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Have you weighed in yet on your experiences with workplace tracking technologies? Time and attendance systems, swipe cards, bar code readers, biometric scanners, pagers or communication devices that include GPS location-tracking and various forms of location-tracking I.D. badges are only some of the ways that employers are tracking where we are and what we do. UAN is taking a comprehensive look at how this technology is being used and how it can be addressed by the union. Please share your experiences with this new tool that is increasingly being used by hospital managers—take the UAN survey by going to www.UANNurse.org. The survey is open until Oct. 2.

Modern Healthcare Names UAN President Among “100 Most Powerful”

UAN President Ann Converso, RN, ranked #42 of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare poll, conducted earlier this summer. Converso was the only staff nurse to make the list. President Barack Obama ranked first. Other nurses on the list include AONE CEO Pamela Thompson, RN (#23) and ANA President Becky Patton, RN (#33). California Nurses Association Executive Director Rose Ann DeMoro ranked #35 and SEIU President Andy Stern ranked #10. To read the full list, go to www.modernhealthcare.com.

UAN Stands By Texas RN Whistleblowers

UAN condemned the indictment and prosecution of two Winkler County, Texas, RNs who blew the whistle on concerning practices by a hospital physician, calling the county's actions a “dangerous blow to the front line of patient care.” UAN President Ann Converso, RN, said “the 50,000 staff nurses of the UAN are standing with these nurses. We are proud to contribute to their defense fund and encourage other nurses to do the same.” To learn more and to contribute to the nurses' legal defense, please go to www.texasnurses.org.

New RN Super-Union Information on the Web

To prepare and inform UAN delegates and members about the exciting changes to come as delegates consider uniting with fellow RNs in California and Massachusetts in our new RN super-union, UAN has posted a number of documents and links on the UAN website. There, you'll find relevant resolutions passed by the UAN NLA and Executive Council and the new super-union constitution passed by the UAN Executive Council and to be voted on at a UAN Special NLA in November. You'll also find an update on the meeting of the new super-union's interim executive committee unveiling the name of the RN super-union, National Nurses United. Please go to www.UANNurse.org and click on the “Building our RN Super-Union” banner ad to learn more.



**FOR YOUR
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**Special NLA
Nov. 2**

**Super-Union Convention
Dec. 7**

UAN will hold a Special NLA Nov. 2-3 near Orlando (Lake Buena Vista, FL) to discuss and consider joining with the California and Massachusetts Nurses Associations in the formation of National Nurses United, the new RN super-union that would include 150,000 RNs nationwide. A founding convention of UAN and other affiliates to the new group is planned for Dec. 7-8 near Phoenix (Scottsdale, AZ).