



# Professionally Speaking

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## Executive Director Message

Dear Fellow Nurses,

During this tumultuous time we would like to thank all the nurses and healthcare workers who are risking their own well being to care for their patients.

While most of the population is staying at home away from the general public to protect themselves, our nurses and healthcare workers are answering the call to serve their communities and state to care for all Ohioians. Thru out our history nurses and healthcare workers have always answered the call to serve during times of crisis. Clear communication, collaboration, resilience and innovation will be the key to successfully navigating the challenges of COVID-19.

WE STAND WITH YOU AND WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF ALL NURSES!

Sincerely,

Rick Lucas  
MODNA President  
and  
Paula Anderson  
MODNA Executive Director

## Committee Reports

**Board**—Barbara Welch was approved for the position of secretary. There is still a vacant Board seat. If interested in serving, please notify Rick Lucas (rich.souno@outlook.com) or call the MODNA Office (614-326-1630).

The Board voted to donate the following:

1. Debbie Cannon Freece Scholarship Fund—\$25,000
2. Dorothy Cornelius Scholarship Fund—\$5,000

## Committee Reports continued

3. Ohio Nurses Foundation for Moral Injury—\$4,500
4. OSUNO for Nurses Day—\$12,000

**Awards & Scholarships**—Eleven scholarship applications were submitted to the MODNA Office. These are now with the committee for review and award decisions.

**Continuing Education**—The 8th Annual for Their Health—*Resilience*, scheduled for March 25th has been postponed. *Men's Health* and *Teen Vaping* are being considered for later in the year.

**Finance Committee**—Nurses who have successfully achieved their certification for the first time are receiving a \$100 reimbursement. Thirty-five nurses were reimbursed between October and December 2019; eleven were reimbursed in January and February 2020. To receive the reimbursement, a copy of the certificate needs to be sent to MODNA at [modna@modna.org](mailto:modna@modna.org).

**Legislative Committee**—At their recent meeting, members reviewed and discussed the various bills in the House and Senate. They will continue to monitor and make recommendations.

**New Nurse Initiatives**—The committee sponsored **#NewNurseLife** for senior nursing students on February 18th at LaScala. Preceptees and preceptors were the main topics for discussion. Pam Dickerson facilitated the discussion. As future events are planned, the committee plans to do some collaboration with ONA and their *New Nurse Network*.



## Tell Congress to increase personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution now

Action Alert: Our nurses have been experiencing severe shortages in personal protective equipment (PPE) as they work on the frontlines to provide vital care to COVID-19 patients. Tell your member of Congress to do everything to

protect our nurses! **CONTACT YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS (<https://p2a.co/7XuW9of>)**

### In Memorium

Linda Pape, RN, pioneer in Parish Nursing passed away on October 26, 2019

Barbara Weaver, RN, Capital University CON Professor, passed away on November 6, 2019

Martha Deibel, RN, passed away on November 16, 2019

Delores Streng Teleski, RN, passed away on November 22, 2019

Sue E Butterfield, RN, passed away on December 8, 2019

A great friend to nurses, Representative Don Manning passed away on Friday, March 20, 2020 at the age of 59. He introduced our No Mandation Bill.

Condolences to family and friends of those listed above.



**4,126**  
**Active MODNA Members**

### Planning Calendar

**In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, MODNA committee meetings will be conducted via conference call. Schedule is subject to change. Committee members will be**

<b>Mar 25<sup>th</sup></b>	CE Program— <b>POSTPONED</b>
<b>Apr 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	New Nurse Initiatives Committee meeting— <b>POSTPONED</b>
<b>Apr 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Continuing Education Committee meeting @ 5:00 pm
<b>Apr 15<sup>th</sup></b>	MODNA Board meeting @ 5:30 pm (note change of date)
<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Finance Committee meeting @ 5:30 pm
<b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Annual Dinner Meeting— <b>POSTPONED</b> . Scholarship recipients will be notified and awards will
<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Legislative Committee meeting @ 5:30 pm

**ONA has **CANCELLED** or **POSTPONED** the following:**

- Nurses Choice Luncheon
- Nurses 5K run

## **Special Announcements from MODNA**

Mid-Ohio District Nurses Association employees will be limiting the hours they are physically present in the building during this health crisis.

We will be checking our email every day. If you call and leave a message, will get a transcript in our email.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our annual dinner, but I think Flo would understand. The scholarship recipients will receive notification in May. We are considering having the Annual Dinner in August.

Since the ONF's two money raisers (Nurses Choice Awards Luncheon and the 5K run) have been postponed/cancelled, it is suggested that those who had planned to attend these events still donate money to the ONF. Checks can be made out to Ohio Nurses Foundation and mailed to Ohio Nurses Foundation, 3760 Ridge Mille Dr, Hilliard, OH 43026.