union strong. A strong union has at least one steward for every unit and shift. Stewards are there to answer colleague’s questions and discuss concerns and help keep every nurse up to date on important union activities.

www.OregonRN.org/Steward-Training

### Topics and Dates

#### Introductory Steward Training
- Saturday, June 19, 2021
- Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021
- Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021

#### Grievance Handling Training
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021
- Thursday, July 22, 2021
- Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021

#### Building Worksite Power Training
- Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021
- Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021