

SONA News



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March 2018

Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association

A Note from the SONA President

Looking over the time I have served as your President, I would like to share my assessment of the current state of the district. SONA is the second largest district in the state and is financially stable. Hence, the number of members and money have not been obstacles facing SONA, but rather the lack of member participation at the local level while membership is not increasing. In trying to increase member involvement over the past four years, SONA has paid the registration and room expenses for its allotted 67 delegates to the ONA Convention. Unfortunately, the district was only able to fill less than half of the allotment each time. SONA has also held free CE events for its members, including meals, with the largest attendance at any one being 25 members out of over 1600. These issues are not unique to SONA as every district in the state is having the same problems. Therefore, the question becomes is the district currently a functioning unit of the state professional organization.

Even so, SONA's most visible presence has been at the state level where members continue to participate on ONA committees/commission, task force groups, legislative events, board of directors, and serve as delegates to ONA, ANA, AFT, and the now defunct NFN. More importantly, three of SONA's members are currently on ONA's Board of Directors – Brian Burger is the President of

ONA while Jeanette Porter and Robert Weitzel are Directors.

Therefore, the question becomes is SONA member participation migrating to the state level vs the district. If so, does this fit more with an ONA centralized structure.

At the October 2017 ONA House of Delegates (HOD), a recommendation was presented to change ONA to a centralized structure thereby eliminating districts. The recommendation came from a task force, with representatives from all the districts, that spent 18 months discussing and developing what structure could better serve its members. Since this would be a significant change to ONA, the HOD voted to place it on hold for further review and possible action before the next ONA Convention via a Special HOD. As a member of the task force, much thought was invested in arriving at this recommendation.

SONA's future depends on how and where its members want to interact within the professional organization.

These are the thoughts of your President. Let me know yours.

Joylynn Daniels, RN, BSN, BES, MPA

SONA Call for Nominations

SONA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**PRESIDENT
(9/18)**

Joylynn Daniels

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(9/19)**

Ildiko Sherman

**SECRETARY
(9/19)**

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(9/18)**

Emily Blackwelder

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Jean Anthony 9/18
Kathy Franklin 9/19
Deborah Schwytzer 9/19
Jillian Weber 9/18
Robert Weitzel 9/18

PAST PRESIDENT

Deborah Schwytzer

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jill Claire

The SONA Nominating Committee invites you to submit your name as a candidate for one of the following leadership positions in the Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association. This is an opportunity to serve your profession and have an impact on its future, to participate in decisions related to nursing and health care, to learn the inner workings of the professional organization at the district and state levels, and to influence the image of nursing.

**Terms of office are for two years:
September 2018 - September 2020**

PRESIDENT

To be eligible for the office of the president a nominee must currently or have previously served on the Executive Board or Board of Directors and be an active member of SONA; Shall chair the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee; Presides over meetings of SONA; Provides for the recording of minutes, the completion of required reports and maintenance of official records; May delegate assignments to the officers and Board of Directors; and serves as SONA representative to the ONA Leadership Forum. The president shall be designated as a delegate to the ONA Convention and is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

TREASURER

Assure payment of bills of the district approved by the Board of Directors; Provide a fiscal report to the membership and to the Board of Directors;

(Treasurer Cont.) Keep financial records to allow an audit; Balance and reconcile revenues and expenses; Report to the Board of Directors the financial standing of SONA at each BOD meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(3 To be elected)

Members meet every month to transact the business of the Association in accordance with its mission and purposes; act as liaisons to standing committees; initiate action on a variety of professional issues of personal/professional interest; communicate action and direct recommendations for action to SONA committees and ONA Board of Directors when needed.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

(3 to be elected)

Members prepare a slate of candidates for election which is then submitted to the SONA Board and general membership for completion; facilitate the mail ballot voting by membership; determine election results; and notify membership of results. This is a one year term.

Interested individuals should submit your name by completing the Consent-to-Serve form below and return it by *May 20 2018*, with your bio. The slate will be finalized and sent out for a vote with May newsletter.

Email to: info@sonanet.org

Mail:

**SONA
2330 Victory Parkway, Suite 303
Cincinnati, OH 45206
Fax: 513-939-2653**

Questions? Call 513-939-2652

Yes, I consent to serve if elected to...

_____ President
_____ Treasurer

_____ Board of Directors
_____ Nomination Committee

My Area of Practice is:

_____ Administration _____ Consultant _____ Education _____ Other
_____ Practice _____ Research _____ Retired

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail address: _____

Signature: _____

Consent form and bio due by **May 20, 2018** to: SONA, 2330 Victory Parkway, Suite 303, Cincinnati, OH 45206

Upcoming Events

National Nurses Week

Nursing: Inspire, Innovate, Influence is the theme for this year's National Nurses Week. It is held each year from May 6th (National Nurses Day) through May 12th (Florence Nightingale's birthday).

ONA Hosts Nurses Choice Awards Luncheon

The Nurses Choice Awards & Scholarship Luncheon will be held on **April 27, 2018**. It is hosted by the Ohio Nurses Association and will be held at the Blackwell Hotel and Conference Center at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

The Nurses Choice Awards are given annually to individuals, organizations, and media cam-

paigns that have made a significant contribution to the nursing profession.

Nominations for the awards are due **March 9, 2018**. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

If you are interested in attending the luncheon, SONA will be sponsoring a table. The first 8 members who respond can go as SONA's guest. Please contact the SONA office if

you would like to attend at 513-426-6582 or [in-fo@sonanet.org](mailto:info@sonanet.org).

Full details about the event can be found [HERE](#).

The most active local committee for SONA has been the Human Rights Committee which operated the Nurses Clinic (two hours a week) at the Drop Inn Center/Barron Center since the mid 1990's. Unfortunately, the clinic closed in August 2017 due to lack of sufficient nurse volunteers. The committee has been discussing other ways to continue supporting the health care of the poor and homeless over the past few months. It has been decided to volunteer with other groups doing similar work via short term events. Therefore, the following is the first group and event SONA would like to support. Please take this opportunity to volunteer and carry on the work of the Human Rights Committee. Let SONA know ASAP if you are interested in participating or already volunteered.

Volunteer Opportunity!!

Health Expo

The Center for Closing the Health Gap is hosting its 15th annual Health Expo on **April 28, 2018**. The mission of this group is leading the efforts to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in Greater Cincinnati through advocacy, education, and community outreach.

Opportunities to help with health care screenings can be scheduled at various times and locations on 4/28/18.

If you are interested in volunteering and more information, please contact closingthegap@uhealth.com.



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Mark Your Calendar...

- April 27, 2018: ONA **Nurses Choice Awards Luncheon**
- May 6-12, 2018: **National Nurses Week**
- May 20, 2018: SONA **Consent to Serve and Bio's due**



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