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Upcoming Meetings

2016 RNA General Membership Meetings

Save the Date:

- January 10
- April 11
- July 11
- October 10

All meetings are held at
Mecklenburg Gardens

AFL-CIO Labor Day Picnic Recap

On September 5, 2016, RNA volunteers worked a booth at the AFL-CIO Labor Day Picnic at Coney Island. They

- Handed out 1,000 Cups
- Handed out 1,000 Whistle Lights
- Conducted 76 Million Hearts Screenings

Thanks to those that volunteered to help with the event!

Member Tip: Influence Inside and Outside the Workplace

For every employee, both those in the public and private sector, what goes on in the world of politics has a direct connection to the union’s ability to advance and protect the members’ interests. Legislatures pass and enforce laws that can make it easier or harder for unions to organize, to protect members’ health and safety, to bargain for reasonable health care coverage, and to improve countless other aspects of working life. As we've seen all too often recently, what is won at a bargaining table can be taken away with a stroke of a pen by elected officials who are not worker-friendly, or by appointed or elected judges.

—Adapted from The Union Member's Complete Guide, by Michael Mauer

Elections

Congratulations to the President and Secretary who chose to serve 2016-2018. Per RNA bylaws Article 9 section G “If candidates are running unopposed, no election will be held.”

According to the bylaws Jeannette Porter will continue to serve as President.

RNA would like to introduce a new grad who will be serving as Secretary, Seth Watson. Seth has worked at UCMC for 8 years. He was, prior to graduating, working in the ED as a PCA. Per his bio, the secretary for RNA should have a firm command of communications skills, and he would look forward to using his strengths in that area. The RNA secretary will often be in roles where they are either recording detailed information, or perhaps presenting important information about our organization to both members and non-members. No RNA member should ever need to doubt that in those situations their leaders are working hard to represent them with professionalism and competence.

A Message from the VP

We are all RNA not just the officers. Any time you have any ideas, issues, or concerns please feel free to contact me, or any of the officers

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A Message from the Secretary

I would first like to say it has been an honor and privilege to serve you over these past years. I was elected to VP in 2011 and served until 2013, and have since been serving as your Secretary. I have seen a lot of great changes throughout the years but have seen a lot of turmoil. We have to band together. I have been a part of three contract negotiations. I have seen growth as far as being a part of hospital committees such as co-chairing the article 11 committee, also being a part of the nurses’ week committee. We have a seat at the table and need direction from the members on how RNA should proceed. Communication has improved through Labor Management Committee and Nurse Executive Committee with the hospital. We have done great things for the community as with the AFL-CIO Labor Day picnic and the Million Hearts Campaign. I have also grown as a leader and have gone on to ONA to serve as a BOD and now currently as Second VP. I will also be graduating in April 2017 with my Acute Care NP. Who knows what the future will bring to me, but I am always available for discussions or answers. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Just remember in these times such as now with the staffing issues please don’t fight with each other, band together and fight as a Union. Remember that each of the 1600 members are the RNA, the Union, not the four elected leaders. You 1600 can do far more good than the four of us. I will keep fighting at ONA for all the nurses in Ohio. Please become a legislative Ambassador for ONA to help create a new staffing bill for Ohio that would help at the bedside. Thank You,
Brian Burger
ONA second VP
Former RNA VP and Secretary

Ohio Nurses Association Updates

The next Nurses Day at the Statehouse will be held March 22, 2017. Registration will open November 14, 2016. Nurses Day at the Statehouse is one of ONA’s most powerful events, featuring over 400 nurses and students coming together at the Ohio Statehouse to bring awareness to nursing issues.

Ohio Nurses Day at the Statehouse (NDASH) is the only event in Ohio where over 400 nurses and nursing students come together to advocate for their profession, meet other nurses from across the state and share nursing’s issues with legislators.

NDASH sells out year after year. Don’t miss your opportunity to join in the power of advancing Ohio’s nurses!

ONA’s biennial convention will be held October 6-8, 2017 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris.

CEO Search Committee- this committee has been selected to find the next CEO for ONA. They will be interviewing qualified candidates on October 20-21. If chosen to go to the next round of interviewing, then the candidate will interview with ONA staff and the ONA BOD 11/3 and 11/4 respectively.

ONA Staffing taskforce- have made their recommendation to the BOD of a forming a legislative study committee. The BOD is currently discussing the best options for ONA.

ONA Dues and Governance taskforce- has been emphasizing most of their work to what is best for the individual ONA member in

regards to services. Still discussing on how this would look, but the main option would be to get rid of districts and streamline the communication from member to ONA. Currently ONA has 17 districts, 27 locals, and 46 different logos. Along with this are 2498 different dues calculations for various reasons, mainly due to each local and district setting their own dues and then with various programs that ONA has offered over the years. Streamlining is the key. This is true with not only services but with communication and dues.

NNU- if any member gets any propaganda for this organization. Please contact the office immediately. They are spreading lies about ONA and are promising grandiose things that will never happen including their staffing bill that **WILL NEVER** be heard by legislature.

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