

TREASURER

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION
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NOMINEE FOR: TREASURER



Bernadette (Bernie) Robinson

Local 49

Region 2

Local and Bargaining Unit Leadership positions served in:

I have served the Ontario Nurses Association membership in a variety of roles during my 7 years on the Board of Directors. I currently hold the position of Region 2 Vice President. Since July of 2023 I have held the VP portfolio of Local Finance, I held the VP of Education portfolio from January of 2018 to June of 2023. I was appointed as the Chair of ONA's Quality Committee at its inception in 2020 until July of 2023 when I joined the Governance and Nominations committee because of a change in Board portfolios. During our implementation of ONA's Strategic Plan I took part in the working group that developed our Accountability Framework. In all of these roles I have supported and worked with members and leaders by providing guidance and mentorship. I have raised their issues and voices to regional and provincial levels for resolution or action.

In November 2022 to April 2023, after being appointed by our Board of Directors, I had the unique opportunity to serve as ONA's Interim President. This was an amazing experience. Interacting with our members, leaders, staff, other unions, labour leaders and government officials on a provincial level provided me with even greater insight into the struggles we are facing as a union and the success we can achieve when we are united front. I am especially proud of our members' responses and participation in the actions during 2023 hospital bargaining.

I have been the ONA representative on the Ontario Federation of Labour, First Nation Metis and Inuit Committee for the past 7 years.

In my clinical experience as a Registered Nurse at St. Francis Memorial Hospital since 1984 I have worked both FT and PT in every facet of this small busy rural setting. My experience is broad due to the opportunities in this setting and includes work in Acute and Emergency Care, Long Term Care, Dialysis, Telemedicine, nursing outpatient clinic doing treatments, assessments and pre-op consultations. I lead the wound and skin team at the

hospital for many years and took part in a regional wound committee. I worked concurrently as a community nurse for several years. With this varied background I can appreciate many of our member's situations in all sectors

I became an active engaged ONA member in 1986 when our Bargaining Unit joined ONA. I served in almost all Bargaining Unit Positions including Bargaining Unit President, Vice President and long term on our BU negotiating team, unit rep and as FAC member. Prior to becoming Region 2 Vice President I was the Local Coordinator for 9 years and the Local Secretary/Treasurer for 10 years. I have served on several Provincial Committees including the 2016 Hospital Central Negotiating Team, Complaints panel, Election team and PCM design team. ONA's in-house educational opportunities provided me with the history, knowledge and skill development that I continue to draw on today.

In my personal time, my husband and I love spending time with our family, particularly our children and grandchildren. We spend many hours baking, crafting, camping, hunting, fishing and enjoying the lakes and outdoors around our rural home.