

Board of Directors Nominee Article

Date: April 20, 2025

Name: Laura Hanninen

Nominee For: Vice-President, Region 5

As a frontline nurse for almost 30 years, I have watched the decline of public health care as a direct result of deliberate underfunding by corrupt government parties. The increase in patient acuity, lack of adequate staffing and constant threat of violence in our workplaces has lead me to embrace my leadership role within ONA. As an experienced nurse who has been battle hardened by surviving the challenges that constant change brings, I believe I possess the strength to lead our members through the tumultuous battles ahead. I believe our unity is our strength and the key to our success. I hope to build Region 5 into a super power within the province. United, strong and fierce!

I have been on the local negotiating team for three contracts, gaining impressive improvements each round. I contribute our success to the teamwork and comradery we developed. I have been the Grievance Chair securing a slew of successes upholding our members rights and holding the Employer accountable. I currently enjoy a position on the Provincial Quality Member Services committee.

I value integrity and resilience. I promise I will always answer your call. I am dedicated to my members and have a reputation for “getting it done!” I pride myself on being accessible and responsive to my members. I have made great improvements in my hospital in my short tenure as BUP because I refuse to be intimidated. I will fight for my members and maintain their collective agreement rights. I look forward to learning how to help support each and every sector and local in Region 5.

As the Political Action Lead I have traveled the province to rally in support of all sectors and I can’t wait to stand with all of you!!!

Laura Hanninen

Signature of Nominee