



ONA Legislative Advocacy Focusing on You

Focusing on Nursing!



- Founded in 1908 by a group of graduate nurses wanting to regulate and protect nursing practice
- ONA is a professional association for the community of registered nurses in Oklahoma.
- Devote 100% of our efforts to practice, educational, political and professional issues impacting RNs in our state.



How Do We Focus On YOU!

- Protect Nursing Practice
- Advocate for the Nursing Profession and for Patient Safety
- Provide Professional Development
- Represent Nursing at local and state-wide meetings
- Work on issues affecting nursing



Mission Statement

...empower nurses to improve health care in all specialties and practice settings by working as a community of professional nurses.



Powerful Political Advocate



**RANKED THE MOST HONEST AND ETHICAL
PROFESSION FOR 18 YEARS!**

**YEAR OF THE
NURSE
2020**
EXCEL - LEAD - INNOVATE
ANA ENTERPRISE



**Join us in celebrating and elevating
the contributions of nurses all year.**

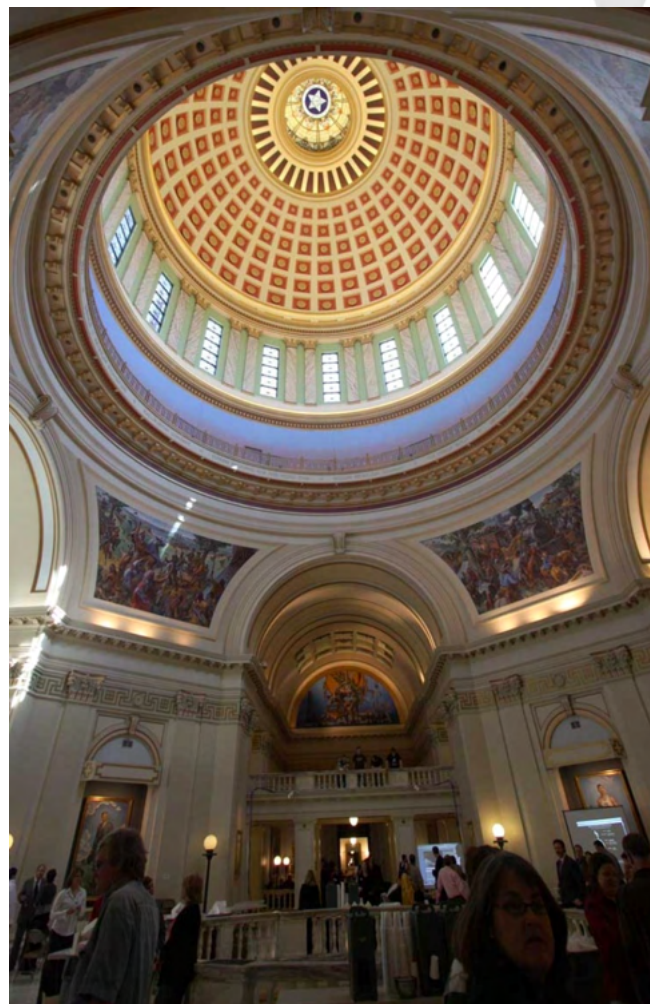
The Voice of Nurses



Nurses are a powerful political advocate. Supporting and provide guidance on legislation impacting nursing.

ONA...the Voice for Nurses

- At the Oklahoma State Capitol providing support and guidance on legislation impacting nursing
- Represents nurses at health care related organizations
- Interacts with other organizations representing other professional groups



Advocating for Nurses



- ONA's Lobbyist
 - Contract Lobbyist, Vickie White Rankin
 - CEO, Jane Nelson
- ONA PAC—provides contributions to political candidates
- Governmental Activities Committee
- Nurse of the Day Program

Building ONA's Legislative Agenda



- Governmental Activities Committee
 - Consider House of Delegates Actions
 - ONA Committees' Recommendation
 - ANA Initiatives
 - Consider requests from outside groups
 - Political Tone
 - Introduced Legislation

Building Coalitions



- Collaborate with Nursing Organizations
 - **Organizational Affiliates**
 - Other specialty nursing groups
- Partner with Community and Health Care and Related organizations
- Team with State Agencies
- Discuss issues with other Lobbyists
- Seek out experts



Educating Policy Makers

- Meet with Legislators
- Talk with Policy Makers at all levels—
Governor, Cabinet Members, Other
State Elected Officials
- Discuss issues with Legislative Staff
- Share positions with state agency
legislative liaisons and expert staff



Composition of Legislature

| <i>House of Representatives</i> | <i>Senate</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 101 Members• 2 – year Term• Speaker | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 48 Members• 4 – year Term• President Pro Tem |

Oklahoma Legislators



- Legislators are paid \$38,400 annually plus travel expenses and a per diem during session.
 - Leadership receive additional stipends
- Legislators may only serve 12 years (both houses combined) constitutional amendment passed in 1990

Legislative Session



- The Legislature convenes the first Monday in February and adjourns *sine die* at 5:00 on the final Friday in May.
 - A Legislature lasts two years between elections and includes two regular sessions and possible special sessions.

Special Sessions

- Special Sessions can be convened at the call of the Governor or by a 3/4 vote of the Legislature. Special Sessions may run concurrently with regular sessions.

How do YOU Make a Difference



*Nurses need to be active both
in their professional
Associations and Politically*

How do YOU Make a Difference



...if your not at the Table

then you are on the menu!



How do YOU Make a Difference

- Attend Nurses Day at the Capitol
- Serve as Nurse of the Day
- Talk with your Representative & Senator
- Work on Election Campaigns
- VOTE
- Respond to Legislative Alerts
- Get involved in ONA