

# SONA News



SONA News

June 2016

**Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association**

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## **A Note from the SONA President**

Over the past few years, SONA has continued to experience decreased participation of members in the operations and activities of the district. During the past two years, a few changes were implemented in an attempt to facilitate and improve member involvement via increased use of virtual communication technology, providing financial incentives such as covering room and registration fees for delegates to the ONA HOD, and conducted a fundraising project relevant to a present day RN issue. These changes were met with little success. SONA is not unique in this regard as the same is happening in many of the other districts. So, as directed by the 10/15 ONA HOD, the ONA Governance and Dues task force was formed to develop an organizational structure that better meets the needs of its members and set dues rates that will increase ONA's membership. This will be brought to the ONA 2017 HOD for discussion and vote. Until then, SONA needs to develop strategies on how to meet the expectations and increase participation of its members over the next two years. It's your dues so how can we accomplish this? Please submit your suggestions to [info@sonanet.org](mailto:info@sonanet.org).

## **The Health Collaborative CE Event**

The Health Collaborative is offering a CE event in June.

### **Human Trafficking: What Health Care Providers Should Know**

**When:** June 22, 2016  
9:00am -12:00 pm

**Where:** The Health Collaborative  
2100 Sherman Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45212

**Cost:** \$30/member, \$50 non-member  
\*SONA members are eligible for member price

Registration and agenda can be found at:

<http://healthcollab.org/june-22-human-trafficking-what-health-care-providers-should-know/>

**SONA Ballot for 2016**

ATTENTION! Candidate Bio's are enclosed. Make your ballot valid by placing your marked ballot in the ballot envelope enclosed and seal. **Do NOT identify yourself on this ballot envelope.** Place this ballot envelope into a mailing envelope addressed to SONA, 2330 Victory Parkway, Suite 303, Cincinnati, OH 45206. **Your name and return address must be on this mailing envelope.** Your ballot must be postmarked by July 2, 2016 to be counted.

**President**

6/16—6/18 (2 year term)

\_\_\_\_\_ Joylynn Daniels

Vote for one (1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer**

6/16—6/18(2 year term)

\_\_\_\_\_ Emily Blackwelder

Vote for one (1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Board of Directors**

6/16—6/18 (2 year term)

\_\_\_\_\_ Jean Anthony

Vote for three (3)

\_\_\_\_\_ Jillian Weber

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Weitzel

\_\_\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominating Committee**

6/16—6/17 (1 year term)

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Vote for three (3)

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## 2016 Candidate Bio's

### President:

#### **Joylynn Daniels, MPA, BES, BSN, RN**

As your current SONA President, I am asking to serve another two years in the position. During my many years as an association member, I have had the privilege to serve in many positions at the local, district, and state levels including local unit organizer and officer, SONA BOD, ONA BOD/committees/task forces, ONA representative on state wide committees, and ANA delegate. My experiences as a registered nurse have been in the roles of staff nurse, nurse manager, staff educator, and staff facilitator. Having retired from the work force as a staff nurse in 2014, I currently volunteer in the SONA Nurses Clinic at the Shelterhouse for homeless men. Currently my association involvement includes SONA President, ONA Governance and Dues task force member, ONA Staffing task force member, and one of the ONA representatives on the Ohio Action Coalition. I am asking for your support to continue in the role as SONA President for the next two years as there are both continued and new challenges facing SONA and ONA.

### Treasurer:

#### **Emily Blackwelder, BSN, RN**

Emily received her BSN from the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing. She has served on the SONA board for two years, one year as a board member and one year as Treasurer. Emily is a mother of five and a local small business owner. She is committed to the community and to the profession of nursing. Emily values SONA for the opportunity it gives us to work together to protect and advance nursing as a profession.

### Board of Directors:

#### **Jean Spann Anthony, PhD, RN** University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing Associate Professor

Jean Anthony received her BSN and MSN from the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and her PhD from George Mason University.

An active member of SONA, she has served on the SONA Board of Directors including 2 terms as Treasurer. Her research focuses on mental health, health disparities and health care decision-making. She is committed to nursing and the transformation of the profession as a member of the interprofessional health care team, and key collaborator in advancing patient care to improve health outcomes.

#### **Jillian Weber, MSN, RN, CNL** Cincinnati VA Medical Center, Staff Nurse Emergency Dept.

Ms. Weber is a PhD candidate and a Jonas Veterans Healthcare Scholar at the University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing. She received her BS in biology from Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina and her MSN in nursing with a certification as a clinical nurse leader from Xavier University. Jillian has been working at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center for nine years. Her current position is a staff nurse in the emergency department but she has previously worked as a clinical nurse leader on inpatient units. Ms. Weber's research involves chronic disease management among veterans who are homeless. She works to advocate for this vulnerable group and all veterans to improve their access to care and the quality of care they receive both within the VA system and in the community. Ms. Weber is an active member of multiple nursing organizations including Midwest Nursing Research Society, Emergency Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International, and the Ohio Nurses Association. She recently began serving on the Research and Grants committee for ONA and is excited about the opportunity to expand her nursing leadership experience and participate in the Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association.

#### **Robert Weitzel, BSN, RN** University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Neuro ICU

I was born and raised in Cincinnati Ohio, where I attended the University of Cincinnati and graduated with my BSN. I have been working at UCMC for the past 9 years in the Neuro ICU as a charge and staff nurse. The past two years I have served at Vice President of RNA. I am also involved in NEC, Article 11 subcommittee, LMC, and Grievance committee. I have been part of the most recent two negotiating teams at UCMC. I am a current board member for our Southern Ohio Nurses Association (SONA). I am a delegate for are national affiliate AFT in their Health Care Division. My goal moving forward is to continue SONA's reach out into the committee and continue our ongoing effort to keep all members active and engaged with SONA.

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**Mark Your Calendar...**

- June 22, 2016: The Health Collaborative **CE Event** Human Trafficking: What Health Care Providers Should Know
- July 2, 2016: SONA **2016 Election Ballot** due
- September 2016: SONA **Annual Meeting and CE Event-** more details to follow