

**WSNA Local Unit  
CASCADE MEDICAL  
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**Local Unit Meeting**



We had a Local Unit meeting on June 21, 2007. Those in attendance were Ladonna Valencia, Walt Hoffman, and Rhea Croll.

The following topics were discussed:

- Election of Officers
- Contract Negotiations
- Survey for Contract Prep.

**Election of Officers**

A “call for nominations” will go out the end of June. This is the first part of the Election of Officers process. Please talk to your co-workers about your interest in running for office. This is an import process. Gordon Briody and Ladonna Valencia have stepped up to the plate and agreed to run for office. There are three positions available:

- Chair (currently held by Gordon Briody)
- Secretary/Treasurer (currently vacant)
- Grievance officer (currently vacant)

You can nominate someone else and/or yourself for any office. The same person can run for more than one office. Your Local Unit Rules dictate how many and what offices are available. Your Local Unit Rules and your present contract are available online at wsna.org, labor relations, Local Units, Cascade Medical Center.

As you are all aware, Joan Grausam has recently resigned from Cascade Medical Center. She was a strong voice for the nurses and will be greatly missed by all. Joan was a Local Unit Officer for many years and on the negotiating team for many contracts. It is time for someone else to try to fill her shoes. Perhaps that is YOU! She was very concerned about leaving this passion behind but we are sure someone will step up to the plate and follow her lead. Remember, you can contact your Nurse Representative via telephone or email.

## **Contract Negotiations**

Your contract expires December 31, 2007. Walt Hoffman and Gordon Briody have already started looking through the contract for negotiation items. They would appreciate your assistance and guidance so please talk to them if you have particular concerns.

Are you interested in being on the negotiation team? Please let Gordon Briody, Walt Hoffman, or Carmen Garrison know if you are interested in helping out. We will be planning a prep session in August or September and will be scheduling negotiation dates soon.

*Stay Tuned!*

Updates will be available on your Local Unit website at [wsna.org](http://wsna.org)

## **Survey for Contract Prep**

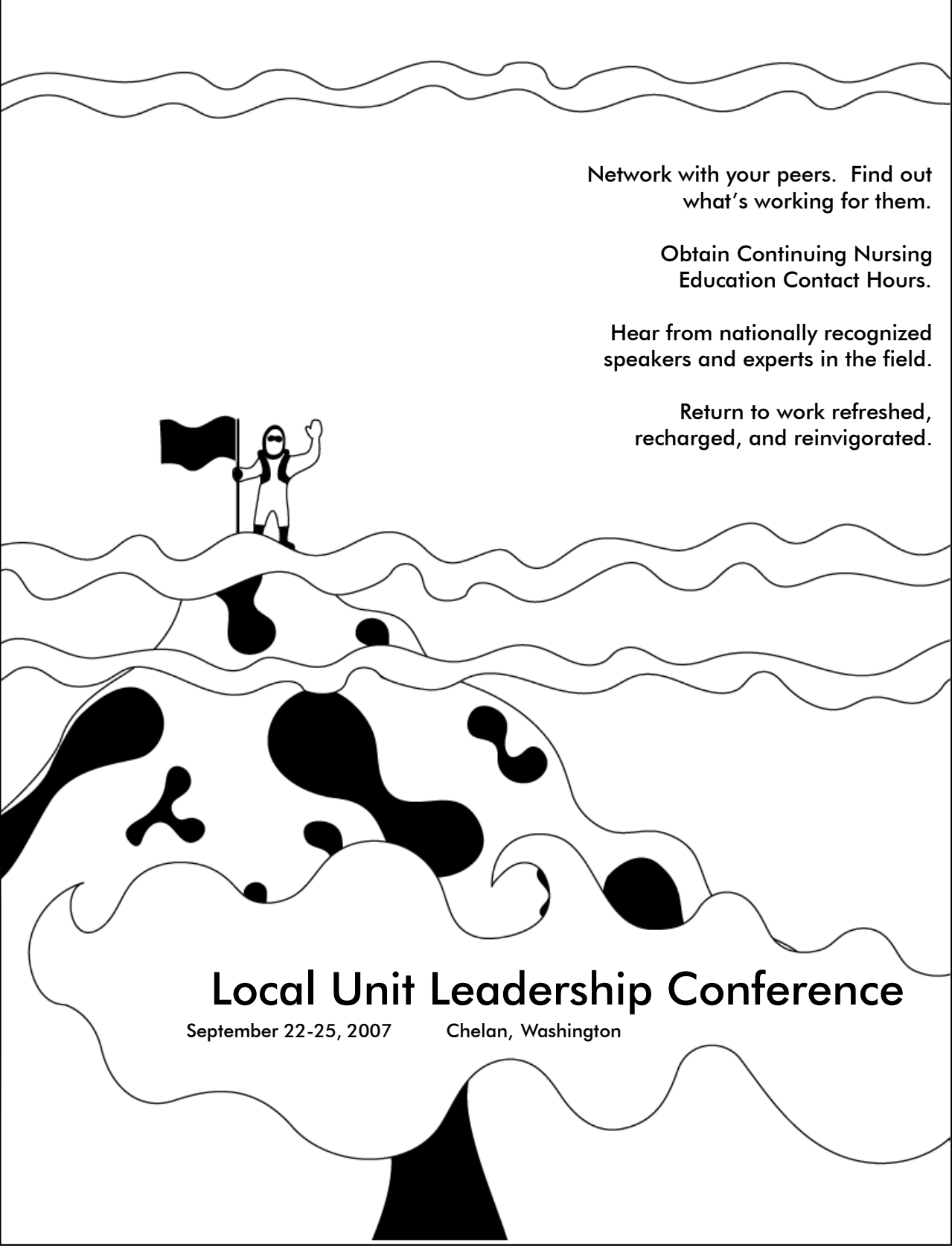
Surveys will be going out in July. We will be asking for what you want in the next contract. The surveys will be available in hard copy and online. Your input is most important! As we prepare for negotiations.

## **Leadership Conference – Lake Chelan!**

This is a great place to meet other Local Unit Officers and members. We encourage all members to attend, especially Local Unit Officers. Learn how to handle grievances, how to be the best Local Unit leader, and so much more. Many Local Units use Local Unit funds to pay for the tuition and expenses of attending. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend! We are looking at new ways to help our Local Unit leaders.







Network with your peers. Find out  
what's working for them.

Obtain Continuing Nursing  
Education Contact Hours.

Hear from nationally recognized  
speakers and experts in the field.

Return to work refreshed,  
recharged, and reinvigorated.

## Local Unit Leadership Conference

September 22-25, 2007

Chelan, Washington

