



UPDATES AND INFORMATION

ONa Central and the Hospital Central Negotiating Committee has recently completed the work of putting together the proposals for our next round of central collective agreement negotiations with the OHA. Using over 11000 completed Have a Say surveys received from you, the members, as our guide the proposals were generated and will be reviewed over the coming days before being presented at the bargaining table in March. Updates and information will be provided as ONa bargains in good faith with the OHA, despite the restrictions placed on us by the regressive, misogynistic, and obstructive government we currently have.

We, as The Ottawa Hospital bargaining unit, will also be returning to the bargaining table and in preparation for that we will be sending out our own survey in the near future with the intention of using your answers to help guide the proposals we hope to take to our employer.

The Negotiations Committee for our bargaining unit still needs a part time representative for the Civic Campus. If you are part time and your home campus is the Civic, please submit your expression of interest as soon as possible to Local083office@ona.org. The form can be found on our website. We are in the process of scheduling some education prior to the start of negotiations. Dates and times to be determined.

Nurses Week is fast approaching, and despite Covid and the restrictions it continues to place on all that we do, we are looking forward to being able to celebrate with you. We are in the process of planning events and celebrations that will bring us together, entertain and recognize you.

ONA Education opportunities are available to all ONA members and are listed on the ONA central website. All education is currently being offered via zoom and because of this our Bargaining Unit Policies (4.18) have been changed to reflect this and now state the following:

Members are entitled to apply and take ONA e-learning up to a maximum of 15 hours/year that the local will reimburse. Registration must be done through the office and all appropriate paperwork including proof of attendance is to be submitted to the Local Treasurer within 2 weeks (14 days) of the date of the education. All paperwork may be scanned, mailed, or dropped off at the Bargaining Unit office. No faxes or pictures of the paperwork will be accepted.

Unless several courses are available on the same day union leave will not be granted for these e-learning educational opportunities.

As we move out from under the restrictions we have been under and cautiously move towards 'orange' again, the bargaining unit office has been re-opened. Your site VP's continue to access their emails regularly. Please remember that they are also working on the frontlines with you and will answer your questions and concerns as quickly as possible.

If you have recently changed your personal contact information, please let us know. TOH does not forward this information onto us or ONA central.

Stay safe. Stay well.

Yours in Solidarity

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