

Council Alert



**Meriter Nurses' Council
July 2014**

NURSES' COUNCIL & BARGAINING TEAM NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

It's time to elect your Meriter Nurses' Council and Bargaining Team!

**Nurses' Council and Bargaining Team Nominations are due into the Union office by
Friday, August 8, 2014**

**Elections will then be held
Wednesday, August 13, 2014**

**Labor Temple Room 201c
1602 South Park Street, Madison
7:30am - 8:30pm**

Our Nurses Council is the nurses, your co-workers and the leadership of our Union at Meriter. We handle the issues that come up with management, educate members, and coordinate union activities. Being part of Council is a great way to gain a broader view of the challenges we all face, to see commonalities across units, and to be part of the solution!

We meet the third Wednesday of every month for one and ½ hours. We also meet with the Nursing Directors on the same day. Meeting time with the Directors is paid time. Meeting times alternate between 11:30am – 3pm and 3:30pm – 7pm so that members from different shifts can attend. Co-chair members also attend a meeting with HR called Good Relations once a month and automatically will serve on our bargaining team for upcoming contract negotiations. Together Co-chairs and Council members organize and run our membership meetings. Each unit is allowed their own representative, with a total of 22 Council seats. Elections will be held following the receipt of the nominations.

***Nurses' Council is a great way to help build a stronger Union and gain knowledge about your contract!!
No experience necessary, we mentor and train!***

The following Council members are up for re-election: Cheryl Eller, Co-Chair; Victoria Gutierrez, 8T IMCU; Mary Malaney, 2A Surgical Short Stay; Kassia Millar, 8T IMCU; Emilee Montiel, 1E Adult Psych; Stephanie Smecko, 10T; and Marian Stokes, 5/6 N Birthing Center. These seats are all 2 year terms.

There are also 4 council seats with 2 year terms and 4 council seats with 1 year terms available for nomination.

Nominate yourself or a co-worker and play an important role in supporting your fellow members throughout the hospital!