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48th National Annual Convention and 67th Foundation Anniversary: Celebrating Another Milestone of Success

More than 500 Occupational Health Nurses trooped to the Pandanggo-Polkabal Hall of the Manila Hotel last September 7-8, 2017 to attend the 48th National Annual Convention and 67th Foundation Anniversary of the Occupational Health Nurses Association of the Philippines, (OH NAP) Inc. The convention was approved for 8 CPD units. Ms. Maria Rowena Aldion gave a warm welcome to the participants focusing on strengthening the duties and responsibilities of an occupational health nurses.

We are honored to have Vice President Leni G. Robredo as the guest of honor. She reiterated the importance of the occupational health nurse in promoting occupational health and safety in the workplace.

OH NAP's corporate partners received the Golden Lamp Award. Richville Hotel sealed their commitment in OH NAP's present and future endeavors. In return OH NAP thank the Golden lamp awardee for their support and generosity.

The first Eularito Tagalog professorial lecture on occupational health and safety was delivered by Dr. Teresita Cucueco, Executive Director of Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC) and a esteemed friend of Mr. Tagalog. Truly Mr. Tagalog's love and legacy for OHN lived on.

Two masses were held at the start of the celebration in thanksgiving for the wonderful and fruitful years of the organization. The convention was highlighted by several topics on occupational health and safety as delivered by the experts and distinguished speakers.

A Chapter's President's night was also celebrated on the eve of September 7 with the presence of different Chapter Presidents and Board of Directors. Dr. Primitivo D. Chua –OH NAP's Adviser Emeritus, thanked the different chapters and requested for their commitment in helping OH NAP to become a better organization.

The next convention chair Ms. Ma. Blanca P. Beltran invited the members to support the next convention.



OHNAP goes to CEBU!

The 2nd Scientific meeting and 21st Midyear Conference was held at Cebu City last May 4-5, 2018 at Holiday Plaza Hotel, in line with the theme, “Awareness of Health Safety Preventive Practices Among Occupational Health Nurses in the Workplace”.

The meeting was composed of seven plenary sessions delivered by our distinguished guests & speakers. First of which, “Officers Workers Must Act Now...Before it’s too late, second, “Safety and Health Measures who by nature of their work have to Stand at Work, “third, “ Four Safety Truths that Reduce Workplace Injuries”, fourth, “ Data Privacy Act” of Republic Act 10173, fifth, “ The Management of Stress in the Workplace, sixth, “ Workshop on Cognitive Screening,” and last but not the least where I got the opportunity to be the speaker, The Lean Application in Health Care,”

More than 90 occupational health nurses attende this year’s Midyear & Scientific Meeting Conference in Cebu. The conference was approved for a 13.5 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units & was chaired by Ms. Virginia G. Bajan, RN, COHN.

Thank you very much Cebu Chapter represented by Ms. Llana J. Concepcion, Cebu Chapter President for hosting the Midyear Conference.



OHNAP & the Department of Health (DOH) Partnership

We had our 1st & 3rd Quarter Scientific Meeting held at Richville Hotel & El Cielito Hotel last March 16, 2018 & July 20, 2018 respectively.

The DOH in partnership with OHNAP, Inc., discussed the topics about breastfeeding like “Protecting and Promoting Breastfeeding in the Workplace”, “How Milk Gets from the Breast” and “Maternal Health Concerns” respectively. Eighty (80) delegates and nurses attended from the different sectors mostly from the Southern Tagalog Region, chaired by Ms. Clemencia B. Villapa & Ms. Adelina A. Iporac, Southern Tagalog Chapter President.

The Association also aims to activate the Southern Tagalog Chapter & its members for future Occupational Health Programs which will be conducted by the association. The Scientific Meeting was approved with Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units.

POST GRADUATE COURSE ON BASIC OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH TRAINING (September 2017- August 2018)

BOSH Batch	Date of Training	Location	# of Participants	Rating
242 ND	Sept. 25- 30, 2017	MANILA	64	Excellent
243 RD	October 9- 14, 2017	DAVAO	45	Excellent
244 TH	October 23- 28, 2017	CEBU	81	Excellent
245 TH	November 13- 18, 2017	MANILA	94	Excellent
246 TH	December 4-9, 2017	MANILA	57	Excellent
247 TH	January 8-13, 2018	MANILA	53	Excellent
248 TH	Jan. 29- Feb. 3, 2018	MANILA	65	Excellent
249 TH	February 12-17, 2018	CEBU	47	Excellent
250 TH	February 19-24, 2018	MANILA	73	Excellent
251 ST	March 5-10, 2018	MANILA	49	Excellent
252 ND	March 19-24, 2018	DAVAO	36	Excellent
253 RD	April 2- April 7, 2018	MANILA	40	Excellent
254 TH	April 16- 21, 2018	MANILA	69	Excellent
255 TH	May 14- 19, 2018	CEBU	74	Excellent
256 TH	May 28- June 2, 2018	MANILA	63	Excellent
257 TH	June 7-16, 2018	CLARK	92	Excellent
258 TH	June 25-30, 2018	CDO	75	Excellent
259 TH	July 9-14, 2018	MANILA	79	Excellent
260 TH	July 23-27, 2018	CEBU	78	Excellent

A total of 19 Post Graduate Courses (PGC) on Basic Occupational Safety and Health (BOSH) Training for the period, September 2017 to July 2018.

The six-day course is designed for nurses as required by the Bureau of Working Conditions (BWC) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and in compliance with Rule 1960 of the Occupational Safety & Health Standards requiring all nurses in OSH to take up the Basic Occupational Safety & Health course.

It aims to equip nurses with the basic knowledge and skills in identifying safety, health, and environmental hazards, determining appropriate control measures, and developing and implementing OSH policies and programs.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSES ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, (OHNAP), INC.

ELECTION COMMITTEE/ ELECTION CODE Resolution No. 2018-02 (As Amended)

This Election Code shall govern the conduct of election of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 1.** **TITLE.** This resolution shall be known as the Election Code of the **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSES ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, (OHNAP), INC.)**
- Section 2.** **DATE OF ELECTION PERIOD AND CAMPAIGN PERIOD.**

The election of the Board of Directors of the Occupational Health Nurses Association of the Philippines (OHNAP), Inc., under this code of election shall be held during the 2nd day of the National Annual Convention. The Board shall immediately elect the Officers from among themselves. The Officers shall have term of one (1) year.

The election period shall commence thirty (30) calendar days before the day of the election and shall end fifteen (15) calendar days after the election.
- Section 3.** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SEATS TO BE FILLED-UP, TERM OF OFFICE.** The general membership shall elect five (5) Board of Directors. The five (5) elected members of the Board shall have a term of three (3) years from the date of the election. Any vacated seat may also be filled-up to serve the remaining term.
- Section 4** **OBLIGATION TO REGISTER AND VOTE.** It shall be the obligation of every member of the Occupational Health Nurses Association of the Philippines, (OHNAP), Inc. to register and to cast their vote.
- Section 5** **NATURE OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSES ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (OHNAP), INC ELECTION.** The election shall strictly non-partisan in character and shall be conducted in an expeditious and orderly manner during the National Annual Convention.

- Section 6.** **AVAILABILITY OF THE CODE.** A copy of this code shall be provided and be made available during the National Annual Convention.
- Section 7.** **QUALIFICATION OF OHNAP VOTERS.**
To be qualified to vote in the OHNAP elections, one must be: A registered nurse under the Philippine Laws.
A member in good standing is one who has paid his annual dues.
A new member who is registered and physically present in the Annual Convention; and
Proxy voting is strictly not allowed.
- Section 8.** **QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
He/she must possess an active license issued by the Professional Regulation Commission.
He/she must be an active OHNAP member.
He/she must be a holder of the Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN) Certificate.
He/she must be registered and physically present during the National Annual Convention; and
He/she who is not disqualified as stated in Section 9.
- Section 9** **DISQUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** Any person who has been declared insane by competent authority or has been convicted by the final judgment of an imprisonment of more than six (6) months as penalty.
- Section 10.** **FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY.** Any member who is qualified and interested to run as candidate for the Board of Directors must file a certificate of candidacy with the Election Committee. The Certificate of Candidacy shall be filed on any date from the commencement of election period up to the first day of the National Annual Convention.
- Section 11.** **POSTING OF LIST OF CANDIDATES.** An initial list of candidates shall be posted on the first day of the National Annual Convention. A final list of candidates shall be posted on the day of the election.
- Section 12.** **ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE.** The duly elected members of the Board of Directors or Officers are required to take their Oath of Office. Any member of the Board of Directors or Officers who failed to take his/her Oath of Office within thirty (30) calendar days after the election the position shall be declared vacant.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

- Section 1. OFFICIAL BALLOTS, FORMS AND SUPPLIES.** The Committee on election shall provide official ballots, forms and other supplies for the election purposes. The official ballot should be duly numbered and authenticated by the Chairman of the Election Committee.
- Section 2. ELECTION TIME.** The time of the election during the designated election date shall commence at six o'clock (6:00) and will end ten o'clock (10:00) in the morning without any interruption. The voters who are inside the voting area may shall be allowed to cast their votes even beyond ten o'clock (10:00) in the morning until everyone has voted.
- Section 3. CANVASSING OF BALLOTS.** The canvassing of ballots shall be done immediately after the election time. Each candidate is allowed to have watcher who is a member of OHNAP and registered during the Annual Convention, however, the candidate has the option not to send any watcher. Watcher's name must be submitted one day before the election to the Comelec Committee.
- Section 4. BREAKING RESULTS IN TIE.** In case of tie, the Committee shall break the tie by toss coin or by drawing lots.
- Section 5. PROCLAMATION OF WINNERS.** The results and winners shall be announced by the Chairman of the Election Committee. Afterwards, the Chairman of the Election Committee shall proclaim the winners.
- Section 6. ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS.** The Election Committee shall assist the Board of Directors during the election of officers. The Chairman of the Election Committee may initially preside the election proceedings until the Secretary General has been elected. The results of the election of Officers shall be proclaimed by the Election Committee.
- Section 7. TRANSMITTAL AND SAFEKEEPING OF BALLOTS.** All ballots used in the election shall be kept in the OHNAP office under lock and key for a period of six (6) months after which it can be disposed.
- Section 8. ELECTION PROTEST**
He/she must file a letter of complaint dully signed by the complainant to the election committee no later than fifteen(15) calendar days after election.
The Election Committee will conduct an investigation on the complaint.
They will provide a copy of the report to the President/ Board of Directors for a period of thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of the complaint and supporting documents.
The thirty (30) calendar days, however shall only commence upon complete submission by complainant of additional documents that may be required by the committee.

The Chairman of the Election Committee in coordination with the Arbitration Committee will submit the recommendation for the Board of Directors for approval.

The Chairman of the Election Committee will provide a copy of the report to the President/ Board of Directors within five (5) calendar days following the completion of period of investigation.

All expenses incurred during the investigation and recount if applicable will be charged to the complainant.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. The election code shall take effect after the approval by the Board of Directors during the special or regular board meeting and published in the Health Corridor, the official newsletter of OHNAP.

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