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PRESIDENT, DEBBIE SCHWYTZER

OHIO STATE COUNCIL, INC.

DEE HART, EDITOR

## **President's Final Message:**

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the 2001 Ohio State Council President. This year has been a time of great change and productivity. The Ohio State Council began the year with the challenge of continuing to meet the needs of its membership, providing the excellence in proved programs, and maintaining firm financial status with an uncertain fiscal environment at the National Level. I think we have accomplished these goals. Membership has remained fairly stable with only a minimal loss of members reported in the first half of the year. However, over the past two months, I am glad to report that there has been an upward turn in membership. It is my hope that by the end of 2001, we will again break the 1000 membership number and continue to grow as a strong state with an influential voice in emergency care issues. We offered an overwhelming number of TNCC and ENPC courses over the past year which have not only helped many institutions maintain or receive Trauma Level status but have improved the quality of care we are providing to our patients. Our Educational Program offered in March was well received and offered some timely insights into many of the issues facing emergency care providers in the current care environment. And finally, through the stabilization of the financial status at the National Level and through the "tight-purse-strings" maintained at the State Level, we are in an excellent financial state to expand our services to our membership next year. Look for the many programs and efforts to enhance membership, educate membership, and encourage participation that will be offered next year.

On the state level we have also remained active in the implementation process of the Trauma legislation and have several members placed on key committees and task forces working to ensure appropriate representation of emergency nurses. We have forged ahead with the recognition of your contributions to care in the State of Ohio. Many members have also been actively working on staffing and safety issues that affect us all. This work will continue through the next year.

Membership and active participation remains an issue. This is an issue that only you as the individual member can solve. The ENA and the Ohio State Council of the ENA are YOU. You can make the difference and only through your feedback can we improve the services YOU see as important and necessary. Let the members of the state board know what YOU want done in Ohio and what are YOUR issues. I would like to see all of the approximately 1000 members of Ohio get involved and heard at

all levels. Make the following New Year's Resolutions: (1) Maintain your membership in ENA, (2) get one new member, and (3) become involved in one new activity of ENA at the local, state or national level.

And finally, a thought I would like to leave you with. Over the years we have all heard that leaders are born and not made. I believe that within all of us there is leadership ability. We all lead in our daily lives as we perform our responsibilities as care providers, managers of time and resources, and role modeling for our patients and our co-workers. Leadership means sharing our expertise with others and developing ourselves to meet the changing needs of our chosen profession. At the end of today, spend 10 minutes in a quiet environment and think about what you have done to lead today. You will find that you are a leader.

■ Debbie Schwytzer, RN, MSN, CEN, President

## ***Ohio State Council Board Meeting November 10, 2001***

Debbie welcomed everyone and had them introduce themselves. Credentialling of representatives - there are 19 members present. The agenda was reviewed and Deb asked if there were corrections to the Minutes of August 18. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report - Marie reviewed the report. There are new reimbursement forms. Report accepted. Proposed Budget for next year was also reviewed.

Web Site - we viewed the new web site. We have copies of the programs for Officers to use to add things. Mike discussed how we access the other items we could use. Mike asked that we review what links we should have listed. If there are others send them to Christie. Other items were discussed. Down-loadable forms that will be added to the site - the reimbursement form and delegate form for National. Add the Symposium registration form. Password protected Directories - of State Council Board accessible to Board members only. More details to come.

National News - Debbie reported about what happened at the National Meeting. They did hold a meeting but not General Assembly. There were problems from many people who still had difficulty with reimbursement for hotels and travel. Debbie will clarify with National. Anyone with problems, contact Debbie ASAP. She received a summary of financial status for National.

## **2002 OSCENA Meeting Dates**

Location: ACEP Offices, Suite 100,  
3510 Snouffer Road, Columbus, Ohio

January 19  
March 9  
June 15  
August 10  
November 9

Revenues were higher than expected and expenses lower than budgeted. Debbie reviewed how National has revised their expenses and how they are going to phase some of the activities back into the system. This will help keep us financially solvent. Debbie reviewed the Resolutions and By-laws changes.

### **CHAPTER REPORTS**

Greater Akron Area - Dee Hart - next meeting this week. Planning a CEN review in late spring with Laura Gasparis-Von Frolio at the Amish Door Restaurant and hotel in Wilmot, OH, May 1, 2002.

Greater Cincinnati - Debbie Schwytzer - next meeting November 13 sponsored by Cencor.

Greater Cleveland - NR, Christmas meeting December 5.

Greater Miami Valley - Liz Pulley - meeting at Grandview, next meeting in December with election of officers, one ENPC in December.

Seagate - Ann West - ENPC in October, no recent meetings.

Eastern Ohio - Ben Melnykovich - last month Shawn Bryant from Fire Service in Howland FD spoke on D-MORT team. Having better attendance at meetings.

Central Ohio Chapter - Deb Zang - just had annual educational day, very successful, meeting on cultural issue recently.

Southern Ohio - Nancy Fagan - annual meeting for Emergency Nurses Day, gave memberships away.

Lakeshore - Peg Kunsman - half day symposium in October well attended. May do again next year with Cleveland. TNCC in Elyria end of October. Christmas meeting December 4.

Heart of Ohio - Deb Deedrick - NR

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

ACEP (American College of Emergency Physicians) - Mike Glenn - NR, not sure of schedule of meetings for next year.

EMS Board (Emergency Medical Services) - Kathy Haley - meets this week. Kathy will be testifying re: EMS board activities to NTSA and re: what they have done since 1990. Retreat in January for 3 days. Issue regarding unlicensed personnel in ED - discussions ongoing. Nancie Bechtel will testify about facilities preparedness.

OAEMS - Deb Zang - NR

ONA (Ohio Nurses Association) - David Shields - NR, Debbie attended General Assembly and talked with them regarding our willingness to work with them on issues we specialize in.

OSTNC (Ohio Society of Trauma Nurse Coordinators) - Nancie Bechtel - meets regularly, recently revised Bylaws, they will have 2 year term for President. Also revising Trauma education manual that can be used by individuals to learn about trauma nursing.

Forensic Nurse Examiners - Deb Zang - Meeting was Thursday in Lorain working on Grant from Attorney General's office to get a representative to that office.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trauma Committee - Dee/Nancie - Two Instructor Courses being planned. Reviewed the new issues from the National regarding Course Directors.

Education/Research - David Shields - 2002 Symposium April 27 in Columbus at Mt. Carmel East. Key note 2002 National President Sherri-Lynne Almeida. David reviewed some of the other speakers. Cost \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Lunch provided. Kathy Sutton working on exhibitors.

Government Affairs - Deb Zang/Debbie Schwytzer - One Cincinnati nursing home is developing a position of Med tech - unlicensed personnel passing medications. There is a legislative proposal regarding this that we need to be active with input. Another issue: It will be a 4th degree misdemeanor to assault a health care person in the ED. A new bill being signed by the Governor that it will make this happen. Debbie reviewed some of the Federal issues of nursing shortage.

Membership Development/Delegate Selection - Deb Zang/Margaret Kunsman - Deb reviewed numbers.

Newsletter - Dee Hart - thanks to those who have submitted articles. We will have advertisers for job placements. We will start to phase out hard copy of newsletter because it will be available on our web site. Anyone who still requests a hard copy may do so by contacting the Editor.

Nursing Practice - Kathy Sutton - issues similar to those already discussed.

ENCARE - Deb Deedrick - NR

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nominations to EMS Board - Kathy Haley nominated for the soon to be vacated position. Going to the Governor for approval.

Proposed Bylaw Changes - Debbie reviewed the issue and the schematic. Discussed. Motion - Kathy Haley made a motion to amend the Bylaws so that the term of President will be for a two year term. The Member-at-large position will be increased from two to three members. Nancie seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion 17 yea, 2 nay. Place this in the Newsletter so that it will be voted on at January 2002 meeting. If anyone has comments or suggestions for discussion at January meeting, contact any Board member or Chapter Representatives ASAP.

Bylaws and Elections - Debbie discussed issues related.

Motion - Liz Pulley made a motion to make the office of President-elect null and void in the current election because it is conflict with current Bylaws. Seconded by Dee Hart. Discussed. Motion passed.

Deb Zang made a motion to allow the President-elect to move into the President position. Leave the President-elect position vacant until the next meeting for appointment of a candidate by the Executive Board. Seconded by Ben Melnykovich. Discussion. Aye - 9 - Nay - 2, Abstain 6. Consequent event of this vote, Executive Board will choose another president-elect or choose to leave position vacant.

Bylaws Change Proposed - Motion made by Deb Zang to change Bylaws Article VI, Section D, 5 B - to read "A Candidate for President-Elect must currently serve as an active voting member of the Board of Directors". Seconded by Dee Hart. Discussion. Also change wording to Article VI, Section D 6 B - to read "A vacancy in the office of President-elect may be filled by a current member of the Board of Directors..." And to change verbiage of Article VI, Section D 6 D to read "...Board of Directors..." (in place of Executive Board). Seconded by Connie Dishon. This will be placed in the newsletter for all members to review. Voting will take place at March meeting by the Board of Directors. Any questions, issues, etc. need to be brought to the attention of the Chapter Representatives or OSC Officers ASAP.

Elections for 2002 Officers - Election results - Mike reported that Jim Johnson was elected as Member-at-Large and Marie Garrison as Treasurer. Mike made motion to destroy ballots. Seconded by Ben Melnykovich. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

General Assembly Resolutions and Reimbursement - Debbie reviewed appointed delegates reimbursement issues. Reimbursement requests should be sent to Marie by December 15, 2001.

Silent Auction for National 2002 - Did have an auction for what was there at September meeting. Will have a Silent Auction next year - requesting each State council to donate an item of greater than \$500 value.

Additions - Nancie Bechtel reviewed two issues regarding meetings and groups who we need to send a representative to. Injury Prevention Commission sub-committee and State Medical Director's Commission on Infectious Disease.

Trauma Registry - position up in January - Ann West - Submission of names at next meeting.

■ Dee Hart, RN, BSN, CEN

## **Notice to Members - Ohio State Council Bylaws Changes**

The following is a notice to all ENA Members in the state of Ohio. They are proposed changes to the OSC Bylaws and require notification and immediate reply with concerns, questions, etc.

Notify your Chapter Representative to OSC or Debbie Schwytzer at Deborah.Schwytzer@uc.edu or 513-558-5270.

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## **Officers for 2002**

President - Kathy Haley, Columbus  
Immediate-Past-President - Debbie Schwytzer, Cincinnati  
Secretary - Dee Hart, Suffield  
Treasurer - Marie Garrison, Cincinnati  
Members-at-Large - James Johnson, Columbus;  
Peg Kunsman, Rocky River

## **Education Committee Report**

Mark your calendars: The next State Council Symposium will be April 27th, 2002 at Mt. Carmel East Hospital's Seigel Center for Health Education located on East Broad St. in Columbus, Ohio.

This will be a one day event with the keynote by Sherri-Lynne Almeida, RN, DRPH, MSN, Med, CNS, CEN, EMT, 2002 National ENA President.

The cost of the program will be \$20.00 for ENA members and \$25.00 for non-members.

Ticklers reminding you of the program should be out in December, 2001 and the flyers will be out in January, 2002. You may also download a registration form and flyer from the ENA State Council Website at OhioENA.org

If you know of a company that would like to exhibit please have them contact Kathy Sutton at kmsuttonrn@msn.com or for other information contact David Shields at dshieldsrnsncen@aol.com

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## **Ohio State Council's New Web Page [www.OhioENA.org](http://www.OhioENA.org)**

After nearly a year of planning and discussion, the Ohio State Council ENA has a website. This is the latest effort by state council to increase its visibility among emergency nurses in Ohio and around the country. This website will become a major component in state council's overall effort to provide ENA members with up-to-date information and communications and to provide all emergency nurses with a current source of information on the activities of OSC. Among the various types of information this web page will support, you will find the minutes of state council and committee meetings, state council representative rosters, links to the Ohio ENA state chapters, electronic versions of the Buckeye Beat, and important state and national meetings and educational opportunities. Please take a few minutes to visit the Ohio State Council ENA website at [www.OhioENA.org](http://www.OhioENA.org). Many thanks to Christie Holmes at Ohio ACEP for her technical assistance in making this project a reality.

If you have any questions about the website, or have suggestions for information or improvements, please send those to [info@OhioENA.org](mailto:info@OhioENA.org).

■ Mike Glenn, Immediate Past President, OSC

## **Membership Report November 2001**

<b><u>Chapter</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter Name</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
041	Akron	123	+7
255	Central Ohio	147	0
044	Cleveland	114	-3
047	Eastern Ohio	48	+1
261	Greater Cincinnati	160	+15
243	Greater Miami Valley	139	+1
413	Heart of Ohio	30	-1
356	Lakeshore	53	+4
046	Seagate	104	-9
373	Southern Ohio	<u>19</u>	<u>-1</u>
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>+14</b>