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President's Message

Hurricane Katrina is the most devastating natural disaster our nation has ever experienced. The perils that those in New Orleans are experiencing bring about those aspects of care that are grounded in emergency and community/public health nursing. Louisiana and Mississippi have called for nurses who can travel to the devastation sites and provide relief to those nurses who have been working since the emergency was declared. Recently, the Ohio Board of Nursing sent out an email on their listserv to Ohio nurses reminding them that while support to these areas is desired, we must be credentialed as nurses in those states in order to practice. You may contact the Ohio Board of Nursing for further information on how to obtain temporary credentials during the time of disaster service.

This brings me to the manmade disasters of September 11, 2001. As a result of these experiences, our nation began establishing formal disaster

systems. One avenue that Ohio has taken is the establishment of the Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (OMRC). Volunteers composing the OMRC represent all facets of health care providers including nurses, physicians, mental health specialists, and even veterinarians and dentists. The OMRC program operates under the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General in collaboration with the national Citizens Corps and USA Freedom Corps. The program has been supported and endorsed by President Bush. Soon you will begin seeing television commercials advertising the need for health care volunteers to register for the Corps.

The purpose of the Ohio Medical Reserve Corps is to provide support and medical care in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. Should this occur, a call for OMRC volunteers will be made via the media, telephone, and/or email. As volunteers arrive to the scene, they should report to the chief medical officer for assignment. Medical volunteers will be identified by a unique ID badge

that under the current plan will be issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Registration to become a member of the OMRC is free and takes approximately 5-10 minutes on the Internet. The weblink for registrations is: <http://www.serveohio.org/CitizenCorps/mrc/mrc.html>.

After registering, the OMRC will coordinate with the various state boards to verify credentials. Information will then be forwarded back to you with the process to obtain the state-issued OMRC ID badge. The program is strictly voluntarily. There is no requirement to serve after registering and work releases will not be granted to those persons who opt to serve in the event of a disaster in lieu of reporting to their normal work place.

While it is noble to serve the community in the time of a disaster, not everyone is able to leave their home, work, and

professional commitments to serve in a distant community. Registering with the OMRC does not require availability to serve outside of your geographical area. But it does provide an avenue for you to serve in the event of a local disaster such as the tornado that swept through Blue Ash in Hamilton County in recent years. Having nursing personnel arrive to the scene and volunteer his/her services can be expedited when arriving with a badge identifying him/her as a nurse with the OMRC. This opportunity, while not possible for every nurse, still reminds me of the value of nursing and our sense of community as professionals.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Gillespie, RN, MSN, CEN,
CCRN, President

**Ohio State Council Meetings
Remaining Date for 2005**

**November 12, 2005
Location: ACEP Offices,
Suite 100, 3510 Snouffer Road,
Columbus, OH
Meeting at 10 a.m.
614-792-0349**

**OHIO STATE COUNCIL
EMERGENCY NURSES
ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

August 27, 2005

Gordon welcomed everyone.

Minutes from the June meeting
were reviewed

Treasurer's Report - Fidelity
Investment \$27,000 and Key Bank
Balance \$92,600 and there are
some upcoming planned
distributions for National ENA
Symposium. We received a \$2000
Grant from National for
ENPC/TNCC - and used \$1087.00
to refund book costs to
instructors who renewed.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Greater Akron - Dee Hart - next
meeting Sept. 22 after National,
starting plans for next year's
symposium, preparing for elections.

Central Ohio - Deb Zang - Planning
meeting for the next years
speakers was held and next
meeting is in November.

Cleveland - NR

Eastern Ohio - NR

Cincinnati - Gordon Gillespie-
Holding 13th annual Seminar Oct. 11
at the Iron Horse Inn

Miami Valley - Connie Dishon -
August 11 last meeting at Wilson
hospital with Video by Dale Henry
on Humor, next meeting in October

Heart of Ohio - NR

Lakeshore - NR

Seagate - NR

Southern Ohio - NR

LIAISON REPORTS

ACEP (American College of
Emergency Physicians) - Gordon -
NR

IAFN (International Association
of Forensic Nurses) - Deb Zang -
Cincinnati had recent meeting.
Annual National meeting in
September in Virginia

EMS Board (Emergency Medical
Services) - Kathy Haley - Planning
a retreat report to follow.

Trauma Committee Ohio - Nancie
Bechtel - the next meeting is in 2
weeks, have a retreat in
September and Nancie reviewed
some of the topics they would be

discussing. This trauma committee under the new trauma law and is a legislated body, but not given power to enforce their suggestions.

OSTNC (Ohio State Trauma Nurse Coordinators) - Nancie Bechtel - this group is now encompassing all levels of Trauma nurses and is a national organization but not structured like ENA is. One thing this group can't do is lobby against/for legislative issues. Some of their members are getting appointed to state committees as experts. They can't to define themselves and are marketing educational modules to train new trauma nurses and help groups get through ACS verification.

ONA - (Ohio Nurses Association) - Debbie Schwyrtzer - had a teleconference in June, the next council meeting will be October 21 and early October is the state meeting in Perrysville.

Committee Reports

Trauma Committee - Dee Hart - reported that there are definite plans to begin a 'newsletter' type communication with all TNCC/ENPC course coordinators in the state. She and Connie are gathering email addresses. We are having a committee meeting following this meeting.

Communication - Dee Hart - we have a new web master - Nick
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Please use Gordon's home e-mail - GILLESGL@yahoo.com. Dee will be communicating with Nick for newsletters to be added to website. We will work with him to have another snailmail posting of newsletter in the spring to include candidate applications for National.

Education Committee - Connie Dishon - Preconference is a TNCC/ENPC Instructors course and on April 5, 2006, there will also be a half day of 12 lead EKG. April 6 will be the conference. Connie reviewed the speakers and we will have a legal topic. The conference is at the Aladdin Center like last year. Cost to attend will be \$100 preconference and \$30 and \$45 for the Conference.

Finance - Connie Dishon - the committee checked into refinancing some of our funds, she discussed the options. Deb Z. made a motion to divide the \$25,000 into three CD's with varying length of maturity, motion seconded by Liz and passed unanimously.

Government Affairs - Debbie Schwyrtzer - The March on Washington scheduled for Sept.

27 is about the change in Medicare reimbursement - to decrease that amount to hospitals and decrease funds for disaster management. It is purported that the government plans to cut the Medicare reimbursement by \$11 billion. Liz discussed some issues related to Staffing Ratios and discussed HB 98 that is a revision of the original bill that addressed the issue of it being considered a felony to hit an EMS person, this bill now extends that to include Hospital personnel. Liz proposes that we back this bill and Gordon will address. Sponsors for the bill include: Representatives Setzer, Blessing, Kearns, Ujvagi, Carano, Seaver, Uecker and Schaffer.

Nursing Practice - Debbie Schwytzer - NR

Membership - Deb Zang - we now have more than 1009 members, there are a total of 12 delegates going to National Assembly. (See attached report for membership #).

Nominations - Deb Zang - She is preparing the list of nominees and is still in need of one Director-at-large nominee.

ENCARE - Dixie - NR

SOPs - Debbie Schywrtzer - will review after National - some

changes will have to be made in By-laws if BRCII passes.

OLD BUSINESS

Officers and Directors Insurance - National is instituting for all states, some states already have and will change next year to all of us under one policy. National will pay the fees for those states that do not have this year, and next year we must budget for this. The policy will be on ENA website and will have our individual state name.

NEW BUSINESS

Ohio Medical Volunteers Commission - Nancie Bechtel reported that this has changed the name from Ohio Medical Reserve Corp. Trying to get volunteers listed, doing cameos for TV commercials to advertise the need. This will be strictly volunteer and not a government employed job. There will be general training needed for these volunteers.

TNCC/ENPC Grant - Gordon reported that National has awarded us a grant of \$2000 to be used to help with these courses. We used \$1087 to reimburse the ENPC instructors books. There is no deadline to use this, but they would like to have a report back on how it is used. Discussion on how to best utilize the remaining funds.

Will be discussing further at the November meeting.

Don't Forget our Website:

www.ohioena.org

Visit us often!

Executive Director Conference call
- there was a call from Dave West to Gordon to determine his input on several issues regarding communication from national to states. Gordon gave examples.

Membership Report September 2005

Respectfully Submitted,

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Heart of OH 413	42	+6
Lakeshore 356	55	0
Seagate 046	90	0
Southern OH 373	25	+4
TOTALS	1009	+19

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Zang

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

April 6, 2006 Pre-sessions
TNCC/ENPC Instructor Course
or EKG Interpretation

OSC SYMPOSIUM 2006

April 7, 2006

The Aladdin Conference Center Columbus OH

Contact Connie Dishon for information – cdishon@shp-dayton.org