

RNA Candidate Vice President

Robert Weitzel:

Staff Nurse, UCMC. Education: BSN,
University of Cincinnati.

Activities: AFT –Delegate (2015-present).
ONA Member (2008- present) ONA- E&GW
Board of Directors (2017-present) SONA
(District) – Board of Directors (2015-
present). Local Unit: (RNA) – Vice President
(2013-present); Labor Management
Committee (2013-present); Nurse Executive
Committee (2013 –present); Staffing/
Scheduling Committee (2013-present)

Other: ONA Rising Star Award 2014, ONA
Outstanding Leadership Award 2016, While
serving as an RNA officer RNA received the
ONA Adversity Award 2016, UCMC Daisy
Award nominee 2017

Position Statement: I see that I can continue
to make a difference for all nurses at UCMC,
to get our younger membership involved and
engage/ retain our long standing members.
By working at the bedside as an RN, in our
Neuro ICU for the last 10 years, being the
current Vice President of RNA, and sitting
on the Board of Directors at our district and
state level, I have gained a wealth of
knowledge to make informed decisions
regarding the 1400+ members at UCMC. I
currently attend three monthly meetings at
UCMC - Labor Management Committee,
Nurse Executive Committee, and the
Staffing/Scheduling Committee in order for
RNs to have a voice for our members.

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RNA Elections

**RNA Elections
for Vice President
and Treasurer
will be held on**

**Tuesday,
November 7, 2017**

**in the RNA office
B pavilion room 1129**

from 6am to 8pm

**See Candidate
Bio's Inside**

RNA Candidate Vice President

Jennifer Cook-Donaldson:

Hello, I'm Jennifer Cook-Donaldson. I have been a RN at UCMC for nearly 28 years. I came to UC as a new grad and have built my career at UC. I have also worked doing home infusion therapy and hospice care for other employers. In addition, I have lead dozens of nursing students through their OB clinical for UC College of Nursing for 10 years. I previously served as Vice President for RNA for nearly 10 years (2000-2010). I was proud to serve our nurses. I served on many contract negotiation teams.

I would like to represent you, as Vice President, to serve UCMC nurses in uniting and organizing in order to gain a better working environment. I believe we are only as strong as our weakest link and so want to represent every member in the ongoing effectiveness of our union and foster a spirit of transparency that has been lacking in recent times. I would love to partner together to build a stronger, cohesive group of nurses to ensure improvements that benefit all RNs as well as our patients and the community we serve. Please consider casting your vote for me on November 7, 2017. When elected, I vow to work on your behalf to represent the very best in and for all of us. Thank you!

RNA Candidate Treasurer

Maria Caldwell:

My name is Maria Caldwell. I have been a nurse in the operating room at UCMC for the past 10 years. I have proudly served as Treasurer for RNA for the past term and would like to continue to serve as Treasurer for our union. I've appreciated the opportunities that I have been given as Treasurer. I enjoy talking to members and learning about their experiences throughout the hospital. In addition, I am the Staffing Coordinator on my unit and deal directly with the schedule.

Here are some other fun facts about myself! I graduated with my BSN from UC in 2007. I am in graduate school part-time at NKU to obtain my MSN. I have 2 dogs named Roxie and Ollie. In addition, I have a niece that I tend to spoil and I can't wait to take her shopping for school. Please consider voting for me as Treasurer!

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Cheryl Wigner:

BSN, RN, CNI at Holmes Hospital OR

I became employed at UCMC in 2009 after working here intermittently as a traveler since 1999. I am a preceptor for new OR nurses, a charge nurse, and chairman of Holmes Unit Based Council. I am a RNA Unit Organizer. I serve on the nominating committee for SONA. I am an elected ONA delegate to AFT for 2017-2019 as I was for 2015-2017, attending the bi-annual national convention to represent Ohio nurses regarding health care issues. I am also a delegate to AFL-CIO.

I would like to advocate for UCMC nurses to have a voice in our working conditions and explore solutions to all of the issues brought to the officers, especially staffing and safe patient care. I ask for your vote as RNA Treasurer.