



Professionally Speaking

Executive Director's Message

As I write this I can't help but think how stressful life has become since March, 2020. The disappointment of graduating seniors not to have a prom or graduation ceremonies-hardship on families when they were unable to say good-bye to their love ones as they were dying.

The burdens brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic are far from being resolved, in fact, we are beginning to see a rise in cases. Many individuals are not following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended advice on wearing masks and social distancing even going so far as to make it a political issue!

COVID-19 has brought to the forefront racial inequities in health care. We as nurses have an obligation to advance the health of all people, we must actively address racism by calling it out when we see it; stand up for our colleagues who experience it; work to change policies in our educational institutions, organizations, and workplaces; and voting out those who allow it to thrive. Everyone deserves to feel respected, have a job that pays a living wage, and feel safe in their community. For too long there have been too many words and too many statements, now is the time to take action and stand up for what is right for all people.

August 18, 2020 was the 100th anniversary of the passing the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. November 3rd please exercise that right - study the candidates and vote not along party lines, but for the candidates who will stand up for all Americans.

Paula Anderson
MODNA Executive Director

MODNA Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected Board Members:

- President:
 - ◆ Richard Lucas
- 1st Vice President:
 - ◆ Holly Rowe
- Treasurer:
 - ◆ Robert Bowers
- Board Members:
 - ◆ Candace Clark
 - ◆ Joyce Cox
 - ◆ Amy Pompeii
 - ◆ Alexander Watts

Members elected to the Nominations Committee:

- Kaitlyn Kolcun, Chair
- Cristina Garinger
- Pam Garlinghouse
- Kelly Evans - completing the term of a committee member who resigned

Jeri Milstead is the fifth member of the nominating committee. Her term ends in 2021.

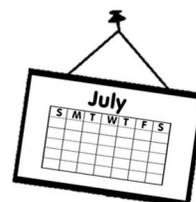
Retiring Board Members

Many thanks to our retiring Board Members

- Christine Frank-Scott
- Taryn Hill
- Lukas Killian

In Memoriam

Phyllis Scheiderer, BSN, RN,
LNC, CCHP-A on Aug 3, 2020



4,019
Active Members

Legislative Candidates' Forum

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MODNA will not be hosting the popular Candidates' Forum this year. Instead a letter with questions is being sent to the candidates. The questions ask for the candidates' ideas and views on healthcare issues. The responses will be shared with you via email prior to the election. As Paula mentioned earlier, VOTE on November 3rd!

New Nurse Initiative Committee Report

The committee met on August 20th to plan their next event, **#NurseLife #NCLEXReady**. This free virtual Happy Hour Event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for senior nursing students or those who graduated during COVID-19. There will be a fun NCLEX question review. Registration is required (smfunt@modna.org) and is limited to 50. Please share the information which can be found on our website (modna.org/NewNurseResources) with anyone you know in the target audience.

Board of Directors

The Board met on Wednesday, August 12th. Outgoing Board members were thanked for their service to MODNA. The financial health of the organization was discussed. MODNA's Fiscal Policies & Procedures were adopted pending the updates. The possibility of funding research grants was discussed; information will be forthcoming at the next Board meeting. The Mid-Ohio Foodbank and Debbie Cannon Freece Scholarship, per unanimous votes, will each receive donations of \$2500. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm. A new Board member orientation will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 7th at 5:30 pm.

Planning Calendar

Sep 9th	Legislative Committee meeting, 5:30 pm via Zoom
Sep/Oct	CE Committee meeting, 5:00 pm; date/location TBA
Oct 1st	New Nurse Initiative Committee meeting, 5:30 pm; location TBA
Oct 14th	Board meeting, 5:30 pm; location TBA
Nov 4th	Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm; location TBA
Nov 11th	Legislative Committee meeting, 5:30 pm; location TBA
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