



# Professionally Speaking

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## President's Message



Dear Colleagues

By now you should have received an email regarding the MODNA elections. The website you should look for is [mod@votingplace.net](mailto:mod@votingplace.net). If you can't find it in your inbox, look in your spam mail. By voting, you are making your voice heard and registering your opinion on how you think the association should operate. Please refer to July's edition of Professionally Speaking to meet the candidates on the 2018 MODNA ballot. Please take time to read the candidates statements and vote for the most qualified candidates that will continue MODNA's mission and vision.

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, MODNA will be holding their 2018 Nurses Vote! Candidates Forum. Always a well-attended event – by statehouse candidates, nurses and students. I want to thank the Legislative Committee members in advance for all their hard work on this event. During the forum, candidates are asked questions on topics such as safe staffing, the opioid crisis, workforce related concerns, and how they will work with nurses if elected. Hope to see you there!

Lastly, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as The Mid-Ohio District Nurses Association President for the past 4 years. I would like to thank my officers, committee chairs and all MODNA members who participated in committees and events. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you and I appreciate all that you do! Without you, there would not be a MODNA!! I would like to thank Terry Pope, MODNA Executive Director, for all of her dedication, guidance, and inspiration throughout the last 4 years. Shirley Funt, Administrative Assistant for MODNA, is the glue that keeps MODNA together and I am so glad to have had the pleasure of working with her.

Sincerely,

Barb Welch, MS, RN  
MODNA President

## MODNA Board Update

The MODNA board met on August 8 to review our year end performance, evaluate our financial data, and recognize retiring board members. Led by President Barb Welch, our organization has had a great past two years – we have seen increases in membership, new committees formed, participation increases and modest increases in our financial reserves. THANK YOU to those board members whose terms expire at the end of August: Barb Welch – 6 years, David Shields – 8 years, Christine Frank-Scott – 4 years, Kim Ebright – 4 years, Kathy Fernandez – 2 years, Marilyn Webster – 2 years, and Phyllis Scheiderer – 2 years.



Seated l-r: David Shields, Barb Welch, Paula Anderson, Christine Scott-Frank; standing l-r: Marilyn Webster, Kathy Fernandez, Therese Snively, Kim Ebright, Ferly Powers, Taryn Hill; not in picture: Barbara Bradley, Sharon Parker, Phyllis Scheiderer



Outgoing Board Members: David Shields, Marilyn Webster, Kathy Fernandez, Kim Ebright, Barb Welch, Christine Frank-Scott

## Committee Updates

### Nursing Transitions Committee

The committee met on Aug 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the low registration and cancellation of their Aug 9<sup>th</sup> #HealthyNurse #HealthyLife event at Homestead Park. The committee decided to interview students as to the best time of year to offer the event. The committee hopes to offer this event again sometime in 2019. The committee then turned to completing final planning for the Sept 20<sup>th</sup> #NurseLife #AmIReady event for senior nursing students. Next meeting is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. — Chair: Kaitlyn Kolcun

### Legislation Committee

Planning during the July committee meeting focused on the 2018 Nurses Vote! Candidates Forum to be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at The Point on the Otterbein University campus. This is a great opportunity to find out how your district candidate for the statehouse feels about nursing and health care related legislative issues. It's always a well attended event. Free to all nurses and nursing students. Register at [modna@modna.org](mailto:modna@modna.org). — Chair: Kay Ball

Our **Ad Hoc Committee**, charged with evaluating and recommending areas of community involvement for MODNA, is scheduled to meet again on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The committee would appreciate your input!! What types of community activities/causes would you like to see us support and/or get involved in?? Send your thoughts to [modna@modna.org](mailto:modna@modna.org). — Chair: Sally Morgan

## MODNA Election Period



MODNA's annual leadership election period is from August 1 - August 14. All MODNA members should have received a MODNA ballot via email in the early am of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to cast your vote! If you are interested in serving on the MODNA board of directors or Nominations Committee and DID NOT previously request to have your name added to the ballot, you can still 'write-in' your name when you vote. Be sure to cast your vote before the end of the day on August 14<sup>th</sup>!

**MODNA's Nomination Committee will meet August 22<sup>nd</sup> to tabulate and determine the final results.**

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# 2018 Nurses Vote! Candidates Forum

The Mid-Ohio District Nurses Association

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## 2018 Nurses Vote! Candidates Forum

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

6:00—6:20 PM Meet & Greet  
(Dessert Bar)

6:20 – 6:30 Welcome, Introduction, Awards  
6:30—8:00 pm Panel Discussion

The Point  
Otterbein University  
60 Collegeview Road  
Westerville, OH 43081

All RNs and Nursing Students Welcome to Attend

Please RSVP no later than September 20th your interest in attending.  
(614) 326-1630 or [modna@modna.org](mailto:modna@modna.org)



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## Planning Calendar

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> MODNA Board, 5:30 pm; MODNA Office

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Last day for MODNA voting**

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Continuing Education Committee meeting, 5:00 pm; MODNA Office

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Nomination Committee meeting, 5:00 pm; MODNA Office

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Ad Hoc Committee meeting, 5:30 pm; MODNA Office

Sep 12<sup>th</sup> Legislative Committee meeting, 5:30 pm; MODNA Office

Sep 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 Nurses Vote! Candidates Forum, 6:00 – 8:00 pm; The Point, Otterbein University,  
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