Executive Team Update:

St. Anthony Hospital nurses have voted, and the following is your newly elected ONA executive team. Positions will be effective March 15 for the next two years.

Congratulations and thank you to all who ran!

♦ **Chair:** Sarah Austin
♦ **Vice Chair:** Katelynn Ellis
♦ **Secretary:** Amanda Franklin
♦ **Treasurer:** Niki Ludington
♦ **PNCC Chair:** Becky Wise
♦ **Membership Chair:** Andrina Thornton

At Large Negotiation Team Members (not part of the Executive Team, but serve for contract negotiations):

♦ Heather McLeod
♦ Galen Thompson

Contract Negotiations:

Now that nurses have been elected, we will begin meeting to prepare for our upcoming contract negotiations with the hospital.

Our contract expires at the end of this year, on Dec. 31, 2020. We will be planning a retreat where we can develop our contract campaign, events and member education and communication around issues.

Please stay tuned. In the meantime, please join our text group by texting ONASTA to 43506.
As more cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) are reported and confirmed, ONA will continue working relentlessly to do the work needed to keep nurses and our communities safe. We have received reports from frontline ONA members of suspected Coronavirus cases in at least three additional facilities, which have not yet been confirmed. We have also heard disturbing instances of appropriate practice protocol not being followed by hospital administers in multiple facilities across the state, and in Washington.

Incidents ONA members have observed firsthand include failure to mask patients with Coronavirus-like symptoms during triage, failure to supply adequate fitted N95 masks to nurses caring for patients with potential cases, and failure to maintain proper quarantine of the family and healthcare provider team of suspected Coronavirus patients.

These breaches of practice standard put us as nurses directly at risk.

ONA has worked diligently through the weekend to implement a Coronavirus response that will keep our members, patients, and communities safe. This has included:

- ONA staff traveling the state to observe protocol to facilities with suspected cases
- ONA conducting an information request to all 50+ ONA facilities to gather information on management’s plans for protecting members and enforcing practice protocols
- ONA engaging with the governor’s office around the need for any furloughed or quarantined nurses to receive paid admin leave instead of being forced to drain earned paid sick leave banks
- ONA leadership sounding the alarm about the risk to our members this outbreak presents in published interviews with NBC Portland, the Oregonian, Willamette Weekly, and Pamplin Media Group
- ONA partnering with both ANA and AFT around a national response to the outbreak, spearheaded and driven by ONA leadership
- Partnering with the Washington State Nurses Association around a coordinated public message and response to the outbreak our two organizations are at the center of
- ONA coordinating with the Oregon Health Authority and a number of hospital employers in an ad hoc task force to manage Coronavirus response, containment, and resource management

To report a violation of Coronavirus protocol in your facility, please email practice@oregonrn.org with as many details as possible while being mindful of HIPAA guidelines.

ONA is also asking all members to take an ONA COVID-19 Workplace Survey to help better understand the work being done by facilities across the state.

To stay up to date on the work being done and to take the COVID-19 Workplace survey, visit:

www.OregonRN.org/coronavirus