

President's Message:

After returning from New Mexico this spring, I reflected on how many Ohio members I met while I was there at the Leadership Council. It was a good conference to do some valuable networking.

Support is what many people need right now. We need to support the troops and their families. Our emergency room personnel also need the support of each other. We have all increased security measures within our institutions because of the threat of SARS or the threat of other biological terrorism. Networking is a great way to show this support. Learning what other facilities are doing will allow us to change or create better ways to do things for ourselves and co-workers.

All of our members need to know that they can depend on the ENA to get support. National ENA has many books, brochures and research studies to assist all ENA members. Their website is a means to contact members all over the US and the world.

State Council offers support. We have the annual education symposium and quarterly meetings which all members are welcome to attend. Several statewide ENPC and TNCC classes are also available. We welcome any comments or concerns from the membership. Our website is a source of information for what is going on in our state. If you haven't discovered it, the newsletter, delegate application and meeting minutes are all available on our website. Go to your computer and punch in Ohioena.org and see what you can find! As members who are just getting started in their ENA chapters, the website provides names and addresses of the people who are willing to help.

Noteworthy upcoming dates, Ohio ENA delegate applications for National Assembly were due to Peg Kunsman before June 1. This is an opportunity for you to partici-

pate in the legislative arm of ENA. Issues are discussed, debated, and voted upon the Wednesday and Thursday before the Scientific Assembly at the National Meeting. It is an experience that gives all members the opportunity to speak and get involved in ENA. If you need a professional shot in the arm this is where to get it. Don't hesitate to ask for help.

In conclusion, support one another in these times. Don't hesitate to ask for help. Support ENA by getting involved and ask a co-worker to join you. Membership application is also downloadable from National's website.

■ Deb Zang, President

Ohio State Council Meeting **14 June 2003**

Deb Zang welcomed everyone. Minutes were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's report - the audit of books was completed. Thanks to Debbie Schwytzer for getting this completed.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Cleveland - NR

Dayton - NR

Lakeshore - NR

Southern OH - Nancy Fagan - a new member is interested in being President and helping with their next conference.

Central OH - Nancy McBride - last meeting in May with low attendance, August next meeting speaker to be determined. Fall symposium is being planned.

Heart of OH - NR

Seagate - NR

Eastern OH - NR

Cincinnati - Gordon Gillespie - Dermabond inservice being planned for late summer. Annual luncheon in October, Kathy Haley will be the speaker.

LIAISON REPORTS

ACEP (American College of Emergency Physicians) - Deb Zang - They have hired Laura Tiberi as executive director. No board meetings have occurred but the next one is scheduled for August.

EMS Board (Emergency Medical Services) - Kathy Haley - lost their executive director. Now looking for new director, working with interim. Nursing related issues - Senate Bill 41 has some nursing concerns enhance volunteer EMS in community and for nurses who function in both capacities. Everyone in Chapters and Hospitals - The EMS grant issued April 1 - has four parts, one for EMS equipment, injury prevention (now open for anyone), rehab - units and GCS, innovations in trauma care. Now Emergency Nurses can apply for some of these funds to help with community programs.

Trauma committee - Nancie Bechtel - working on 2 main issues - Regionalization and EMS operations.

TRAS - new name - Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee - getting rehab data information started, all will have to submit data - data request PRAG - new subcommittee of TRAS - deal only with data request issues. Other data base EMServe - all EMS runs get info into data bank.

ONA - (Ohio Nurses Association) - Debbie Schwytzer and David Shields - Oct 4-7 State meeting being held in Cincinnati.

OSTNC (Ohio State Trauma Nurse Coordinators)- Nancie Bechtel - discussion about membership. Membership had been trauma coordinators from verified Trauma Centers. Now many people from provisional trauma centers and those who are not verified but have nurses in

charge of trauma in their hospital are interested in attending and wanting information. Incorporation is on hold - Bylaws being redone to adjust to these new needs.

IFN (International Forensic Nurses) - Deb Zang - still working on state video that will be used throughout the state. Had recent training in the Columbus area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Disaster/Trauma - Nancie and Judy - Trauma Preparedness in community for Disaster - 3 pronged - Hospital Regional Coordinator (EMS, law etc.) Coordinator, Department of Health Coordinator. Nancie reviewed issues that hospitals will be addressing in implementing disaster preparedness. One of these is setting up a standard set of codes for hospitals to use to announce disaster - one new one is code green for evacuation of the hospital in a disaster.

Instructor Course next Friday for TNCC. Nancie reviewed issues. We are not having the response to courses expected. Discussion on one of our members attending the National Assembly ENPC update.

Education/Research - Nancy McBride - David Shields reported for Jim, next years Symposium will be April 24, 2004 Ramada Inn at Portsmouth, OH. APN tract will be provided again. Debbie Schwytzer reported on the financial aspect of last years symposium and the evaluations.

Government Affairs - Debbie Schwytzer - Nursing funding appropriation is being looked at. State wide level one impact will be House Bill 166 - affordable prescription and refills - because they will be filled free.

Membership - Peg Kunsman - total of 914 members - she reported on each chapter. Discussion on activities of the Chapters and how we might help get some of the chapters more active. Peg will send a letter to the members of the two chapters that are inactive to see if we can help reactivate them.

Communication - Dee Hart - last newsletter not published due to lack of information. Dee reviewed dates for next submission.

Nursing Practice - Kathy Haley - NR

ENCARE - Dixie Kirkland - NR

Ohio State Council (OSC) Meeting Dates for 2003

Location: ACEP Offices,
August 16

November 8

All meetings at 10 a.m. at the ACEP office
3510 Snouffer Road, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Finance - Connie Dishon - NR

SOP/Bylaws - Debbie - Executive Board reviewed by-laws for some clarification issues. We will clean these up and then begin the SOPs.

Nominations - Kathy Haley - nominations are being taken for two Members-at-Large, Treasurer and President - elect positions. Discussion on how to conduct the election and deadlines was initiated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

ACEP Contract - Has been completed. Laura Tiberi the new Executive Director, introduced herself.

Symposium - Fair attendance, Evaluations were very favorable, financially we broke even.

Delegates - Peg reviewed - received 11 applications for National and 4 additional applications, we are allowed 21 delegates. Funding issues discussed.

Unfinished business - Nancie received information from Joan Mika regarding purchasing of books for TNCC/ENPC. (See separate note re: issues from National)

We need someone to represent Peds issue at the Homeland Security and Trauma Committee at the State level.

NEW BUSINESS -

ENA Bytes - Deb reviewed information from these. CEN exam offered at National. EN Week October 5-11, 2003.

Pediatric Update - we will try to send two people to National update.

Conference Call - among State Presidents regarding several issues. One being possible reduced rate or additional membership options for long term members. EN CARE and injury prevention issues and possible grant from NHTSA. Deb reviewed other issues.

ENA Elections - Be sure to complete these before July 1.

Ohio State Council Meeting

12 April 2003

Twelve members are present and 5 Chapters represented.

Minutes were read and approved from February meeting. Treasurer s report given. Budget proposal reviewed and accepted.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Cleveland - NR

Greater Miami Valley - Connie - meeting 4/2 at Children s Hospital with lecture on Childhood rashes. Next meeting June 4 at Sycamore with lecture to be on Trauma Case Scenarios, many students required to attend from local nursing schools, several in attendance at this meeting.

Lakeshore - Peg Kunsman - February meeting on Respiratory emergencies in children, looking at Symposium in October. TNCC cancelled not enough attendance. Next meeting on Wednesday speaker on NEFCOR.

Southern OH - NR

Central OH - Jim - City wide disaster drill today. Chapter meeting on March 19 Pam Horn presented on Chest x-rays, April 21 next meeting.

Cincinnati - Gordon-Last meeting in March at Shriners - topic the Latest Therapies on Burn Care. Next meeting on May 13 at Bethesda Oak - lecture on HIPPA.

Heart of Ohio - NR

Seagate - NR

Eastern OH - NR

LIAISON REPORTS

ACEP (American College of Emergency Physicians) - Deb Zang - no meetings.

Contract not completed but will be addressed once they confirm their new Director.

EMS Board (Emergency Medical Services) - NR - City wide disaster drill today

ONA (Ohio Nurses Association)-NR

IAFN (International Association of Forensic Nurses) - Deb Zang - video disseminated to explain SANE program to be sent to 88 counties for education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trauma - Judy - to have committee meeting following this meeting.

Education/Research - Jim - Symposium - reported on

current status, 43 registrations currently, decided to offer a student discount. Trying to get the Chapter Presidents together the night before.

Government Affairs - Debbie Schwytzer - Federal - Dissemination of immunizations of concern, State level - funding for DARE program - looking to drop this program, should contact state reps.

Membership - Peg Kunsman - 916 members - she detailed each chapter membership (see attached list). Starting to get application for National General Assembly - Reminder Deadline for application before June 1 to Peg Kunsman. We should be allotted 19 delegates.

Communications - Dee/Jim - Next deadline for newsletter articles - April 21 Meeting with Christie - Jim reported on - she is still interested in helping us. Her charge is a lower rate from other potential web masters. She will do most of the major issues, and Jim will do the smaller additions and changes to the Web. Jim and Deb will be developing the contract.

Nursing Practice - Kathy Haley - NR

ENCARE - Dixie Kirkland - reported on new issues. ENCARE is moving its headquarters to the National Office in Chicago. Also reported on some handouts that she is acquiring from various groups that she will bring to the next meeting. Also CEU applications for programs for WMD. (Weapons of Mass Destruction)

Finance - Connie Dishon - reports from savings accounts given and will update at next meeting.

SOP s / Bylaws - Debbie reviewed status.

Nominations - Kathy Haley - NR

Check out our Website:
www.ohioena.org

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

¥ SOPs / and Bylaws are being reviewed and work continues.

NEW BUSINESS

¥ Completed Incorporation process. This needs to be completed each year. Funds are budgeted for the coming year. Using ACEP as our permanent address.

¥ Leadership Conference - Deb Zang reported.

■ Dee Hart, Co-Chair Communications Committee

Educational Opportunities:

Columbus, Ohio

TNCC Provider Courses

July 11 & 18, 2003

September 12 & 19, 2003

TNCC Reverification Course

August 15, 2003

ENPC Provider courses

July 30-31, 2003

October 9-10, 2003

CATN

October 23-24, 2003

Call Chris Bloor, Central Ohio Trauma System
@ (614) 240-7419, ext. #2 for registration details.

Attention TNCC and ENPC Course Directors: Are you “In the Know?”

Recently the National ENA contacted Ohio State Council of the ENA (OSCENA) Trauma Committee Chairs to let them know that some mandated course procedures are not consistently being followed by TNCC and ENPC Course Directors. A letter was sent to all Ohio TNCC and ENPC Instructors reminding them of National ENA's mandated procedures for running TNCC and ENPC Provider Courses. Instructors who do not adhere to these policies run the risk of their Instructor status being revoked by National. If you have questions, please contact your OSCENA state Trauma Committee Co-chairs, Nancie Bechtel (nbechtel@cma-ohio.org) or Judy Miller (Judith.miller@promedica.org), or National ENA at phone # 800-900-8659.

Procedure Guidelines

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion regarding certain procedures. Below is a list to help clarify any misconceptions.

1. Each participant must receive their own manual to keep. The manual will serve as a reference in the future. Manuals cannot be shared during a course.

2. As per administrative procedures, all manuals must be paid in advance before shipping. In order to facilitate participants receiving their manual in a timely manner prior to the course, applications should be forwarded as soon as possible and, ideally, six weeks or more in advance of the course.

3. Please notify the National Office when reducing class size a minimum of three business days prior to the first day of the course to avoid no show charges.

4. As per Administrative Procedures, post-course materials must be returned to the National Office within one week after course completion. Please be sure to convey this information to the course directors in your state.

5. Scantrons must be completed in their entirety including all participant information, test portion and evaluations. Please instruct the course directors to mail copies of the evaluations to the State Chairperson.

6. Please have course directors advise all course participants not to use 0 on the evaluation of the instructors. The zero will skew the evaluation scores to the detriment of the instructor. If the section does not apply to a particular instructor, leave that section blank. The Scantron will be corrected in the next printing.

7. Instructor candidates are not considered instructors and, therefore, cannot be included in the instructor to student ratio (4:1, 5:1, 6:1).

8. Every Instructor must have their own Instructor Supplement.

9. Participants in an instructor course must have a current provider number that does not expire prior to the completion of the instructor candidate process (which includes teaching their first course).

10. It is the course director's and State Chairperson's responsibility to check the ENA website on a regular basis for any updated procedures.

11. As per the Administrative Procedures, any individual auditing a course must be charged an indirect fee (\$60). They may take part in the practice of the skill stations and receive CECHs. Even if an individual does not wish CECHs, the indirect fee is still assessed. Please provide the names of those individuals auditing the course in the Summary Performance Report. Be sure to indicate that they are auditors.

Tenured TNCC/ENPC Faculty: Now is the time

The demand for TNCC and ENPC Courses appears to be increasing in Ohio. The reasons for this are nebulous, but may include Ohio's new trauma legislation that advocates for trauma center verification with accompanying trauma education for staff nurses. Perhaps more nurses are becoming aware of the excellence of TNCC and ENPC, and the need to incorporate the trauma process in their everyday knowledge base. Whatever the case, the request for courses is up and hopefully represents a trend toward better educated colleagues and improved patient care in Ohio. But because the request for courses has increased, so has the need for quality instructors and Course Directors. A few people, albeit dedicated, can not meet the needs for

an entire state. To that end, tenured TNCC and ENPC Instructors are encouraged to take the next step and become a Course Director. Procedures for Course Directing are included in your Instructor Supplement. National ENA and your Ohio State Council (OSCENA) are available to answer questions that arise. Tenured Course Directors are encouraged to take the next-next step and become involved with OSCENA so that we can achieve more instructors in the state. For more information how, contact Nancie Bechtel at nbechtel@cma-ohio.org. Together we can reach toward professional trauma education for all nursing colleagues in the state!

Application for TNCC/ENPC Grant funds

What are ENA grant Funds?

¥ National ENA has provided grant funds to encourage Provider courses to grow and be disseminated in less populated areas and where the need for education is ever present. These funds are to allow urban-based instructors to travel to rural areas to provide this training. National ENA will provide some funds and Ohio State Council (OSC) will provide matching funds as allowed within their budget.

What is the process?

¥ You should obtain a grant application from the National Office. Complete that form (submit to National) and send a copy to OSC Trauma Committee Chair along with the application attached. This should be done at least 3 months before the Course.

¥ Submit a description of how the funds will be utilized realizing that the courses receiving grant funding are expected to operate on a breakeven basis (i.e.: no profit) (budget proposal)

¥ Submit a course brochure indicating location of course, the course director, and faculty. (Must be current verified instructors)

¥ If grants funds are approved, a final budget must be submitted to both OSC Trauma Committee and National Office.

What factors are taken into consideration when applications are reviewed?

¥ Geographic location and surrounding area course activity as well as availability of the courses.

- ¥ Current verified instructors in close proximity.
- ¥ The amount of money that is available in OSC funds.
- ¥ The budget must be based on zero profit for the course.

What ways should the money be allocated?

Monies may be used to cover expenses including: Instructor Honorariums, purchase of manuals, use of equipment and supplies, and travel expenses.

¥ It may be used to cover travel expenses and honorariums for State Faculty to monitor Instructor Candidates.

Hi fellow Ohio ENA members. We need to keep the chapters up and running. We are trying to assure that all members have access to local chapter meetings. Local chapter meetings are a good place to communicate with others in the area. It is a place to do fun things to relieve stress of working. Cleveland has gone to a car track. Cincinnati goes to nice restaurants. Columbus had a nice Christmas dinner. Seagate chapter which is in NW Ohio and Heart of Ohio which is in Cambridge are both lacking in having meetings. We need to get some people who would be willing to get a meeting together for continuing education, fellowship, or fun times. There are drug reps that love to help have meetings. Then maybe those chapters can get involved at the state level. I don't want to seem like I am picking on those chapters, but they are delinquent with National ENA. The National ENA can revoke their charter and we would hate to see that happen. The state ENA would love to help facilitate those meetings. We could attend the meeting and try to stir enthusiasm. Can anyone in those areas help? It is a tedious job to get a charter and Seagate has had theirs for a long time. Please, Please help. Contact anyone on State Council to help.

Thanks,
Deb Zang

Our educational symposium was held in April in Dayton, Thanks to all of the education committee. Jim Johnson is the chairperson and he did an awesome job. Thanks Jim. We are having the next one in April 24, 2004 in Portsmouth. We would like to have a good turnout to see the beautiful area of southern Ohio. The trees will be in bloom. It will be a nice Saturday trip. If anyone is interested in presenting an educational offering, notify the education committee. See the website.

The national ENA Scientific Assemble will be in Philadelphia, Sept. 16-20. Marie Garrison from Cincinnati has got a block of rooms in the Hampton only 1 block from the convention center. Ask for the Ohio ENA rooms when calling for reservations.