



# Ohio Nurses Association Fact Sheet

## *A Powerful Network of Remarkable Nurses*

The Ohio Nurses Association (ONA) is the representative and voice of more than 160,000 registered nurses in Ohio. ONA is here to promote, protect and progress all nurses on both an individual and a collective level. ONA is a state constituent of the American Nurses Association and American Federation of Teachers.

The association was founded in 1904 to secure Ohio's Nurse Practice Act, and ONA has worked as the premier advocate and leader for registered nurses ever since. Without ONA's work with the General Assembly, Ohio Board of Nursing and other health care organizations, many advances in nursing and health policy would not have happened, including, most recently, the Safe Staffing Law and the Workplace Violence Law.

### Headquarters

Columbus, Ohio - ONA currently has 13 nursing districts throughout Ohio

### Website

[www.ohnurses.org](http://www.ohnurses.org)

### Vision

The Ohio Nurses Association is the recognized leader and advocate for professional nursing in Ohio.

### Mission

To advance professional nursing in Ohio. This will be accomplished through:

- Evolving evidence-based practice
- Influencing legislators
- Promoting education
- Improving economic and general welfare
- Advocating for quality health care in a cost-effective and economically-stimulating manner

### ONA Members

The association's members consist of registered nurse professionals who live or work in Ohio. ONA is a true member-driven organization; nurses guide the association's work through an elected House of Delegates, which determines the organization's course of action during the biennial convention, as well as councils and committees. ONA membership is categorized between two main groups: collective bargaining and non-collective bargaining members.

### Governance

Led by the Board of Directors and supported by several councils and committees, ONA relies on members to guide the organization. All councils and committees are piloted by ONA nurses. The Executive Board includes:

- President – Sally Morgan, Columbus
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Barbara Brunt, Akron
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Brian Burger, Cincinnati
- Secretary – Heather Foley, Gahanna
- Treasurer – Johnathan Stump, Canton

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