

**Nominees for Election to
UMPNC Delegate to MNA House of Delegates 2011-2012**

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Mary Abel

Education: BSN Ferris State University

Work Unit: T5/6 Cancer Center

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have been a nurse 35 years. I am currently doing oncology nursing. I have been for the last 9 years. I was an inpatient nurse on 8B before and have a background in CCU & ICU nursing.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To look forward for a better future / work conditions & fair safe patient care. To remember our young new nurses and make certain they have the best opportunities to grow professionally.

Other Relevant Skills: Member CC Workload Committee. Present MNA Delegate. Member of MNA Nominations Committee.

John Armelagos

Education: Wayne State University, The Labor School-1975, Diploma, Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing-1985, Diploma, University of Michigan School of Nursing-1992, BSN

Work Unit: last unit-Women's Hospital Birth Center

Clinical and Professional Experience: Adolescent Psych, Adult Psych, Women's Hospital Birth Center. As a union leader steeped in a long history of psychosocial social nursing, I understand the importance of active listening to members and achieving concrete goals that meet the needs of our profession and the labor movement.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Because the House is the highest authority with the MNA, lead in providing a strategic plan that addresses the Nursing and labor. With the resurgence of thousands of working people rallying in the Midwest to defend their democratic and collective bargaining rights, we have a great opportunity to move the balance of power from corporate and special interests toward the needs of working families. The nation needs 'Medicare for All', and jobs for the unemployed.

Other Relevant Skills: I have been a dedicated union activist all of my adult life. Over the last 13 years, I have been an Officer of your local bargaining unit, serving as the Dispute Chair since 2009. I also serve at the state level as Secretary of the MNA; serve at the national level as Nation Nurse United Delegate and as a member of the national Legislative Committee.

Kathleen Baker

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Education: Bachelors of Science in Nursing from University of Detroit-Mercy

Work Unit: Discharge Planning/PMSS

Clinical and Professional Experience: 1 year Cardiac ICU, 12 years Home Health Care w/ MVN, 6 years w/ DC Planning, CCM certification

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Support membership

Other Relevant Skills: Workload chair 2010/2011, UMPNC/MVN Negotiations

MaryAnn Beauchamp-Sayraf

Education: I graduated in 1986 with my BS in Nursing from Villa Maria College of Gannon University in Erie, PA

Work Unit: PACU, Cardiovascular Center

Clinical and Professional Experience: Upon graduation I was commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps serving a total of 12 years. The military helped me develop my leadership abilities, as well as learn to adapt my practice to field environments. While at Fort Meade, MD, I was part of a specialized “Chemical Contingency Team” that would deploy in the event of a chemical accident or military threat. Assignment at Fort Bliss, TX allowed me to participate in “Roving Sands,” the largest military desert field exercise in the world.

My clinical experience is primarily in critical care with a focus on cardiac, but I also have experience in trauma and dialysis nursing. I also have management experience, as nurse manager of a sixteen bed ICU and director of nursing of a dialysis unit in El Paso, TX. I have been employed at UMHS since 2003. I tell patients, friends,--anyone who asks—that this is the best place I have ever worked. When they ask what makes it so great, without hesitation, I answer, “My union.”

What do you hope to achieve if elected? If elected as a delegate I hope to encourage increased political awareness and participation in political activities among nurses. The last four months have brought a barrage of attacks against working families with the threat of emergency managers, decreasing the safety of our food supply by eliminating dairy inspections, limiting collective bargaining, and decreasing vulnerable citizens’ access to health care. As citizens, we have the responsibility to vote. As workers, we have the responsibility to guard the right to collective bargaining. As nurses, we need to speak out against policies that endanger public health.

Other Relevant Skills: Please send me to represent you in the MNA House of Delegates. Together we can promote the health of our patient, our public, and our profession.

Lynn Boyes

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Education: MSN-1994; BSN-1987; RN Diploma 1979

Work Unit: SWAT

Clinical and Professional Experience: Holden NICU, ED, PICU, SWAT→ all @ UM

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Represent to the best of my ability. Interested in involvement.

Other Relevant Skills: Current Area Rep

Marietta Brooks

Education: ADN St Clair County Community College 1977, BSN Madonna University 1993

Work Unit: Practice Management/Discharge Planning

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have been an employee of UMHS since 1978. The first 22 years on 6 Mott. I was one of the founding nurses of the Stable Vent Unit on 6 Mott. The last 11 years I have worked in discharge planning. I achieved Mastery level in the RSAM 2 years ago. I am also a Certified Case Manager.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I have become very informed of the issues facing nurses in the legislative arena. Safe patient care & nurse patient ratios are 2 major issues that we as a profession need to push for until we have concrete laws.

Other Relevant Skills: I have been a delegate for the MNA HOD for the past 2 years. I have also been the Chair of the Congress on Nursing Practice for the past 3 years. I have enjoyed these roles immensely & would like to continue.

Pat Cason Merenda

Education: BSN Wayne State, Assoc. degree Labor Studies Wayne State

Work Unit: 5A

Clinical and Professional Experience: 20 yrs @ DMC, 3 ½ @ U of M, Worked with 4 organizing attempts DMC

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I am tired of nurses being screwed by hospital corporate interest "claiming" to be patient centered... or... use my experience & education to improve nurse working conditions/patient care

Other Relevant Skills: Volunteer with MichUHCAN, health advocacy x 12 yrs; Work at Joy/Southfield free clinic for uninsured (see brochures)

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Holli Clewis

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Adrian College. Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Michigan

Work Unit: 5 East/Moderate Care Mott

Clinical and Professional Experience: Employee of Mott 5 East/Moderate Care since February 2010, 5 East Journal Club member and planning committee, Centricity SuperUser 5 east.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Represent members of the UMPNC/MNA. I will learn more about the process and function of a delegate. Actively collaborate with delegates from other areas of the state to better the MNA.

Other Relevant Skills: Current Treasurer of the Onsted Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. BLS and PALS Certified.

Sharon Clow

Education: WCC Assoc. RN

Work Unit: Team 3 Urology

Clinical and Professional Experience: 1.5 years 5C Urology, Kidney, Liver, Pancreas, TXP, CT on Acute Care. 4 years on a cancer clinic Urology. 3 years as a UMPNC District Representative.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Represent fellow RN's and their issues @ the MNA conference.

Other Relevant Skills: -

Desiree Conyers

Education: University of Michigan BSN-April 2006; Washtenaw Community College ADN-May 2000; Eastern Michigan University BS-April 1983

Work Unit: Pediatric Neurology Ambulatory Care

Clinical and Professional Experience: Family Medicine @ Domino's Farms Ambulatory Care; 6 Mott Pediatric Medical-Surgical Unit; 7C Adult Cardiac Step-Down Unit

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What do you hope to achieve if elected? I will support the interests and participate in the activities that support the goals of the UMPNC and the MNA. In addition, I will encourage input and participation from the UMPNC membership.

Other Relevant Skills: -

Johanna (Johey) Crawford

Education: Owens Community College December 1994 (with Honors) with

Work Unit: CSR/PAC

Clinical and Professional Experience: 2/20/06 to present Staff nurse with CSR/PAC at U of M; 6/10/99 to 12/20/06 Toledo Children's Hospital-Specialty Pediatric Hematology/Onc; 7/97 to 6/99 Flower Hospital Adult Oncology; 3/95 to 7/97 Lake Park Sub acute Care; 6/95 to 8/96 Cordelia Martin Health Clinic.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? If elected, hopes to achieve: I have worked at non union hospitals before so I value even more working in an union – nursing union-environment. I believe that our union can only be as strong as the people involved. This is a critical time for U of M nurses—especially pediatric nurses! I am not afraid to speak up. I am on my second term on Workload Committee.

Other Relevant Skills: Prior to becoming a RN I was a community organizer for 10 years. I worked with numerous neighborhood people to achieve empowerment to deal with issues i.e. jobs, drugs, housing, etc.

Renee Curtis

Education: ADN – Jackson Community College 2001; BSN – Spring Arbor University 2004; MBA Graduate course work – University of Phoenix 2006; Actively Pursuing MSN/MBA Fall 2011 Spring Arbor University

Work Unit: UMPNC Vice Chair – Emergency Department RN (active)

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have held various positions within the University and spent the last ten years as a RN in the Emergency Department. In addition to staffing in the ED, I was elected as the UMPNC Vice Chair and have served in this capacity over the last two years.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I have been given the opportunity to serve as a MNA BOD member over the last two years. As my first term is coming to an end, I am requesting your support to continue in serving our local by representing the UMPNC as a delegate. As a leader who still provides patient care, I intentionally stay current with the my nursing practice and in return understand, first hand, the needs of our members. Staff Nurses deserve to have a strong decision making voice at the table. I hope to continue in being a part of that voice and engaging in those difficult conversations that create positive change for our profession.

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Other Relevant Skills: MNA PAC Chair, Health and Safety Committee, Reference Committee, NNU Legislative Committee, previous UMPNC delegate.

Philomena “Nina” Deptula

Education: BSN Madonna University 1998; ADN Schoolcraft College 1978

Work Unit: 7C

Clinical and Professional Experience: 33 years as pediatric inpatient and outpatient positions and some adult nursing. Alternate past two years, working as Delegate with voting privileges.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To continue to support MNA and NNU efforts to advance safe practice and patient care issues through negotiations, delegations and communication to UMPNC members.

Other Relevant Skills: Attend monthly union meetings, when able, and communication information to co-workers.

Sandra Dorsey

Education: RN 1978; BA 1975

Work Unit: 7C/D

Clinical and Professional Experience: 32 years a nurse SICU, / ER manager, Chief Nursing Officer. Critical Care Manager, Staff Nurse telemetry and CCU

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To be active in my state organization spread awareness of our state organization

Other Relevant Skills: People person Very active in contract language past alternate delegate to MNA

Peter Fedor

-Education: AND, working on BSN

Work Unit: CSR Peds Critical Care

Clinical and Professional Experience: Nurse for over 15 years, 0 years at UMHS, 2 years as Area Rep for Peds/Perinatal/Psych.

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What do you hope to achieve if elected? Use my experience to represent the body of nurses I was elected by.

Other Relevant Skills: Have served twice in this capacity in 2008 and 2009.

Beth Ferreyra

Education: BA – Biology, BSN – Nursing, MSA – Concentration in Health Services Administration.

Work Unit: 4A

Clinical and Professional Experience: I will have one year of neurology/neurosurgery nursing experience in July.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I will continue to improve the work the work lives of nurses which I strongly believe will greatly increase the opportunity to deliver the best patient care possible.

Other Relevant Skills: My past experience is in Business Management, Pharmaceutical Sales, and Publishing.

Jacqueline Fortino

Education: BSN University of Michigan

Work Unit: Research EP Cardiology

Clinical and Professional Experience: 28 years Nursing in a variety of roles~ from bedside to ICU – ER – L&D –to my current position of Clinical Research Coordinator. I do not have any professional UMPNC experience, but I am up to date on the political processes our country and would like to contribute in a more fundamental way.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To become involved in the social-political process of nursing. I have been pro-collective bargaining my whole career, and I agree it is most beneficial when connected with a professional education, socially active group. I hope to achieve what the goals of the group are. I am willing to give my energy and fierce activism to the progress of Nursing.

Other Relevant Skills: I sit on the C3RG committee; Clinical Coordinators Committee and the Internal Medicine Research group committee. : I have organized Women’s Gatherings for the last 7 years. Research:

Lynne Fullarton

Education: BSc Microbiology, Univ Glasgow, Scotland UK; BSN Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI

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Clinical and Professional Experience: UMHS – Clinical MicroLab (Med Tech) 1989-2000; UM Med School – Dept OTO – Sen. Res. Assoc. 2000-2007| UMHS RN, 4A Neuro/Neurosurg.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To become better informed about the interactions between union/membership and administration. To be a conduit for information from union to members in my work unit, and vice versa.

Other Relevant Skills: UMPNC member – I grew up in a family involved in unions – miners, steel workers. My father was a shop steward for his union. I believe in organizing labour for fair & just treatment.

Sean Gargan

Education: MS – Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner – U of M

Work Unit: Psychiatric Emergency Services – U of M

Clinical and Professional Experience: 26 years of clinical experience in psychiatric & nursing. All age groups. Inpatient, outpatient, and teaching experience.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Support the advancement of all members of the U of M Nursing union. Communicate benefits of UMPNC to all University Nurses.

Other Relevant Skills: CPT, US Army Reserves. Recent deployment to AFG as member of Combat Stress Team.

Susan Goddell

Education: Master of Science – Community Health Nursing/Adult Nurse Practitioner – 1983; Bachelor of Science Nursing - 1979

Work Unit: Occupational Health Services since April, 2009

Clinical and Professional Experience: Fifteen years of experience in primary care at Ypsilanti Health Center, a University of Michigan residency program for family medicine. Employed currently at the Occupational Health Service providing work injury, illness and surveillance care to campus employees.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To represent the interests of all University of Michigan registered nurses at the Michigan Nurses Association annual convention. Because of my experience at the bargaining table for Advance Practice Nurses (NP, CNM, CNS, CRNA, ENS) I do believe I have credibility in understanding the issues of these groups.

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Other Relevant Skills: Advanced practice area representative. Currently at the first table bargaining a new contract for the UMPNC.

Trisha Goodridge

Education: Associates Degree in Nursing

Work Unit: Plastic Surgery

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have worked on 6C-CCMU-ED-SICU SCR ambulatory care and currently work in Plastic Surgery. I am currently a District Rep w/ UMPNC and have served as an alternate Delegate w/ MNA for the past 2 years.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Provide a voice for nursing in the State of Michigan with perspective from many different aspects of nursing practice.

Other Relevant Skills: -

Lashon Hart

Education: ADN – Washtenaw Community College; BSN – U of M – Flint; MSNc – U of M Ann Arbor

Work Unit: Medical Procedures East Ann Arbor

Clinical and Professional Experience: 7B/C Cardiology, Medical Procedures GI

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Transparency between the union and management. I will work to make sure the bedside nurse is protected and represented to the best of my ability.

Other Relevant Skills: Workload chair, Delegate 2010

Heather Hartney

Education: currently enrolled at Eastern Michigan University Bachelor's Completion Program Associate's Degree Nursing- Washtenaw Community College 2006

Work Unit: Emergency Department

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Clinical and Professional Experience: I have worked for the University since 2005 and began my nursing career in 2006. I am very involved in the unit and take pride in being a Emergency Nurse. I am also involved in International emergency nursing research at a hospital in Kumasi, Ghana.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I hope this will be a stepping stone to further my involvement and contribution to nursing at a local and state level. I want to be a voice in my professional and help other's to get involved as well.

Other Relevant Skills: I held several different jobs before deciding on nursing. One of these was working in the Accounting department the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. I also worked as a secretary at State Farm Insurance while in nursing school. I am well rounded and can type pretty fast too.

Amy Hendriksma

Education: I graduated from University of Michigan School of Nursing in 2003 with my BSN

Work Unit: Currently working in SWAT intra-hospital transport team.

Clinical and Professional Experience: I started my nursing career in the Trauma/Burn ICU. I worked there for three years before transferring to the Pediatric Cardio-Thoracic ICU (PTCU) to gain more experience with the pediatric population. During this time I was also working at St. Joe's in their critical care flex pool. I moved to SWAR about 1 ½ years ago.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I look forward to being a voice for UMPNC t the MNA as we work to develop policies and determine priorities for the upcoming year. I am passionate about the importance of preserving our rights as an organization and making our voice heard among legislators.

Other Relevant Skills: -

Anne Jackson

Education: Boston University 1984 B.S. Nursing

Work Unit: Pediatric Multidisciplinary Clinics Rheumatology

Clinical and Professional Experience: 1984-888 Peds Infectious Disease Mott; 1988-1998 Peds ED U of M; 1998->present Pediatric Rheumatology. Nurse for Arthritis Foundation Camp Dakota since 2003. Medical for numerous taekwondo tournaments.

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What do you hope to achieve if elected? Represent nurses in this economically scary environment. Be a voice for ambulatory care nurses.

Other Relevant Skills: I am very interested in public health issues, in particular childhood obesity. Also involved in womens issues. Currently assist in training women in self defense with a company called f??? Spirit.

Faye Knedgen

Education: Bachelor of Science, Nursing 1987, Northern Michigan University

Work Unit: Ambulatory Care Services

Clinical and Professional Experience: 7 years Emergency Services staff nurse, incl. Level 1 Trauma Center; 15 years Cardiology staff nurse, incl. Cardiac Cath Lab, EP lab, Non-invasive Testing and Ambulatory Care; 1 year Surgery Ambulatory Care staff nurse, incl. Plastic Surgery Clinic, Trauma-Burn Clinic, and Michigan Bowel Control Program

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To learn more about the MNA vision mission and core values; To become a resource to other staff nurses; To improve my practice and patient outcomes; Help in moving the agenda of nursing forward

Other Relevant Skills: 2 yr member of CSR Workload Committee; 8 yr active member of Novi Neighbors and Newcomers, a civic organization that served women and children; Worked with Ohio Nurses Association in an attempt to organize nurses at a Dayton Ohio hospital

Stephanie Knight

Education: Eastern Michigan University – Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Minor in Spanish Language, Graduated December 2010

Work Unit: Pediatric Intensive Care Unit March 2011- Present

Clinical and Professional Experience: Pediatric Student Nurse Clinical: University of Michigan Health System 5 West Mott Children’s Hospital Winter 2009; Patient Service Assistant Temp: University of Michigan Health Systems Home Care Services MedEQUIP June 2004 – May 2010; Nurse Extern: Oakwood Healthcare system May 2009 – February 2011; Summer Nurse Extern: University of Michigan Health System Pediatric Intensive Care Unit May 2010 – July 2010

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I hope to learn more about the UMPNC as a whole; learn how to transition my student leadership to professional leadership and become more involved in an organization that represents and protects my nursing practice.

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Other Relevant Skills: Michigan Nurses Student Association President February 2010 – February 2011; Michigan Nurses Student Association Advertising Director February 2009-February 2010; Eastern Michigan University Student Nurse Association President April 2009 – February 2010; Eastern Michigan University Student Nurse Association Vice President Nov 2008 – April 2009

Shirley LeBlanc

Education: Diploma in Nursing Mercy School of Nursing 1975

Work Unit: Internal Medicine; Ambulatory Care CVC Specialty Programs Float

Clinical and Professional Experience: Majority of career spent in intensive care settings as float. At UM majority of last 25 yrs as float in 6 adult ICU's. Transitioned to ambulatory care 4 yrs ago after should injury. Spent 3 yrs as a general float. 15 mos ago became float in cardiology for Preventive cardiology, anticoagulation Pulmonary HTN, Adult congenital, Heart failure, and Pre/post heart transplant.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I hope to achieve a real understanding of the function, responsibilities & capabilities of this organization. In doing so I could become an asset to my colleagues in effecting changes important to all of us. The site states you need no experience, of which I have none, but I am looking t increase my involvement in nursing thru a venue that can truly impact it. This would definitely fulfill that.

Other Relevant Skills: -

Mary Lenewski

Education: BSN Madonna University

Work Unit: Psychiatry

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have been a nurse for 27 years. I've been an active MNA delegate since 2004, and a UMPNC rep for many years. I am the workload chair on 9C, and have attended workload meetings on several acute care units.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Represent U of M nurses at the state level to the best of my ability on issues that affect our practice and our patients.

Other Relevant Skills: -

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Dennis Magiera

Education: ADN Jackson Community College; BS Michigan State University

Work Unit: 5B UH

Clinical and Professional Experience: Staff Nurse 1998 – Present U of M; Heartland home health care. 1999 - 2000

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To represent the people that elected me and to promote the MNA UMPNC as well as union work in general

Other Relevant Skills: Currently serve as a rep to UH and acute care areas

Robert McCormick

Education: ADN: Henry Ford Community College - 2007

Work Unit: 5C UMHS; 5/2/11 – start Cancer Center Outpt. Clinics

Clinical and Professional Experience: Staff Nurse caring for acute post-surgical pts.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Fairly represent the opinions and interests of the UMPNC membership and provide clear feedback from MNA House of Delegates to local membership

Other Relevant Skills: Active in UAW Local Union in the past

MaDera Miller

Education: University of Central Arkansas-AA, Baptist School of Nursing-RN

Work Unit: PICU

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have worked in PICU for 7 years. Currently I am on the MNA – Board of Trustee – PAC.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To enhance the nursing community with representation that their voice will be heard.

Other Relevant Skills: -

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Yvonne Miskell-Baker

Education: Associate Degree in Nursing. Graduated 1991; Worked 2 years fulltime as a nurse extern at Sparrow Hospital on Medical Care Unit the last 2 years of schooling (1990-1991)

Work Unit: Central Staffing Unit since 1998. Decentralized pool started March 2010

Clinical and Professional Experience: Worked as a Med/Surg nurse at Sparrow Hospital for 3 years. Worked outpatient surgical and medical clinics for 2 years. Lead nurse for outpatient unit fulltime. Started working at UMHS fulltime as central resource nurse in 1998. Worked 2 years inpatient on the medical and surgical units. Worked all the inpatient units and worked as preceptor for the CSR nurses. Worked in Cancer Center starting 2000. Worked every clinic, adult and pediatrics, infusion area, procedure clinic for adult and pediatric. Worked as Lead Nurse and preceptor for new CSR nurses. Now I work as a decentralized float for teams 5,6,7. Covering Gyn/Onc, Neuro/Onc, Endo/Onc, Breast Care Oncology.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To be a representative for the nurses at UMHS. To be active in all meetings and be a voice for the nurses. Will work to keep the nurses informed of the actions and proposals of administration. Will be assessable to nursing for their input regarding nursing issues.

Other Relevant Skills: I have worked as a delegate for two years although I was an alternate. I have worked on workload most of my years since 1998. I am a preceptor for new CSR nurses.

Karen Nagel

Education: BSN Eastern Michigan University

Work Unit: Ambulatory Care

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have over 30 years of experience as a nurse. Recently I have been a MNA delegate and have enjoyed my experience. Solidarity is very important and keeping everyone up to date on issues and concerns. I would like to be able to serve again as a House of Delegate to provide a voice for our solidarity that we need in these times.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Again, Solidarity is very important in these tough economic times. I would like to be able to serve as a House of Delegate to provide a voice for our solidarity.

Other Relevant Skills: I am currently a MNA House of Delegate.

Susan Nehring

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Education: BSN Eastern Michigan

Work Unit: Ypsilanti Family Practice

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have worked 28 years at U of M; 7 years and 21 in ambulatory care

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I want to continue the fight for worker's rights in Michigan esp nurses

Other Relevant Skills: I have been active in the union from 1989; I am area rep for ambulatory care.

Michelle Nichols

Education: Associates of Science, Henry Ford Community College 1998; BSN. University of Michigan-Flint 2010;Enrolled: ACNP program, Madonna University, Fall 2011

Work Unit: CVC Advanced practice team

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have 12 years' experience in the Critical Care setting. I worked as a travel nurse for over 4 years before joining U of M. I strive to be a mentor for younger nurses and support them as they continue on their nursing journey.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I would like to work toward further empowerment of nursing here at the U. I feel many times, nursing's voice gets lost in the shuffle. As the backbone of the University healthcare system, we need to recognize our strengths and our voice. We need to realize the power we have as we advocate for change to see our patients receive the best care possible. Our voice must be heard as we move forward during these challenging times in healthcare.

Other Relevant Skills: -

Susan Olsson

Education: Diploma, Lambton College School of Nursing 1979; BSN, University of Phoenix 2006; Currently enrolled in MSN program at Madonna University

Work Unit: Occupational Health Services, University of Michigan

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have been a nurse for 30 years and have had the opportunity to work in a variety of settings including General Medicine Clinic, Infectious Disease Clinic, Adolescent Psychiatry and Neuro-ICU.

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What do you hope to achieve if elected? I currently serve MNA as a chairperson of the MNA CE Provider Unit and secretary of the MNA Diversity Committee. I would like to represent nurses of our local bargaining unit to ensure clinical aspects of nursing remain in the forefront of educational offerings and invest in our future by encouraging diversity in our profession.

Other Relevant Skills: Current member of HOD (2009-2010) also served as an alternate in 1999. As your elected representative, I attended convention and voted in the HOD elections. Member of MNA CE Provider Unit and Diversity Committee. Past member of UMPNC Nominating Committee. Current Area Rep. for UMPNC ~ Ambulatory Care.

Katie Oppenheim

Education: BSN, Duke University, 1978

Work Unit: UMPNC Chair/Birth Center

Clinical and Professional Experience: Over 30 years experience in Women's Health Nursing. Worked in Gynecology Oncology, Family Planning, and Perinatal Nursing.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? If elected as MNA Delegate, along with other members of our delegation, I will bring the voices of our 4,000 members to the state level. As the largest bargaining unit in the Michigan Nurses Association, I will assure our voice is heard at the annual House of Delegates and throughout the year. I look forward to assisting in representing UMPNC to the rest of the state.

Other Relevant Skills: Many years of involvement, both with our local and with the MNA, serving on the MNA EandGW Cabinet, Board of Directors, and as an MNA Delegate. At the local level, I served a term as UMPNC Secretary, 2 terms as Area Representative for Peds/Perinatal/Psych. Area. I have been the Chair of the UMPNC since January 2009. During this time of increasing demands by our employer, I will continue to work hard with the local leadership and MNA to assure nurses in our local have what they need to care for themselves and the patients.

Laurie Pantanella

Education: Associates Degree in Nursing from Henry Ford Community College - 1990

Work Unit: Operating Room - Main

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have worked at U of M the past 12 years. Most of my experience is in the operating room. However, I have worked for brief periods in Labor and Delivery and Home Med.

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What do you hope to achieve if elected? I hope to achieve a better understanding of the MNA and other unions. I'd like to take a more active role in the Union now that I have grown children and can take the time to do so.

Other Relevant Skills: -

Mallorie Patterson

Education: University of Michigan – Ann Arbor School of Nursing B.S.N. (Bachelors of Science in Nursing); graduated May 2010

Work Unit: 6A Acute Rehabilitation

Clinical and Professional Experience: RN level A, Speaker at UM Nurse Recruitment Career Launch 2011; UM Student Nurses Association, President (2009-2010), 1st VP (08-09). Fundraising Chair (07-08). National Student Nurses Assoc. Convention delegate, 2007, 2008, 2009. Michigan Nursing Student Assoc. Convention Delegate 2007, 2008, 2009.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I hope to learn more about the UMPNC how to get involved and to learn more about MNA and statewide nursing networking.

Other Relevant Skills: New graduate/RN perspective & energy!

Linda Perry

Education: 2000: University of Phoenix: Bachelor of Science and Nursing; 1991: Henry Ford Community College: Associate of Science and Nursing

Work Unit: University of Michigan Anticoagulation Service

Clinical and Professional Experience: 1998-Present: Clinical Nurse – Level E University of Michigan Anticoagulation Service; 1997-1998: Interim Ed Nurse Coordinator University of Michigan Central Staffing Resource; 1995-1997: Staff RN University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital Pediatric Bone Marrow Txp; 1994-1995 Case Management Nurse Comfort Care of Michigan; 1991-1994: Staff RN Harper University Hospital Pediatric and Adult Bone Marrow Transplant

What do you hope to achieve if elected? For the past two years (2009-2010) I have served as a Delegate to the MNA House of Delegates. During this time, I have learned a lot about the structure of MNA, the role of the Delegate and the importance of each Delegates vote on the issue under consideration. I also have a better understanding of MNA's role in helping to define nursing practice in the State of Michigan and I have seen the impact that nurses have with legislation on pertinent issues such as workplace health and safety and safe patient care. I have learned about MNA's political action committee and how our contributions are used to support the candidates that will work towards a quality health

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care system and make sure that Michigan nurses voices are heard by our policymakers. With the knowledge that I have gained over the past two years, it is my hope to become even more involved in MNA and MNA-PAC. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve as a Delegate for the MNA House of Delegates for the upcoming term and I am therefore asking for your vote.

Other Relevant Skills: 2010-Present: Cardiac Care Associate Publications and Web Content Work Group; 2008-Present: Member at Large University of Michigan Integrated Clinical Council; 2008-Present: Chair of Clinical Practice Council UM Anticoagulation Service; 2005-Present: Cardiac Care Associates for American College of Cardiology; 2003-Present: Workload Review Committee UM Anticoagulation Service

Mihaela Reed

Education: RN – School of Nursing, Romania

Work Unit: MCRU-MICHR

Clinical and Professional Experience: 2003-2006 RN Level C, unit 5B; 2006-present RN Level D, Clinical Research Unit

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To gain a seat at the table and to be able to make decisions that would benefit nurses, the patients we take care and nursing practice. To represent UMPNC and to be an advocate for registered nurses, nursing practices and quality patient outcomes. To be involved in how UMPNC is integrated with MNA. I would like to know how negotiating meetings are held for bargaining agreements to improve workplace conditions, and to be able to get a better understanding on the contract language.

Other Relevant Skills: Member of the ICC committee since 2008; member of the Documentation committee since 2009; Infection Control Liaison; Fire and Safety Liaison; Chemotherapy certified; member of ONS

Lisa Richards

Education: ADN – Jackson Community College; BA – Adrian College; MSN/PNP – University of Toledo – current student

Work Unit: ED?

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have worked for 3 years as a nurse in the emergency room department at the University of Michigan

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To represent my profession as a member of the largest bargaining unit in the State of Michigan

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Other Relevant Skills: -

Janine Robinson

Education: Associates of Science – Respiratory Care, Henry Ford Community College; Associates Degree – Nursing Henry Ford Community College; Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with concentrated studies in Human Resources-Lawrence Technological University; Masters in Nursing University of Phoenix expected date of completion June 2012

Work Unit: Main Operating Rooms University Hospital

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have worked in healthcare for the past 28 years as a nurse, and a respiratory therapist. I have been employed as a registered nurse for the past 17 years, working for several health care organizations across Metro Detroit. Over the past 17 years I have held positions in the ICU Emergency Department and the Operating Room, where I currently work as a Registered Nurse Level C. My non-clinical nursing experience includes professional review nursing and a four year term as a Clinical Nurse Manager in the Main OR. In 2009 I was privileged to be a member of Wolverine One, representing the University of Michigan aboard the USNS Comfort in Haiti.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I hope to increase my knowledge of our current political climate and how it may impact the profession of nursing. I hope to learn how I can effect changes that may help to secure the rights of workers as well as improve my understanding of how we as nurses can best communicate our needs to those in our state government.

Other Relevant Skills: -

Matthew Schroeder

Education: BSN University of Toledo

Work Unit: 9C

Clinical and Professional Experience: Since 1999, I have worked Inpatient Psychiatry on 9C. Prior to that I worked in the ER at the old Sinai Hospital in Detroit and several hospitals in the Toledo Area.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? If elected, I hope to defend our rights to collectively bargain and provide a voice for our profession. The current onslaught of anti-union legislation is designed to strip us of long promised benefits without any debate. The burden of failed policies is being placed on our shoulders in an effort bail out the governor's cronies.

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Other Relevant Skills: Professional Fire Fighter EMTP I/C, Union President Local 693, Past Secretary Blissfield Community Schools 8 years.

Laura-Jean Siggins

Education: ADN-Washtenaw Community College, BSN-University of Michigan School of Nursing, MSN-University of Phoenix, University of Indiana-Anticoagulation Therapy Management Certificate

Work Unit: CCC-Hemophilia & Coagulation Disorders Program

Clinical and Professional Experience: 10+ years inpatient staff nurse 7 Mott, 3 years lead nurse in the Cancer Center procedural area for peds and adults, 8 years Clinical Nurse Coordinator for The Hemophilia & Coagulation Disorders Program

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Sadly I have to admit that I have been a nurse here for 20+ years and have not taken a stand or active role in the union. It is time for us all to stand together. "One for all and all for one." I hope to build a broader knowledge of how our Union works and its benefits for our nurses. I strongly believe in the Union and its purpose and hope that as I build my own knowledge base I will be able to share what I learn with other union members that I work with and around. I am proud to say that my silent mentors in this quest are Katie Oppenheim and John Armelagos.

Other Relevant Skills: I am active in the community providing education regarding patients and families with bleeding disorders. I have presented at women's activities and forums on how to be advocates regarding their own health/bleeding disorders. I am very active in my church and community and feel I have a lot to offer the team. I have taught quilting classes both in the public and here at the Comprehensive Cancer Center to staff. I love sharing my knowledge with friends and co-workers.

Margaret Smith

Education: BSN University of Michigan 2009 ADN Jackson Community College 1981

Work Unit: Interventional Radiology

Clinical and Professional Experience: RN for 30 years, Clinical experience in ICU, ED, Interventional Radiology, Worked at UM 18 years.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I am interested in the legislative process of the Michigan Nurses Association. I want to represent the University Hospital clinical nurse and facilitate the legislative process to be relevant to these nurses.

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Other Relevant Skills: UMPNC Area representative since January 2010, UMPNC District Representative January 2009-2010, UMPNC Negotiation Team 2011, Integrated Clinical Council (ICC) 2009-2011, Voices of the Staff Environmental Stewardship 2010-2012, Involved with Cardiovascular Scheduling process, Interventional Radiology First Case Start time process.

Pamela Stevenson

Education: BSN University of Michigan – Magna Cumme Laude; MPS (Master of Pastoral Studies) – Loyola University – Magna Cumme Laude

Work Unit: UMHS Practice Management/Discharge Planning

Clinical and Professional Experience: 15 years Intensive Care; 15 years Ambulatory Care Nursing; 6 years Practice Management- RN Case Manager

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To use my leadership skills, gifts, 33 years nursing experience, education and passion to work as a strong unionists as we confront the economic crisis; along with anti-union forces in Michigan and the nation that are trying to destroy collective bargaining.

Other Relevant Skills: Mastery level UMHS Nursing framework; Certified case Manager 2010; CCRN 1984-1992; Lay Ministry- Facilitator St Patrick Church, Brighton, MI

Steven Strahle

Education: Eastern Michigan University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Work Unit: Cardiovascular ICU, University of Michigan Health System

Clinical and Professional Experience: I began my nursing career at St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor greater than 25 years ago. I continue to work there part time on the same general surgery unit where I started as a graduate nurse. I have worked at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit on the boulevard in various leadership roles before coming to The University of Michigan. At Michigan, I have worked in the Central Staffing Resource Department (CSR), the Emergency Department, and I am currently working on my 10th year in the CVICU.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? Like you I am a nurse. Like you I want to provide quality safe care to my patients. It is time we strengthen our unity and voices and confront the battles we face with the economy crisis. Along with all of you I want to contribute to our successful future with the work we do as nurses!

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Other Relevant Skills: I am currently a member of the UMPNC and serve as the Area Representative for the Adult ICU's, Emergency Department, SWAT, Survival Flight, and Acute Pain Service.

Deborah Totzkay

Education: Shapero School of Practical Nursing, Sinai Hospital, Detroit, MI; ADN, Henry Ford Community Hospital, Dearborn, MI; BS Psychology, Wayne State University, post-graduate Nurse Educator Certification (expected in April, 2011).

Work Unit: Cardiovascular Center Operating Room

Clinical and Professional Experience: 4.5 years UMHS Operating Room- scrub/circulating RN: General Surgery, Transplant, Vascular, Trauma, Ear-Nose-Throat, Oral, Gynecological, Orthopedics, and Plastic Surgeries

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I will continue to empower RNs to take ownership of their practice and to be pro-active with legal matters impacting their practice.

Other Relevant Skills: United Steelworkers of American Union Representative and Mediation, provided by the Wayne State Labor Studies Program; completed a semester in Alternative Conflict Resolution, at Wayne State University; Former member of the Cardiovascular Center Operating Room Workload Review Committee; UMPNC District Representative- OR, Recovery Rooms, Procedure Areas; Member Integrated Clinical Council; Member Nurses Health and Safety Council; Former chair of UH OR Clinical Practice Council; Department of Defense trained Inspector General

Jeffrey Wesley

Education: Muskegon Community College, U.S. Navy Corpsman School, Excelsior College, UAW Black Lake

Work Unit: Radiology Recovery

Clinical and Professional Experience: Hospital Corpsman (Paramedic) U.S. Navy (retired), RN University of Michigan Emergency Department, CVC-4, Radiology Recovery.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To keep UMPNC membership informed of all topic pertaining to health care, labor issues, net work with other nursing unions in the State of Michigan and the country.

Other Relevant Skills: Shop Stewart, Financial Secretary, President and Chairman of bargaining committee UAW Local 1703. Elected to the Executive Board of the International Union Heavy Truck Division UAW. Union Rep for CVC-4, and appointed as Rep for Radiology Recovery, workload co-chair of the Emergency Department.

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April Young

Education: ADN

Work Unit: Adult Medical Observation Unit

Clinical and Professional Experience: Employed at the University of Michigan for 36 years in a variety of units and specialties

What do you hope to achieve if elected? To continue supporting the UMPNC in its growth.

Other Relevant Skills: UMPNC Delegate for 4 years.

Cheryl Ziolkowski

Education: B.S.N. – Wayne State University

Work Unit: PCTU

Clinical and Professional Experience: I have worked in PTCU for 7 years. I participated in the workload review committee from 2007-2009. I have co-developed and implemented a multi-disciplinary mock code program. I presented this program at the QA/QI poster presentation in 2010 and am currently preparing data results for the Nursing Research poster presentation in 2011. I have participated in the pediatric central code committee since 2008. I co-presented adult congenital heart disease at our PCTU nursing education day in 2009. I am currently co-developing a developmental care program for PCTU.

What do you hope to achieve if elected? I would like to use my communication and leadership skills to represent UMPNC at the next level.

Other Relevant Skills: I have worked at several different area hospitals. In the fields of infertility, emergency care PACU and now PCTU. I feel my wide range of experience and different hospitals will help me to better represent UMPNC as a whole.

Each nominee has provided a personal address, signature, and consent to have this information disseminated via the UMPNC website. The Bio & Consent Forms will be filed at the UMPNC office for at least two years.