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President's Message:

Hi to all Ohio ENA Members,

It is with great excitement that I start this year. I have been nurtured and have a firm foundation from last year's president, Kathy Haley. It is not just with Kathy's help, but all the Ohio State Council's help that I will undertake this job.

I want to thank the outgoing officers, Dee Hart, Peg Kunsman, and Kathy Haley. They worked hard and their efforts will not be forgotten. With their volunteerism, ENA in the state of Ohio does make a difference.

Welcome to the new officers, Nancie Bechtel, Debbie Schwytzer. Thank you for wanting to serve this year and keep ENA alive.

We have some projects that we are finishing from last year, the operating procedures and to keep the website going. We are also going to update the by-laws, which seems like a never-ending job.

We have some exciting happenings in the state. The educational symposium is being held in Dayton this year. We have added an advanced practice tract. This seemed to be very popular at the national scientific assembly. We have lots of advanced practice nurses in the state that should take advantage of this very inexpensive educational offering. It will be held April 26. We appreciate all the hard work that the educational committee is putting into this event. Thank you also to Dayton for finding a location. We are changing it to a one-day event, but still would like to have some socializing the Friday night before. This is a time that we can get together and find out what is going on with some other colleagues across the state.

We are in desperate need to find out the officers of some of our missing chapters. At State Council meetings, we need to have input from all the chapters and we do not see some representation from some of the chapters. Seagate, Eastern Ohio, Heart of Ohio, Cleveland, and Lakeshore where are you? We need your annual report on file and need to update the officers on the website.

On that issue of the website, if there are any ideas that you want to see implemented, please email us to let us know. As many of you will soon know the Buckeye Beat will be on the website. Unless you tell us you would like to get a copy mailed, it will be on the website for you to read and enjoy.

Since it is January, it is again time to fill out the delegate form to go to the national assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from across the country and get involved in policy implementation for the ENA.

At the end of this month, the Leadership conference will be taking place in New Mexico. Although I understand I will not be basking in very warm climate, I hope to learn many things. If anyone sees me, please come up and introduce yourself and be proud to tell me that you are from Ohio. Anyone that knows me will tell you that one of the first comments out of my mouth is "Are you involved in your local chapter of ENA?" This is where we can make a difference in our community.

I have a request that I am soliciting from anywhere in the state. I would like the Ohio State ENA to have a philanthropic project. We would like to be able to make a difference in our State. It does not have to be a big project, but something that we will feel good about. I know we are all very busy, but we can take one hour to make a difference in the community. Email any suggestions.

More Info. at:
www.ohioena.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

APRIL 26, 2003 — The Airport Inn, Dayton, OH

OSC STATE EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Don't miss it!!

There are many states that have trips to help out an underserved area with free medical clinics. I went to Haiti a few years ago and it was a very rewarding experience.

Please stay in touch with us on the website. Email any concerns. Get involved in your local chapters!!!!!!!!!!!!

Until next edition, stay warm and safe.

■ Deb Zang, President

Ohio State Council Emergency Nurses Association February 1, 2003

Kathy Haley conducted the swearing-in of the new officers. Deb Zang presented gifts of appreciation to the departing Officers, Kathy Haley, Dee Hart and Peg Kunsman.

Deb Zang opened the meeting and asked for agenda items. Minutes and treasurer's reports were reviewed and accepted.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Greater Akron Area - Dee Hart - Planning May 7 Symposium at the Amish Door Restaurant in Wilmot. Accepted Bylaws and now working on SOPs. Next meeting March 20, dinner and speaker vendor supported.

Cleveland - NR

Central Ohio - Nancy McBride - First meeting in January had a good turn-out with Becky Squires who

talked in EMTLA. March 19 next meeting is on X-ray Interpretation. Planning a schedule for the next year. ENPC and TNCC classes - listed on COTS schedule.

Cincinnati - Gordon Gillespie - Luncheon being scheduled for October Emergency Nurses Day, TNCC's being done at local facilities. Judy Levy is President.

Greater Miami Valley - Connie Dishon - February 5 meeting educational piece on Pregnancy induced Hypertension. President: Theresa Hucke.

Heart of Ohio - NR

Lakeshore - NR

Seagate - NR

Southern Ohio - Nancy Fagen - Critical Care Bonus for CEN status in her area. Nurse Practitioners are opening the Fast Track without Physician involvement. Seeing about 30 patients per day. President Nancy Fagen.

Eastern Ohio - NR

LIAISON REPORTS

ACEP (American College of Emergency Physicians) - Deb reviewed about the contract we have with them to hold our meetings at the location. A new contract will be completed.

EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Board - Kathy Haley - just finished a three day retreat. Combined with State Trauma Committee - with outcome of clear guidelines for the Trauma Committee duties. Discussed and clarified provisional status. Redefined the mission of the EMS Board and clarified issues. There are some Grants being drafted. Grants available in Trauma prevention, rehab, trauma research and EMS equipment. Find out more details at www.ohiopublicsafety.com

1. Trauma Committee - Nancie Bechtel - 2 areas of focus - subcommittees on regionalization and pre-hospital transport issues. Nancie is on regionalization subcommittee, the process of regionalizing is a benefit to hospitals - financial benefit usually demonstrated. Not sure what the recommendation will be.

2. TRAC - Trauma Registry Advisory Committee - Deb reviewed the seats available on this committee and that we are eligible to submit a name for a representa-

Ohio State Council (OSC) Meeting Dates for 2003

Location: ACEP Offices,
April 12
June 14
August 16
November 8

All meetings at 10 a.m. at the ACEP office

3510 Snouffer Road, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43235

ALL CHAPTERS: NOTE - All chapter Presidents must send a copy of their Officers Report to Deb Zang at 7844 Blacklick Eastern Road, Pickerington, OH 43147 or email at Deber73@aol.com. This information is needed to complete IRS forms and our incorporation status at OSC.

tive. Discussion. Kathy will explore the details of our elected person Vicki Graymire. TRAS new name - Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee that reports to the Trauma Committee. We will ask for a report from our representative.

ONA (Ohio Nurses Association) - David Shields - Their Board did agree with our Position Statement on the Disaster Preparedness that was discussed at last OSC meeting. Maintaining open discussion with them.

OSTNC (Ohio State of Trauma Nurse Coordinators) - Nancie Bechtel - meeting coming up. Getting a tax ID # and not completing full Incorporation designation. Redesigning Trauma Education tool. Looking at developing a Website.

IAFN (International Association of Forensic Nurses) - Deb Zang - working on film video portion of education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trauma/Disaster - Nancie/Judy - reviewed last years activities. Dee resigning as Co-chair. Judy Miller will be assuming the position of Co-Chair with Nancie. Meeting following this OSC meeting.

Education/Research - Jim Johnson - Jim reviewed topics, hoping to have brochure out next week. Donna Mason from National ENA will be our Keynote speaker. Her topic will be Diversity in Nursing. Discussion to have a get together of the Chapter Presidents to introduce them to OSC just before the Symposium. More information forthcoming.

Government Affairs - Debbie Schweitzer - Deb reviewed issues that were sent to Chapter Presidents from National.

Membership - Peg Kunsman - Deb reviewed numbers per chapter. 898 members (see attached totals).

Communication - Dee/Jim - Dee reported on the status of the Newsletter going to the web. Jim will be taking on the responsibilities coordinating the web site data. Deb reviewed how to use the web. Chapter changes and other information should be sent to Deb Zang.

Nursing Practice - Kathy Haley - NR

ENCARE - Dixie Kirkland - NR

Finance - Connie Dishon - NR

SOPs/Bylaws - Debbie/Dee - last draft completed and sent to Executive Board for review. Executive Board to meet before next meeting to review.

Nominating - Kathy Haley - NR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Homeland Security - Nancie - gave a presentation outlining what Ohio is doing in preparation.

ACEP Contract - The group reviewed and added input for concerns and changes. Deb will complete this process.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget - Kathy and Deb reviewed the details. Budget projections approved as discussed.

CEN charges have increased, Deb reviewed the other costs.

National Delegate Application

Deb encouraged everyone to take the National Conference Delegate applications as needed. If you are planning on applying to be a Delegate to National Conference your applications are due to the Chairperson **before** June 1. Find the application on our website: www.ohioena.org under forms, and annual meeting delegate application. Send to Peg Kunsman at 1100 Whittlesay Lane, Rocky River, OH 44116.

Greater Cincinnati Chapter

President Judy Levy, President-elect Gordon Gillespie, Immediate-past President Sharon Walsh-Hart, Secretary - Kim Lang, and Treasurer Julie Doubet. Their next meeting will be March 12, at 1830 in Shriner's Hospital in Cincinnati, They will have a business meeting, lecture on Pediatric Burns and a tour of the facility. Any questions contact Judy at judy_levy@trihealth.com

Greater Cincinnati Chapter is having a TNCC March 6-7. For information contact Sharon Walsh-Hart at sharon_walsh-hart@trihealth.com

Education Committee Report

The Education committee met 2/1/03 at 9 AM to finish details on the symposium. At the deadline of the Buckeye Beat, the brochure was not back from the printer but is anticipated to go out this week.

Date: Sat. 4/26/03

Place: Dayton Airport Inn, Dayton, OH

Symposium Schedule:

7:30 AM - Registration and Continental Breakfast (Sponsored by Roche Pharmaceuticals)

8:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:15 Keynote Address "Diversity in ENA - The Opportunity" - Donna Mason, RN, MS, CEN

Donna is a National ENA Board Member-at-Large and is our Board Liaison. She will be traveling from Tennessee to attend the Symposium.

9:30 Break and visit Exhibits!

10:00 - Breakout Sessions

1A) "Bioterrorism in the ED Setting" - Sandy Iames, RN, CIC, CPHQ

1B) "The Ohio Board of Nursing" - Barbara Sininger, SSN, LNC

1C) ADVANCE PRACTICE TOPIC - "Chest X-ray Interpretation for the Nurse Practitioner" - Pamela Horn, CRNP

11:15 - Breakout Sessions

2A) "Baby It's Cold Outside" (a Peds thermoregulation topic) - Annie Self, RN

2B) "Atypical Chest Pain Presentations" - Nancy McBride, RN, BSN, CEN

2C) ADVANCED PRACTICE TOPIC "New Treatment Option For The Type 2 Diabetic Patient With Neuropathy" - Kristine Scordo, PhD, RN, CS, ACNP

12:30 Lunch and Visit Exhibits! LUNCH IS PROVIDED WITH REGISTRATION

1:15 - General Session "Smallpox: Clinical and Immunization Information" - Medard Lutmerding, MD, FACEP

2:30 - Break

2:45 - Breakout Session

3A) "Famepizole: A new Antidote For Two Old Foes" - Mark Laubacher, RN, BSN, CSPI, ENT-P

3B) "Update on Current and Future Stroke Protocols" - Andrew Slivks, MD (sponsored by Genentech Pharmaceuticals)

3C) ADVANCE PRACTICE TOPIC "Keeping the Lid on the Pressure Cooker" - Ed Cuback, Pharm D

4:00 - Evaluations and Certificates

Cost: \$50 ENA Members, \$65 Non-ENA Members

Points to Remember:

- 9 CEU's provided
- Three ADVANCE PRACTICE TOPICS - New for '03!
- Board of Nursing Topic meets Ohio relicensure requirement!
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided with registration price

Contact Person: James Johnson, RN (614) 864-8986 or centralohioena@yahoo.com

We plan to have a brochure on the Ohio ENA website ASAP @ ohioena.org

Dayton Airport Inn - about \$69/night (mention the symposium)

(937) 898-1000

(800) 543-7577 for reservations

www.flydayton.com

We are contacting Vendors as Exhibitors or other forms of sponsorship. Please contact Jim with any suggested contacts.

December 2003 Membership Report

CHAPTER/#	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	CHANGE
AKRON 041	112	-11
CENTRAL OHIO 255	141	+1
CLEVELAND 044	104	-2
EASTERN OHIO 047	47	+1
GREATER CINCINNATI 261	155	-1
GREATER MIAMI VALLEY 243	128	+13
HEART OF OHIO 413	38	-2
LAKESHORE 356	50	-4
SEAGATE 046	92	-9
SOUTHERN OHIO 373	31	+3
TOTAL	898	-11

2003 Ohio State Council Officers

President – Deb Zang

Immediate Past-President – Kathy Haley

Secretary/Treasurer – Debbie Schwytzer

Members-at-large –

Nancie Bechtel and James Johnson

Ohio Trauma Registry Update

The Ohio Trauma Registry (OTR) begins its fourth year of operation in 2003. Over 80,000 records have been submitted by trauma centers and non trauma center hospitals in Ohio. The OTR in 2003 has undergone its first significant upgrade since its inception in 1999. After an extensive review by the Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee, a number of fields, mainly pre-hospital and emergency department procedures were eliminated or revised. Additional fields were added to better track transferred trauma patients and to evaluate the pre-hospital trauma triage criteria. Also new in 2003 is the process for submitting records. The 2003 OTR is a web-enabled database. Hospitals log on to the ODPS's secure server and enter data directly into the database. Error reports for incomplete or inaccurate data are generated immediately upon submission. Hospitals will have the option to download their own facilities data and using a spread sheet or database software program, they can create their own reports and graphs.

The OTR is just one part of a larger EMS/Trauma information system that will, in the future, link EMS reports, hospital data, coroners' data, rehabilitation and crash data. This will make Ohio's EMS/Trauma database one of the most comprehensive in the country.

The Division of EMS publishes a quarterly OTR newsletter. To Register, for more information about the OTR subscribe to the Register or view the Register on-line at www.ohiopublicsafety.org click on EMS then scroll to EMS Public Information and click on EMS newsletters.

Much of the data in the OTR is available to health care

and safety professionals. For more information about the OTR contact Mike Glenn, RN, State Trauma Coordinator mglenn@dps.state.oh.us or Tim Erskine, EMT-P, CSTR, EMS & Trauma Data Manager, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS at terskine@dps.state.oh.us.

Update from your State Trauma Committee of the EMS Board

The State Trauma Subcommittee of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board recently participated in a joint retreat with the State EMS Board. Aside from regular business meetings, a collaborative Mission statement was drafted (not yet in print) amidst strategic planning. The State Trauma Committee currently has two subcommittees in place: one is looking at the benefits of trauma regionalization, and the other is drafting operational guidelines for ground EMS and ambulance services. The State Trauma Subcommittee has also commissioned seven "Special Studies" as mandated of the EMS Board by the new trauma legislation. The seven studies are in progress with final reports due out this summer. The studies include:

1. The role of acute care hospitals and regional trauma systems in the state trauma system
2. The abilities and needs of EMS providers in relation to pediatric trauma care in Ohio and with contiguous states
3. The abilities and needs of EMS providers in relation to geriatric trauma care in Ohio and with contiguous states.
4. The causes and impact of trauma on minority populations, and methods to improve emergency medical services for minority groups
5. Methods to assure that autopsies are performed on appropriate trauma victims and that autopsy data is reported to the State Trauma Registry
6. A comparative analysis of reporting trauma data to the state registry via hand-held electronic devices
7. Methods of increasing trauma education of trauma professionals across the states, especially in rural areas

State Trauma Committee meetings are held the second Wednesdays of odd months at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Columbus, Ohio. Meeting Minutes are regularly posted on the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS website at <http://www.state.oh.us/odps/>

divison/ems/ems_local/default.htm. All emergency nurses are welcome to attend. For more information or to discuss an agenda item, contact Nancie Bechtel at the Central Ohio Trauma System, phone (614) 240-7419.

■ Nancie Bechtel, RN, BSN, CEN, EMTB

The New State Trauma Legislation: What Do Ohio ED Nurses Need To Know?

As you may well know by now, the state's new trauma legislation took effect November 2, 2003. This law includes that every Ohio hospital, whether a designated trauma center or an acute care facility, must have three trauma-related components in place: (1) Patient transfer agreements with a designated trauma center(s); (2) Trauma assessment and care protocols for *both* adult and pediatric trauma victims; and (3) An established process that addresses trauma performance improvement. Many hospitals in Ohio have initiatives in place to address these mandates, while other hospitals are in various stages of the process towards compliance. Additionally under the law, physicians may no longer admit trauma victims to non-designated trauma centers. Trauma patients, specifically defined by Ohio Administrative Code under the *Final Trauma Triage Rules*, have serious, often life- or limb-threatening injuries. **What are the implications of the new Ohio trauma law for emergency nurses?** Emergency nurses must be involved with their institutions to promote quality patient care in relation to the new mandates. Emergency nurses are inherent in the assessment and treatment of trauma patients in the emergency department (ED). Established trauma assessment and care protocols incorporate the skills of emergency nurses with patients. Emergency nurses expedite the transfer of trauma patients. EMTALA already mandates transfers to facilities with higher levels of care and physician-to-physician and nurse-to-nurse reporting. ED nurses must be aware of transfer agreements in order to know transfer options for patients and where to call report. And *who better* than emergency nurses — inherent and irreplaceable members of the trauma team — to take part in trauma performance

improvement activities to enhance care for patients? NOW is the time for ED nurses to learn about the law, to help their institutions achieve compliance, and to participate in focused initiatives for the benefit of trauma victims across the state.

■ Nancie Bechtel, RN, BSN, CEN, EMTB

Disaster Preparedness: Update on the State Medical Volunteers Committee

The *Medical Volunteers Committee* (MVC) is a state subcommittee of the Medical and Public Health Preparedness Committee of the State of Ohio Security Task Force (SOSTF). The SOSTF reports directly to the Governor. The charge to the MVC is "to facilitate state and regional disaster planning efforts by developing consistent statewide parameters to assist in the deployment of physician/professional volunteers." These parameters include identification, credentialing, privileging, training and resolution of legal issues of medical volunteers. The MVC is moving forward with a plan to credential, classify, and train a state pool of volunteer medical professionals. A statewide photo identification card is the tool under development intended to help recruit and manage these medical volunteers in the event of disaster. Physicians, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, and licensed mental health professionals are among those targeted for the ID. The medical volunteers pool would be just that - *volunteer* — as there is no "being called up" or mandatory reporting for duty. Because it is a volunteer pool, there is also currently no financial compensation. It is uncertain whether, depending upon the destination from home and the degree of need, housing, food, and necessities will be provided. The ID cards are anticipated to be forthcoming sometime this year. Interested nurses should watch for information from the Ohio Board of Nursing and the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. All emergency nurses, whether intending to join the state's Medical Volunteers Pool, have the personal and responsibility to plan what his/her disaster responsibilities will be.

■ Nancie Bechtel, RN, BSN, CEN, EMTB