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## Spring @ the Bing

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring@ the Bing CE event this year was a great success. Our *Conversation About Opioids* event topic drew a crowd of almost 100 attendees. Our largest attendance at a CNE activity in many years. Dr. Jody Hurt kicked off the event with a discussion on

understanding the 'person' who presents addicted that widened the views of many attendees who find themselves caring for patients with addictions. Sherriff Detectives James Clark, Mark Edwards, and Jacob Smith, from the HOPE Task Force provided the audience with an overview of their lives on the street -handling overdoses and reaching out to those with addictions to provide education and resources. They shared with us after the presentation that this was the first community-based presentation they had done. We would have never known it!!! Many attendees remarked on their evaluations that these three could have spoken for the entire evening, they had so much to share! Our own Nancie Bechtel, Asst. Health Commissioner at Columbus Public Health Department closed the evening by sharing some startling statistics about opioid/fentanyl/heroin usage and deaths in Ohio. The statistics were not good, Ohio indeed has a drug addiction problem. Big shout out to the CE Planning Committee for such a thought provoking and educational event!

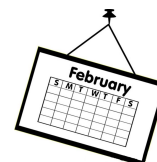
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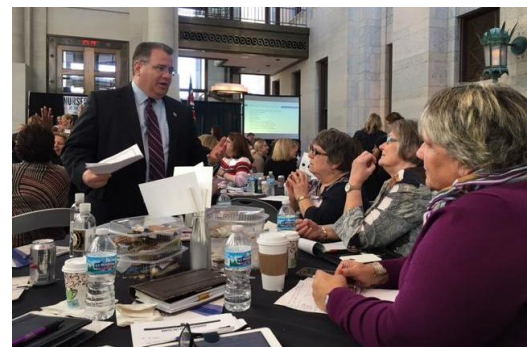
## In Memorium

Carol Brandt, RN passed away on March 4, 2017

Sandra Bennett, ONA Communications Director (retired) passed away on March 26, 2017



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## Proposed ByLaws Revisions - MODNA

In November of this past year our bylaws committee, led by Chair David Shields, began a top to bottom review of our association's bylaws. The bylaws committee consulted with each of MODNA's board and each of its standing committees to solicit feedback on any needed changes in the sections of the bylaws supporting their work.

A summary of the bylaw changes proposed by this committee and approved by our board are as follows. Many of the changes made were grammatical in nature and some section items were combined or moved to a different area. A full copy of the proposed bylaw changes with all deletions, revisions, and/or additions noted can be accessed on our website: [www.modna.org](http://www.modna.org).

### Summary of Proposed Changes:

#### **Article 1**

Section 4 **NAME, PURPOSE, AND FUNCTIONS** Updates language in current set of MODNA functions.

#### **Article VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1 Definition of Board. Changes composition of board director's seats to allow for one seat to be designated for a collective bargaining member. Seat can be filled by a non-collective bargaining member if unable to be filled by a collective bargaining member.

#### **Article IX ELECTIONS**

Section 1 Eligibility. Deletes language related to special interest group participation. Adds new language limiting the number of board seats a candidate can run for during an election to one seat.

Section 3 The Ticket. Adds new language to further clarify current process regarding presentation of the nomination ticket to the Board of Directors and then to the membership.

Section 6 Voting. This section was updated to allow for use of electronic ballots and voting formats to be used in addition to paper ballots. Removed outdated teller language.

**Article X Standing Committees** Functions. Revises language to require Committee Chair to submit annual report. Old language simply required the committee to submit an annual report.

Section 6 Bylaws Committee. Changes language to require committee to meet annually to review bylaws for any needed changes. Deleted special interest group language.

- Section 8 Finance Committee. Changes language to only require the past treasurer to serve on this committee for a period of one year following term of office.
- Section 11 Scholarship/Awards Committee. Updates language to include responsibility for selection of this award recipient.
- Section 12 Nursing Transitions Initiative Committee. New section to recommend the addition of this committee as one of MODNA's standing committees. Purpose of committee is to provide support for nurses in professional role transitions with a primary focus on new nurses entering the profession. This committee has been working as an ad hoc committee for the past two years.

**Article XI Special Interest Groups.** This entire article has been deleted as special interest groups are no longer recognized in our bylaws.

Please submit any suggested changes or considerations to these proposed by laws changes to [modna@modna.org](mailto:modna@modna.org) by May 1, 2017. All proposed changes to the bylaws will be voted on by members during our Annual Dinner the evening of May 10, 2017.

**Thank you to Bylaws Committee members: Jeanette Chambers, Debbie Freece, Barbara Bradley, Terry Pope, and David Shields**

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## **Planning Calendar**

April 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, 5:30 pm; MODNA Office, 2nd floor Conference Room

April 13<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning Committee meeting, 2:00 pm; MODNA Office

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm; MODNA Office

May 4<sup>th</sup> Deadline to register for Annual Dinner Meeting

May 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting @ Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center,  
1630 Schrock Road, Columbus 43229