

MANDATE HOSPITAL CENTRAL NEGOTIATING TEAM

The Hospital Central Negotiating Team represents membership throughout the process of central negotiations with Participating Hospitals in keeping with ONA's Vision, Mission, Constitution and Goals. This includes the establishment of the central process, the finalization of initial contract proposals and any amendments thereto as necessary in the course of central negotiations. The team will ensure the ratification process of the Organization is followed in the event of a central settlement; or the arbitration process, where a voluntary settlement is not reached. The team will be responsible, through the President, for keeping membership informed as appropriate.

SCOPE OF WORK FOR HOSPITAL CENTRAL NEGOTIATING TEAM:

The mandate of the Hospital Central Negotiating Team includes:

- Attend and participate in an orientation/education program
- Negotiate and finalize a 'Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining' with Participating Hospitals
- Make recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to next steps if the terms and conditions for central bargaining cannot be satisfactorily resolved
- Finalize outcomes and objectives for the central process
- Review bargaining objectives, membership research and supporting data on central issues
- Finalize initial contract proposals relative to central issues
- Attend and participate, if necessary, in all negotiations including conciliation, mediation and arbitration
- Review, and have input into, any arbitration submissions
- Communicate regularly to the Board of Directors and membership through the President on the status of central bargaining
- Ensure the ratification process is followed and attend and participate in any sector meeting(s) held to interpret a settlement and finalization of a plan for implementation
- Attend and participate in any sector meeting(s) held to interpret a central award and finalization of a plan for implementation
- As necessary, attend and participate in learning session(s) relative to the central process

ORIENTATION/EDUCATION:

The members of the Hospital Central Negotiating Team will receive an orientation/education, which will take place prior to the setting of proposals and will enable individuals to carry out their roles on the Team. There is an expectation that all team members are to attend orientation.

MEETINGS:

During preparation time, the Hospital Central Negotiating Team will meet as required. During negotiations, meetings could take place up to 24 hours per day and seven (7) days per week.

QUALIFICATIONS RECOMMENDED:

1. A minimum of three (3) years relevant work experience
2. Completed a minimum of one (1) round of hospital Bargaining Unit negotiations;
3. Active at the bargaining unit level in negotiations, grievances or Association/Agency Committees;
4. Attended at least 2 ONA educational workshops; and
5. Additional preparation and experience in labour relations is desirable.

COMPOSITION:

The team will be composed of one (1) Full-time member and one (1) Part-time member from each Region in the province. Each member of the Hospital Central Negotiating Team will be elected by and from the Hospital Sector members in her or his Region. In addition, the President and the Chief Executive Officer/Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Negotiator will be ex-officio members of the Team.

TERM:

Effective at the commencement of orientation to the completion of a renewal central collective agreement.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION:

1. Nominations will be received from members with entitlements working in the Hospital Sector in each Region.
2. The call for nominations will include a date, after which no nominations will be accepted.
3. Candidates, who consent to nomination, must be members with entitlements nominated by and working in the hospital sector from the Region in which they are running.
4. Candidates are asked to complete a resume form.
5. Once nominations have been closed, candidates' nominations will be validated with respect to membership. A ticket of nominations will be provided to every Hospital Sector member with entitlements working in the hospital sector in a Region.
6. Each member with entitlements employed in the Hospital Sector in the Region will be entitled to one (1) vote in accordance with the ONA's Constitution.
7. Candidates, Hospital Bargaining Unit Presidents and Local Coordinators will be notified of the successful candidates.