

Campaign Approved Practices

The Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act states that a labor organization may not use funds received from dues, assessments, or similar levies to promote the candidacy of a particular individual in a union election. The LMRDA also states that employers may not contribute funds, directly or indirectly, in support of the candidacy of any individual for a labor organization office under any conditions. These prohibitions include any costs incurred by a labor organization or an employer and anything of value, including goods and services, contributed by a labor organization or an employer. The following are examples of application of the foregoing rules.

Districts/ Local Units (DNA/LU)

Although a DNA/LU may endorse a candidate, it shall not publicize the endorsement in the DNA/LU newspaper or by other means. A DNA/LU shall not use DNA/LU dues money for a function to promote the candidacy of a particular candidate. A DNA/LU may sponsor a function at which all candidates for a particular office are invited and no candidate is shown preference over another by the DNA/LU. Individual DNA/LU members may make voluntary contributions of money, goods, or services to a candidate.

Additional Approved Practices

1. Candidates shall not use District or Structural/Local Unit or employer stationery to promote their candidacy. Candidates shall not use the ONA corporate logo on campaign materials.
2. The amount that a candidate may expend in their campaign is not limited by ONA.
3. Candidates or persons promoting the interests of candidates can not distribute literature in any manner which blocks access to meeting rooms, or to place campaign materials on counters or writing tables in the registration area.
4. Campaigning is prohibited in the House of Delegates, in or near the polls, and in the immediate registration area.
5. Upon written request, ONA will provide the names of the ONA delegates and alternates to the candidate at cost of \$40. The list should be used solely for the promotion of the candidacy of the individual who requests the list and is not to be reproduced. The official number of delegates which includes the Board of Directors will be available on ONA's website www.ohnurses.org prior to February of the convention year. ONA will mail one set of mailing labels of the delegates and alternates to the candidate upon receipt of payment. Please make checks payable to Ohio Nurses Association. ONA cannot guarantee that the listing is complete or that addresses are correct. While ONA will do all it can do ensure completeness and accuracy, ONA cannot update lists after they have been sold and mailed to candidates. ONA does not discriminate against any candidate.
6. All candidates will have the opportunity to have their brief biography and 100 word position statement printed in the *Ohio Nurses Review*. If the position statement goes over 100 words, only the first 100 words will be published. All Board of Directors and E & GW Commission nominees may also have their pictures printed in the *Ohio Nurses Review*.
7. ONA policies governing campaigns will be published in advance of the convention in the *Ohio Nurses Review*, and posted on the ONA's website www.ohnurses.org.
8. ONA staff members are not to package or distribute campaign literature for any candidate.
9. Distribution and display of campaign materials is prohibited in the exhibit area and Avenue of Issues.

Convention Campaigning Information

1. A Hall of Candidates will be conducted on the first full day of convention, check the schedule for exact time & place. Each candidate for Officer, Director, E&GW Commission, or Nominating Committee will be provided with a table.
2. A Candidates Forum will be held on the first full day of convention, check the schedule for exact time & place.
3. Candidates can pick up election results on the last day of convention at noon in the ONA office

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