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## “Taking the Leading Role”

2009 ONA Convention

MODNA will be well represented at the 2009 ONA Convention to be held October 15-18, 2009 in Independence, Ohio. Hosted by the Greater Cleveland Nurses Association MODNA's 104 Delegates and Alternates will convene with 246 other ONA members to conduct the business of the association, attend continuing education sessions on emerging health care issues, and celebrate the accomplishments of our profession and our nurse members who contribute greatly to our practice.

MODNA's Program Coordinator, Kathleen Morris, will be inducted as a member into the Cornelius Congress at a ceremony to be held October 15<sup>th</sup>. Kathleen staffs our Continuing Education/Program Planning Committee and assists in the development of educational programming for MODNA. In her full-time role as ONA's Director of Nursing Practice she authors an outstanding column on nursing practice issues in each edition of the *Ohio Nurses Review*. Her passion is environmental health issues and she has led many continuing education programs on related topics.

MODNA President Sally Morgan will lead our delegation. A Delegate/Alternate meeting will be held September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see page 11 for “The Convention Experience” information.

MODNA members are “taking the leading role” and have consented to serve if elected to the following offices:

### ONA

<b>President:</b> Paula Anderson	<b>Director, structured:</b> Mary Wilson
<b>Secretary:</b> Emily Carey	<b>Nominating Committee:</b> Angela Cannon

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	Sally Morgan	Tracy Ruegg
	Phyllis Scheiderer	Marilyn Webster
	Mary Wilson	
<b>Unspecified:</b>	Debbie Freese	

MODNA Volunteers will staff our booth in the “Avenue of Issues”. We will highlight our activities of this past biennium and offer “I’m an RN” promotional items for sale.

For more information regarding convention business: awards celebrations, the bylaws forum, continuing education programming, exhibit hall and poster sessions, reference proposals and the finance hearing access [www.ohnurses.org](http://www.ohnurses.org).



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# President's MESSAGE



Many of you have read about my dad in the newsletter and have been very kind to ask about him. I have sometimes cited my dad's point of view, which include many of the principles and standards on which I have based my career and my life. My dad had an inoperable aortic aneurysm for many years and it finally began to leak. Being an RN who had previously worked with patients with aortic aneurysms, I knew what to expect. I am not sure if that information helps or hurts when the patient is your dad. As Dad became ill, he was transported to the local hospital emergency department. Unfortunately, the ED doctor insisted that he be transported to another hospital instead of just keeping him comfortable.

I was still in Columbus so I went to the OSUMC Emergency Department to wait for the helicopter to arrive. From the moment I entered the ED, I was blessed by the presence of nurses - nurses who kept me informed of what was happening in the helicopter and nurses who saw that I needed a hug while I waited. I saw skilled nurses who were ready to care for my dad when he arrived, nurses who supported me when I made the decision to end life support, and nurses who sensed when I needed to be alone with my dad and my husband.

How do you ever write these qualities in a job description or explain to others what nurses do or how they touch the lives of so many people everyday? I can only tell you how thankful I am for those nurses who were there for me that day in June. I hope that I can be as compassionate and caring to my patients as they were to me.

I thank the many of you who sent cards, flowers, and kind thoughts and prayers to me and my family. I truly have appreciated all of your support these last few years.

*Sally W. Morgan, APRN, BC*  
President

# Bylaws Changes Approved

The following Bylaws were amended at our May 13th Annual Dinner

Number/Current Bylaws	Proposed Change	Rationale
<p><b>1. Article I: NAME PURPOSE ANDFUNCTIONS</b>  Section 1: Name  a)... to include the counties of: Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Madison, Pickaway, and Union.</p> <p>b) Mission Statement: To promote the profession of Registered Nurses</p> <p>c) Goals of the Association: (1) to support the "community" of Registered Nurses and (2) to promote the practice of professional nursing.</p>	<p>a)...to include the counties of Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union.</p> <p>b) delete Mission Statement</p> <p>c) Delete goals of the Association</p>	<p>a) To comply with ONA Board Action that added Logan County members in our District 1-1-09.</p> <p>b) Mission Statement shuld not be a part of the Bylaws. To be in concert and with ONA/ANA Bylaws.</p> <p>c) Goals of the Association should not be a part of the Bylaws. To be concert with ONA/ANA Bylaws.</p>
<p><b>2. Article XI: MEMBERS &amp; DUES</b>  Section 7: Honorary Recognition  MODNA Honorary Recognition may be conferred upon any professional Registered Nurse, upon recommendation by the Board of Directors of MODNA, who was maintained membership in ANA for a period of forty years and has rendered distinguished service. The district dues will be waived and ONA and ANA dues paid by MODNA.</p>	<p>MODNA Honorary Recognition may be conferred upon any professional Registered Nurse, upon recommendation by the Board of Directors of MODNA, who has rendered distinguished services. The district dues will be waived and ONA and ANA dues paid by MODNA.</p>	<p>Due to changes in recording software over the years, historic years of membership may not be accurate.</p>
<p><b>3. Article XVII: DISSOLUTION</b></p>	<p>Article XVII Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution of MODNA, any cash pertinent documents, or real assets accumulated by MODNA will become the property of the designated goup or agency as voted by the membership and approved by the MODNA and ONA Boards of Directors.</p>	<p>Establish a procedure to maintain records and distribute assets in the event MODNA were to dissolve.</p>

## **“I’m An RN” Trademark Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Thirteen years ago MODNA’s Board of Directors created an Informational Task Force. Their charge was to develop a marketing campaign to highlight the role of registered nursing in central Ohio, The RN Awareness Campaign. Working with Clary Communications’, Sandy Clary, the team of June Creek, Chair; Lorna Blair, Mary Jane O’Brien, Rosa Lee Weinert and Ann Whitlatch developed a 5 year plan. A trademark badge was created using the Nightingale lamp as its anchor. An accompanying pocket sized card that defines the practice of nursing according to Ohio Law ORC 4723 was created.

The badge and card have received national attention and were featured in an article in ANA’s, *The American Nurse*. Since its inception the badges and cards have been worn and sold at all ANA House of Delegates Meetings. Health care organizations across the country have purchased bulk quantities of the badges and cards to distribute to their nurses during National Nurses Week.

MODNA has presented each active MODNA volunteer with an annual gift that features the “I’m an RN” trademark.

Most importantly, the committee created the “Expert in Nursing Care” Award. This annual award was created to recognize outstanding Registered Nurses that demonstrate the five values of an expert in nursing care in her/his practice: compassion, competence, conscience, confidence, and commitment.

The following nurses have been so honored:

1999: Nancy Rini, Anna M. Smith  
2000: Ann Maddox  
2001: Joyce A. Cox  
2002: Nancy Earls, Tracy L. Sturtz  
2003: Michelle Trunick-Sebben  
2004: Margaret K. Burns  
2005: Paula K. Anderson  
2006: Erin Bates, Cheri Bragg  
2007: Karen Ann Mitchell  
2008: Lynette M. Roush  
2009: Betty Hriesik

Last October, the President of the Oklahoma Nurses Association, Karen Tomajan, requested permission to publish the badge and card in her book on the image of nursing, *Our Image, Our Choice*. She stated, “I think the card is a terrific tool to help educate others on the real role of the nurse.”

Thank you to our members who created this campaign, members who have promoted the “I’m an RN” products and to colleagues who have embraced this campaign to pronounce: “I’m an RN – An Expert in Nursing Care”!

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