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Executive Officer Changes

Our elected chairperson, Kendra Neel, RN, has given notice that she will be unable to complete her term as Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) Constituent Association (CA) 4 Chair-person.

- Terry Mershon-Samuelson, RN, vice-chairperson has accepted the responsibility to fulfill the chairperson duties.
- George Haefling, RN, has volunteered to accept the vice-chairperson position if so appointed.
- Our last meeting did not have a quorum for minute review or new business. Julie Olschwager had sent minutes to the committee and a request for the next meeting to be scheduled.
- It would be helpful to have a short meeting before the end of November to decide if the CA would like to contribute additional funds for raffle prizes at the Christmas party; Wednesday evenings after 1930 seem to work well. Stay tuned.

ONA Statewide Leadership Positions: Nominations Now Open!

Do you have a vision for the future of nursing in Oregon? Do you want to get involved and help make a difference for the field of nursing and help advocate for your patients on a statewide level? If so, ONA wants to hear from you!

ONA will be conducting a statewide election for officers and cabinet members this coming spring. The ONA Nominating Committee is currently looking for ONA members and leaders to self-nominate for openings.

The deadline for self-announcement including completion of all necessary paperwork is January 16, 2015.

[Please click here](#) to see the full list of open positions and learn how you can step up and help lead the Oregon Nurses Association into the future!

Congratulations to ONA Members Awarded 2014 ANF Research Grants!

Twenty-five nurse researchers dedicated to transforming the nation's health through the power of nursing are the recipients of more than \$240,000 in research grants from the American Nurses Foundation's (ANF) 2014 Nursing Research Grants Program.

This year, ANF awarded over \$247,400, a 33% increase over 2013. A new focus on clinical researchers at Magnet and non-Magnet facilities was added in 2014

with support from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Recipients were selected from amongst beginning and experienced nurse researchers from all across the country.

Please join us in congratulating two ONA members who were awarded an ANF nursing research grant this year! Margo Halm, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAHA, will be conducting research on the topic "Evaluation of the Impact of

EBP Education: Development of a Modified Fresno Test for Acute Care Nursing". Tracy Klein, PhD, FNP, ARNP, FAANP, FAAN, was awarded a grant for her topic "Nurse Practitioner Assessment and Management of Adolescent Concussion."

To see ANF's full news release with more details, [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 6

Join us at the Roxyann Winery for the 2nd Annual CA 4 - Rogue Regional Medical Center and PMMC Christmas Party

Party includes dinner, raffle and live music!

Seats are limited to one member and one guest. CA4 has been allotted a total of 30 seats.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Susan Bruce via email at Bruce@Oregonrn.org.



Date: Saturday, December 6, 2014

Time: 1830

Place: Roxyann Winery
3285 Hillcrest Rd
Medford, OR 97504



SAVE THE DATE: February 10, 2015 - ONA Lobby Day

Join ONA at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015 for ONA's 2015 Nurse Lobby Day. Every other year, nearly 300 nurses and nursing students from across the state come together at the State Capitol Building for Nurse Lobby Day to meet with legislators and advocate for issues that are important to you.

February's Nurse Lobby Day will focus on the need to make improvements to Oregon's Nurse Staffing Law. These improvements will empower direct-care nurses, enhance transparency and increase enforcement and accountability, resulting in better conditions for nurses and patients.

Register for ONA's 2015 Lobby Day to help make the staffing changes we need to protect nurses and patients.



ONA Nurse Lobby Day is open to all ONA members and student affiliates (Oregon Student Nurses Association members).

[Click here](#) to register for ONA's 2015 Lobby Day
[Click here](#) to sign ONA's Nurse Staffing Pledge

Election 2014: We Did It!



On Tuesday, November 4, Oregonians overwhelmingly elected nurse advocates to represent them at all levels of government. While every race didn't go exactly as we planned, after this election nurses and patients are in a better position to make improvements to Oregon's nurse staffing law, increase Oregonians'

access to quality health care and continue advancing nurses' practice.

Thank you for your support and for volunteering and voting to make our state a better place!

To learn more go to www.OregonRN.org and select the Government Relations tab or [Click here to view all of ONA's endorsements and results.](#)