Election Results

We are pleased to announce your new executive team!

- Alisha Stone – Chairperson
- Karin Arthur – Vice-Chairperson

The other four nurses elected will discuss the position and decide which position they are going to take.

- Kate Miller
- Sara Lillegard
- Tamra Marsh
- Cherie Iannucci

The seats available are:

- Secretary/Treasurer
- Grievance Chair
- Membership Chair
- PNCC Chair

There are still two seats available for nomination and election (if there are more than two nominees) for the bargaining team only.

Your ONA Labor Representative

Christine Hauck, ONA Labor Representative, will be our labor representative to bargain our first contract, and lead officers’ training and steward training.

Christine has 23 years of experience as a labor representative, the last 17 years have been with ONA.

She currently lives in the valley and will be moving to the Bend area in September 2023.

Christine will be taking a bucket list vacation from Feb. 6, to 27, 2023. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gardening, and travel.

Student Debt Relief

Saddled with student debt? You may qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF).

Thousands of health care workers, teachers and others who work in public service and consistently pay their monthly student loan bills can have their loans forgiven after ten years.

ONA is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) – Healthcare which means you have access to Summer, an organization that can help you navigate your student loan situation and support you through the repayment process.

Find more information at:

Managing your student loan debt is the first step in taking on the inequities which plague our system of higher education.
Nurse Staffing: Share Your Story

You play a critical role at the bedside but your stories and concerns rarely get told. Let’s change that.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, you were under tremendous pressure due to staffing shortages. CEOs put profits ahead of patients despite warnings from researchers and frontline nurses. Those shortages have pushed many nurses to leave the field, led to violence in your workplace and caused unnecessary mental trauma.

Your stories about unsafe staffing will help move hearts and minds of lawmakers so we can pass new laws to raise staffing standards at healthcare facilities across Oregon.

Take a few minutes to write down your story and submit it to www.oregonrn.org/nursingstories

Protect Your License, Protect Yourself!

Should nurses carry their own personal liability insurance policy? YES! You insure your home, your car and your health. Why not your career?

A common assumption is that your employer will cover you in any incident that may occur while at work. Technically an employer is responsible for the acts of its staff, but its interest is not necessarily consistent with protecting you. Your best protection is to have your own personal legal representation. Nurses are at more legal risk now than ever before.

Additionally, your employer’s policy will not protect you in an Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) investigation. In fact, it could be your employer who makes the complaint to the OSBN about an alleged violation of scope or law. The OSBN must investigate each complaint it receives and, even if the complaint is dismissed, there are costs to you.

ONA advises all nurses, no matter where you work, to obtain your own liability insurance.ONA endorses the Nurses Service Organization (NSO) because the coverage provided offers the best protection for you. Visit www.OregonRN.org/NSO for more information. Don’t wait, protect yourself today!

Make sure ONA has your correct email address. scan the QR code with your phone.

Or follow this link: www.oregonrn.org/UPDATE