Get to Know Your Officers

**Megan Romero**

**Chair**

**Graduated:** from OHSU Klamath Falls Campus in 2017.

**Nursing:** nearly 5 years, since August 2017, all of those at Sky Lakes Medical Center.

**Unit:** Med/Surg Nights.

**Why Klamath Falls?**

I was born and raised here. I love the community and surrounding area. I am one of the few you'll meet who were born here and am content being here.

**Why serve as an officer?**

I chose to serve on the ONA Executive Committee because as nurses, we advocate for our patients every shift. The union is our way to advocate for ourselves. While being a part of the bargaining unit is crucial because the numbers matter, I am serving on the EC to advocate for and with the nurses at SLMC. There is no such thing as stagnation. We either move forward or move backward. We move backward by not being active. By serving, I hope to see us continue to move forward as a team in making the work environment at Sky Lakes the best it can be.

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Kristin Tyson
Secretary


Nursing: At Sky Lakes since 1989 working in medical oncology unit until 2008. I transferred to Pediatrics and FBC and have been there ever since.

Why Klamath Falls?
I've raised my family in Klamath Falls and most are still here. I want to take care of my community as if I was caring for my family.

Why serve as an Officer?
I didn't appreciate the union enough until I needed them to help me and my unit. I attended a bargaining session and had my eyes opened to the dedication the union has to making it better for us as nurses. They showed me that together we are so much stronger and can advocate for ourselves with power when we show unity through the union. During the last bargaining my eyes were also opened to the fact that the hospital doesn't necessarily support or value us financially on their own without realizing that we nurses have power in numbers. We remind them how truly valuable we are by being a united presence.

Zenaida Gabriel
Membership Chair

Graduated: from OHSU School of Nursing Class of 2020.

Nursing: I have been a nurse for 2 years on the Med/Surg floor at Sky Lakes Medical Center.

Why Klamath Falls?
Our family moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon from Southern California 8 years ago and appreciate the small-town environment.

Why serve as an Officer?
Working in rural Oregon can make us feel cut off from the mainstream and it is because of this that the union interested me. As I started my nursing career, I felt overwhelmed and when traveling staff came to assist, it relieved a lot of that stress. The union and core staff redoubled their efforts to negotiate retention bonuses. After this negotiation, I made a commitment to join the executive team and continue to advocate for our workforce and encourage others to join. By joining the union, we can build a stronger force and not let anyone overlook our dedication and efforts to continue to care for our communities.
Monica Meier, PNCC Chair

Graduated: University of South Dakota in 1987 with an ADN and from OHSU in 2007 with a BSN.

Nursing: She currently works in ICU and has worked for 35 years at Sky Lakes.

Why Klamath Falls?
For the climate, small town atmosphere and outdoor activities.

Why serve as an officer?
I volunteer with ONA because of my desire to advocate for all nurses at Sky Lakes.

Thank you for all your time and dedication to our bargaining unit, Shannon!

We wish Shannon well as she ventures into new work at AirLink.

We will miss you!