

## President's Message:

Becky Steinmann, a past president of Ohio State Council, Inc., once wrote, "we can do together things we cannot accomplish alone." In past months through liaison relationships, formal representation, and networking we have been collaborating for many goals and tasks. These activities include collaboration with the Ohio Society of Trauma Nurse Coordinators regarding trauma issues, reviewing regional prehospital trauma triage guidelines, working on regional and statewide disaster plans, testifying and letter writing for safety issues, and many others. What an achievement to have nursing groups and emergency nurses within groups working together to support the healthcare needs of our regions and state.

Although eventually we will need significant bylaw revision, we recently accomplished focused revision. We recently elected a president-elect, Deborah Zang, who will be the first member to begin a presidency term of two years.

In September, many of Ohio's emergency nurses will be attending the national meeting and the Scientific Assembly of the Emergency Nurses Association. Hopefully many of you will have the opportunity to attend this important meeting/assembly. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that one of our members was nominated for the **2002 Nurse Professionalism Award**. Please join me in congratulating Vickie Graymire RN, MS as the nominee and her nominator, Debbie Schwaiger! It is a wonderful effort to acknowledge our hard working and dedicated colleagues. Although Vickie was well qualified for this award, another has been chosen as this year's recipient. As a nominee, Vickie will be honored just before the Keynote Address on Friday, September 19, 2002.

Have a safe, healthy and fun fall season! If you haven't already been there, please visit our web page at [ohioena.org](http://ohioena.org). For those who are going to New Orleans, have fun, network, and learn much! New Orleans is a great city!

■ Kathy Haley, RN, BSN, CEN, President

## **Ohio State Council Emergency Nurses Association August 10, 2002**

Deb Zang welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Credentialing of members showed that there are 13 members present and 6 chapters represented.

### **CHAPTER REPORTS**

Greater Akron Chapter - Dee Hart - Next meeting September 26.

Cleveland - NR

Greater Miami Valley - Connie Dishon - meeting last Wednesday with topic on massage therapy, next meeting 1st Wednesday in October. ENCARE subject discussed at the meeting.

Lakeshore - Sue Moore - meeting 6/19 toured the local rape crisis center. October meeting with subject on penetrating trauma. Planning a 1/2 day symposium October 19 topics to include search and rescue issues.

Southern Ohio - NR

Central Ohio - Jim Johnson - recent meeting, having next meeting soon with speaker on Hot Legal Topics in ED, speaker will be an MD from Mt. Carmel, October 4 Emergency Nurses Day at Doctors North - Ortho issues will be the general topic.

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**[www.ohioena.org](http://www.ohioena.org)**

Greater Cincinnati - Debbie Schwytzer - next meeting September 10 and planning for nurse's day at the Boat House, speaker will be Renee Holleran.

Seagate - NR

Heart of Ohio - NR

Eastern Ohio - NR

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

ACEP (American College of Emergency Physicians) - Marie Garrison - concern about shortage of nurses and mandatory overtime. Also issues discussed about supporting two legislative persons who would help interpret legislative issues for them.

Ohio Department of Public Safety Committee Liaison

EMS Board (Emergency Medical Services) - Nancie - EMS board met and have changed the process for hearings and have been discussing CE, and other issues.

Trauma Committee - Nancie - Rules have been passed and will take effect late October. Mike Glenn has been disseminating these. Trauma Triage Protocols - Nancie reviewed this process and their review. Also in effect November 3, protocols and agreements and now PI (Performance Improvement). These have to be in place for all hospitals that deal with trauma and care of Pediatrics and adults. OHA has put out drafts for triage protocols and care protocols for hospitals to use if they wish.

Trauma Registry Advisory Committee - several groups have to report trauma data to the State - hospitals, EMS and Coroners. The last group has not completed their process in submitting details of data on trauma. The Committee is working with them and the Rehab facilities to submit data. They also have a process to request data about state statistics.

ONA (Ohio Nurses Association) - David - No Report

OSTNC (Ohio Society of Trauma Nurse Coordinators) - Nancie Bechtel - getting ready for elections, and have updated by-laws, speaker at every meeting.

Forensic Nurse Examiners - Deb Zang - new state manual finished, many training sessions being planned all over the state, it is a 5 day training course.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Adult/Pediatric Trauma - Dee - finished SOPs - Designee status completed. Nancie discussed the Inst course in December and applicants.

ENCARE materials given to Nancie by Mike - will go to Dixie.

State Disaster Initiative - Medical Volunteers Commission - they want us to have a pool of nurses to be called up for disaster. Nancie discussed what the state is looking for. She will present information to us at next meeting.

Education - Jim Johnson - no meeting since last time, starting plans for next year but no definite plans yet. He will contact Dona to see if Cleveland will take on setting up the next program.

Government Affairs - Debbie Schwytzer - she discussed how ANA is going to make plans to call up nurses in disaster for mass immunization and chemoprophylaxis. Debbie discussed other issues and on the local level of a THANK YOU THANK YOU Day for some local legislators who supported the nurse shortage. Legislative bill on mandatory overtime will probably not be passed, but it did raise the awareness of legislators.

Membership Development - Deb Zang - 19 people submitted as Delegates to National. Membership - Dayton area has dropped, they have been actively involved in recruiting members. They have moved the meetings around, sent letters to many organizations and still not getting membership attendance at meetings.

***Deadline for  
Buckeye Beat Articles***

**November 18**

### Communications -

Newsletter - Dee Hart - deadline announced and requested information be submitted.

Web site - Deb Zang - will pursue contacting Christie to update.

ENCARE - Dixie Kirkland - reported on volunteers in OH, plans for new programs, and reported on types of programs. A motion was made to purchase Alcohol Awareness program slides and all other slides at a previous meeting. Dixie will look into what we have and see what we need. Dixie would like to set up a train the trainer program and an instructor course for ENCARE in Ohio. She has started the preparations and will let us know if this is feasible and what needs to be done.

Nominations - Debbie Schwytzer - Member-at-Large and secretary are the offices that need to be filled. We will try to put this out on the web and send letters to chapters and delegates. We are still missing delegates from Eastern Ohio, Heart of Ohio and Seagate. Ballots will be sent to known delegates and need to be returned because we need to submit the list of officers for 2003 to National by the first of November. Debbie called for names of interested members.

SOPs - Debbie reviewed what SOPs have been submitted.

Finance - Connie Dishon - NR

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Liability Coverage for State Council - Kathy - talked to representative, and is still gathering information.

CATN - New Orleans - for new Course Directors, Phone conference after National Conference to update current Course Directors.

Long Range Goals - these were reviewed from the Strategic Plan made 2 years ago. It was felt we were meeting many of the steps, but there were several we are struggling with because of membership and active involvement.

Appointment to Infectious Disease Committee at State Level - Nancie Bechtel reported, state wanting to resume the committee's meetings and do we need to be represented? Nancie discussed what the committee proposal was and what their focus is. We will have Kathy submit Nancie's name to represent us.

Razzle Dazzle Raffle Tickets - Debbie discussed - each Chapter will receive a ticket. Connie made a motion to have the additional tickets be put in by Ohio State Council and if we won the prize it will be used at our next Symposium for prizes.

Budget Issues - Request for Funds to cover TNCC course in Darke County. Dee reviewed and will get back to them.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

National Meeting - Deb reviewed the Resolutions that are being presented at National and some of the other items being addressed.

Regional Physician Advisory Board - Dee reviewed the issue and that we were asking our members to get involved in this. State Legislative issue regarding the Trauma Legislation update: Provisional designation passed.

Representative to ACEP meeting - Deb reviewed the meeting dates. Marie volunteered and Kathy will follow up.

### **SANE**

Upcoming SANE Trainings offered through a grant from the Attorney General's office and the Ohio Chapter of I.A.F.N. (International Association of Forensic Nurses).

Bucyrus, OH - Sept. 4, 5, 10, 11, 12

Steubenville, OH - Oct. 7, 8, 15, 16, 17

Akron, OH - Oct. 21-25

Cleveland, OH - Nov. 13, 14, 18, 19, 20

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**May 2002  
Membership Report**

CHAPTER/#	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	CHANGE
AKRON 041	123	+3
CENTRAL OHIO 255	140	+5
CLEVELAND 044	106	-9
EASTERN OHIO 047	46	-4
GREATER CINCINNATI 261	156	-6
GREATER MIAMI VALLEY 243	115	-18
HEART OF OHIO 413	40	+7
LAKESHORE 356	54	+1
SEAGATE 046	101	-5
SOUTHERN OHIO 373	28	+2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>-24</b>

**2002 Ohio State  
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**President** – Kathy Haley, Columbus

**Immediate Past-President** – Debbie Schwytzer, Cincinnati

**Secretary** – Dee Hart, Suffield

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**Members-at-large** – Peg Kunsman, Rocky River and  
James Johnson, Reynoldsburg

**President-elect** — Deb Zang, Columbus

**Ohio State Council (OSC)  
Meeting Dates for 2002**

Location: ACEP Offices,  
Suite 100, 3510 Snouffer Road, Columbus, Ohio  
November 9