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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As we enter the New Year, we will all be making our New Year's resolutions. I propose that we all include the two following resolutions: (1) volunteering in the community and (2) actively participate in the local ENA chapter.

The first resolution is in the spirit of the holiday season: volunteer and provide nursing services to disparate populations such as the homeless. In the U.S., there are 3.5 million persons who experience homelessness every year. Those at greatest risk are without affordable housing, work in low-paying jobs or unemployed, or living in poverty. Not every homeless person has a history of substance abuse or mental illness, although there is a significant portion that do.

I have been fortunate enough to work the last year-and-a-half at a nurse-managed clinic housed within a homeless shelter in Cincinnati, Ohio. The men that come to this nursing clinic are not the image broadcast on a typical television show. They come from various backgrounds, some even have a masters degree. These men have great needs, but most of all, they just want to speak with someone who cares about their well-being. Interventions can be as

simple as a blood pressure check or providing acetaminophen for a headache. Either way, these men, women, and families have a need for the compassion that represents nursing as a professional discipline.

The second resolution is to actively participate in your local ENA chapter. Some chapters are very active and vital. A few others have lost contact with their membership. If you don't know the name of your chapter officers, you can find them at the national ENA website or at <http://www.ohioena.org/> if the chapter has submitted their annual report. For any chapter without updated information, the report can be emailed to me at [gillesgl@yahoo.com](mailto:gillesgl@yahoo.com). I will be glad to update this information to the state webpage. For anyone who would like to be active or become a chapter officer and don't know where to begin, you can contact me as well. Good luck to you all in the New Year and with your New Year's resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon Lee Gillespie,  
RN, MSN, APRN, BC, CEN, CCRN

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

November 12, 2005

Gordon welcomed everyone. Seven members were present representing 5 chapters. Minutes from the June meeting were approved post meeting via email by all members present. August meeting minutes - Deb Z. made a motion to approve, Connie seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report - Debbie reviewed, we had a loss at Symposium but not alarming. ENPC book reimbursement was sent to members, 6 were returned because of change of address and Debbie will pursue. CEN Grants were given out, but not removed from budget as of today. {Recipients: Marie Garrison, Deborah Schwytzer, Cheryl Heider, Carol Powell, Robert Rossini, Dee Hart, and Karen Vorst}. TNCC/ENPC provides our greatest income. We still stayed under budgeted expenses. Debbie will have a CPA review the books. His advise is to move some funds to an endowment that will be targeted for scholarships, etc.

Connie made a motion to approve, Marie Seconded, Motion passed.

**CHAPTER REPORTS**

Greater Akron Area - Dee:  
Having a meeting next week. Have been rotating meetings at various hospitals.

Central Ohio - Deb Zang:  
Meeting Wednesday at Dave and Busters.

Cleveland - NR

Eastern Ohio - NR

Cincinnati - Gordon:  
Meeting in December, Emergency Nurses Day Luncheon was a success.

Miami Valley - Connie:  
Meeting in December 5, business and election then a party.

Heart of Ohio - NR

Lakeshore - NR

Seagate - NR

Southern Ohio - Nancy:  
Minimal attendance.

## **LIAISON REPORTS -**

ACEP (American College of Emergency Physicians) - Gordon - asking to get report from meetings. There is a conference call in December. Discussed how to keep our relationship with them.

IAFN - (International Association of Forensic Nurses) - Deb Zang - just had a meeting Thurs. applying for another grant for educational programs - needing new Webmaster.

EMS Board (Emergency Medical Services) - NR

Trauma Committee Ohio - NR

OSTNC (Ohio State Trauma Nurse Coordinators) - Nancie Bechtel - NR

ONA (Ohio Nurses Association) - Debbie Schwytzer:  
State Biennial meeting in Toledo, much question about the mandatory overtime issue. Council on Nurses - non-union part of association, and the union part are in discussion. Our association was recognized - Debbie is on the Council on Nurse Practice for the state.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trauma Committee - Little activity, planning instructor's class with spring symposium. Watching course evaluations. They are overall very good for TNCC. Connie receiving few for ENPC. New TNCC revisions planned for end of 2006 per National. Debbie pursuing reimbursement of book funds with grant from National. Several people have changed addresses since course.

Communication - Dee - Nick K. on the web page, Gordon reviewed what is going on. He is communicating with several of the members. Discussed having hard copy of newsletter sent in February and August to address National delegates and nominations/votes for office. All 5 issues will be posted on the web. Dee passed around a hard copy of the last web issue - the first done by Nick. Everyone thought it looked good. Discussed several articles to be prepared by members for the next newsletter. Mentioned we should try to include pictures if possible.

Education Committee - Connie: reviewed the plans for the next Symposium April 6<sup>th</sup>. Pre-session is April 5<sup>th</sup> with TNCC/ENPC Instructors course and an EKG course. Ticklers will be out soon and she will work with Nick to get flyer finished.

Finance - Connie:

Reported endowment funds will be set up to allow for scholarships and educational grants from OSC.

Government Affairs - Debbie:

Received an e-mail alert about the trauma EMS program at the federal level and the lack of funding. The Senate passed a bill with regards to this but allowed for fewer funds than desired. Medicaid Psychiatric Senate B1592 allow for Medicaid funding for psychiatric care is being addressed.

Nursing Practice - Debbie:

NR but looking forward to some activity in 2006 - The Board (OBN) reporting on one hospital ED using chemo drugs to abort ectopic pregnancy. 50% effective, OBN addressing. ??Is this within the scope of ED Nurses if Chemo nurses need special training? The procedure is touted at being more cost effective than surgery - but what effects on the patient? More information coming out.

Membership - Deb Zang:

Reported on numbers, now 995 which is 14 less than last report.

Nominations - Deb Zang:

Ballots were passed out for officers. Motion made to accept the Ballot. Passed unanimously. Ballots destroyed per unanimous vote.

ENCARE - NR

SOPs - Debbie Schwytzer - waiting until next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

General Assembly Resolutions - reviewed in Connection  
CEN Grants - Marie reported - 7 people received reimbursement. One person was denied (they took their test in 2004).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dona Laing - (a long time active member of OSC and TNCC State Faculty passed away in July 2005) discussed to send money to her chapter for the endowment fund there for educational endeavors. Connie made a motion to send \$500 to use for Cleveland area endowment, seconded by Nancy and unanimously accepted. Dee will get info to Debbie who to contact and how to get money sent to their chapter President.

Hurricane Katrina - Deb Z.

discussed her experiences while she volunteered near Baton Rouge. Would like to get something in the newsletter.

Chapter management - Gordon reported on the two chapters that are outstanding with their Presidents report and officer lists. Gordon reviewed - he will call/write the last known contacts and see about what their intent is - and then we will dissolve the chapters if necessary and members will automatically be reassigned to nearby chapters. We would like to have State involvement in helping to set up a re-juvenation of the chapter meeting in the local area.

2006 OSCENA dates - January 21 with snow date Jan 28; April 1 - conference call at 10 a.m.; June 17; August 26, November 11, 2006

Planning for next years budget - Next year National Conference - Marie reviewed the potential costs for airfare and hotel. Total costs may be as much as \$700 - airfare and two nights stay. Debbie is proposing to include in the budget

of 2006 a set amount for each delegate for no more than 20 delegates.

Gordon took a list of volunteers for next year's committees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Hart, R.N.,BSN, CEN

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### **Membership November 2005**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Akron	041	104	-2
Central OH	255	171	-10
Greater Miami	243	152	-7
Greater Cinci	261	181	+5
Heart of OH	413	45	+3
Eastern OH	047	45	-
Lakeshore	356	54	-1
Southern OH	373	25	-
Seagate	046	88	-2
Cleveland	044	130	-

Ohio State Council Meetings  
Dates for 2006

January 21 (snow date January 28)

April 1 teleconference at 10 a.m.

June 17

August 26

November 11

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

Columbus, OH

Meeting at 10 a.m.

614-792-0349

**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](mailto:cdishon@shp-dayton.org)