

**President's Message:**

National ENA has informed me that four of our state chapters have not submitted their annual reports. They have determined that in order to best manage the organization, it is necessary to suspend and dissolve any chapter not in compliance with the national bylaws by February 16<sup>th</sup>. At first glance this may sound disturbing, but it is important to remember that ENA has been attempting to obtain this information from some U.S. chapters for the past 2-3 years. Without reports detailing the chapter's financial status and officer information, ENA will have difficulty meeting the expectations to remain a non-profit organization. If chapters dissolved, their members will be reassigned to the chapter closest geographically to their mailing address.

However, it is the aim of the Ohio State Council ENA (OSCENA) to assist our state's chapters in meeting the ENA request and maintain their chapter status. I am currently working with the Seagate chapter to hold officer elections and submit the officer's report by the deadline. If you are not sure of your chapter status, you can go to <http://www.ohioena.org/chapters.html>. If there are no 2006 officers listed, then it is possible that your chapter is not in compliance with the ENA bylaws. It is also possible that OSCENA just hasn't received the officer's report from you chapter leadership yet. The OSCENA and I are willing to assist the chapters in meeting these requirements.

Another topic I would like to discuss is that of the OSCENA's board configuration and responsibility to meet the needs of Ohio members. The Board of Directors, also known as Ohio State Council, consists of representatives from each of the state's ten chapters. The chapters themselves determine if the voting representatives from their chapter are elected by their chapter members or appointed by their chapter president. The number of representatives per chapter is based upon the chapter's membership at the beginning of the fiscal year. Once at the state council meeting, the chapter representatives are known as directors for the OSCENA. From within this Board of Directors come the seven elected Executive Board members: the president, president-elect, treasurer, secretary, and three directors-at-large. Most positions are two-year terms.

The OSCENA attempts to address the needs of the state membership by meeting in Columbus regularly

throughout the year and discussing matters of interest to the membership and emergency nurses in general. Should you have a matter that needs to be addressed by OSCENA, please contact anyone or me from the Board of Directors. You may also attend a board meeting to speak to the state council directly. The OSCENA is expected to hear any matter that you as the member would like addressed. I would also like to mention that the council members are volunteers from within the organization and do not receive any compensation for their service. As a result, matters conveyed through email may take 2-3 weeks to be resolved and sometimes not until the next council meeting. Matters delivered to the OSCENA in person will typically be resolved during the same session.

The OSCENA is always looking for new volunteers to represent their chapter at state meeting. Several chapters have not sent a representative to the state meetings for several years. If you are interested in attending a meeting, whether it is to address the Board of Directors, sit in as an observer, or join one of the working committees such as trauma or education, you can contact me or simply show up. Meeting dates are posted at <http://www.ohioena.org/meetings.html>. And are open to all members, chapter officers, and anyone with an interest in emergency nursing. During the last year we even had several nursing students attend. Meetings are casual and begin at 10:00 am, with snacks offered and they usually last until approximately 2 pm. Directions to the meetings are available on the website or by contacting me directly at [gillesgl@yahoo.com](mailto:gillesgl@yahoo.com).

In closing, I would like to say, "Thank you," to the 2005 Board of Directors for their hard work. Their accomplishments included bringing back the state newsletter (the *Buckeye Beat*) both in print and posting to the website, providing a quality educational program last April, offering TNCC/ENPC instructor courses, compensating new and renewing CEN nurses for their CEN registration fees, and addressing matters that impact the daily practice of emergency nurses. I would also like to express a special thank you to Dee Hart who has been an inspiration and model of professionalism to the Board of Directors during this last year. She has also been instrumental in bringing the *Buckeye Beat* back to the membership.

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**Ohio State Council (OSC)  
Meeting Dates for 2006**

April 1 teleconference at 10am  
June 17  
August 26  
November 11

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

Meeting at 10am  
614-792-0349

**2006 Ohio State  
Council Officers**

President	Gordon Gillespie <a href="mailto:Gillesgl@yahoo.com">Gillesgl@yahoo.com</a>
President-elect	Debbie Schwytzer <a href="mailto:Deborah.Schwytzer@UC.edu">Deborah.Schwytzer@UC.edu</a>
Secretary	Dee Hart <a href="mailto:Deehart185@yahoo.com">Deehart185@yahoo.com</a>
Treasurer	Connie Dishon <a href="mailto:cdishon@shp-dayton.org">cdishon@shp-dayton.org</a>
Members-at-large	Marie Garrison Liz Pulley, Deb Zang

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

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

**OSC SYMPOSIUM 2006**

**April 7, 2006 - The Aladdin Conference Ctr, Columbus, Ohio**

Contact: Connie Dishon for information, [cdishon@shp-dayton.org](mailto:cdishon@shp-dayton.org)

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miss  
it!!*

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Thank you to everyone for maintaining your ENA membership, voting in the national elections, and participating in your chapter activities. It is your sense of pride in the organization that makes ENA what it is.

Respectfully submitted.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF OHIO STATE COUNCIL ENA MEETING JANUARY 21, 2006

- Minutes from November 12, 2005 were approved
- Treasurer's report was approved
- New Officers were inducted, and members leaving the Board were congratulated.
- We are looking for three members to nominate to replace Kathy Haley in her position on the State EMS Board (contact Gordon Gillespie)
- ENPC/TNCC Instructor course at the Symposium-anticipating it to be full
- 961 members in state
- Will continue CEN grants-see separate article
- Pediatric Emergency Nurse Certification coming from National soon.
- Chapter management – National will be dissolving chapters that have not submitted their Officer/Chapter report to them by February 16. If you have a question contact Gordon.
- General Assembly – Delegate Point form – if you wish to represent Ohio at the GA – please complete the form and send to Marie Garrison – she MUST receive it before June 1 for you to be eligible for funds from OSC, you will need the signature of the President of your chapter. For Questions/concerns contact Marie Garrison.
- OSC made contributions in memory of Dona Laing to Cleveland Chapter Memorial Fund, and to ENF in memory of Nancy Eckle.
- Budget for 2006 was approved.
- Goals for the year - to work with any in-active chapters.

**Ohio's Trauma System,  
5 years old and growing**

On November 3, 2005, Ohio's fledgling state trauma system turned 5 years old. House Bill 138 which was signed into law in the summer of 2000, became effective on November 3, 2000. Technically this is the date that we can point to and say this is when the Ohio Trauma system began. Even though the system was "born" on 11-3-00, it had a very long gestation...nearly 25 years.

It is important to remember that the passage of this legislation was simply one more step in a very long process. The implementation of our trauma system began in earnest in the fall of 2002. A two year window of time was legislated to develop the critical foundations upon which the system would be built.

HB 138 should be looked at as "enabling legislation". As it enabled Ohio to begin the process of building an inclusive state wide trauma system. A few of the key activities enabled by the legislation include;

- The establishment of two temporary special committees to assist and advise the EMS Board on issues related to trauma
- Establishing a 24 member state trauma committee to assist and advise the EMS Board on issues related to trauma.
- Expanding the State EMS Board by two additional seats, a trauma center administrator, and chief medical officer of an air medical program.
- Completion of seven studies on specific EMS and Trauma topics.
- Verification by the American College of Surgeons for hospitals functioning as trauma centers.
- Development of statewide and regional pre-hospital protocols directing severely injured patients to be transported directly to a trauma center.
- Requirements that non trauma center hospitals develop transfer policies and procedures to get severely injured patients transferred to trauma centers.
- Requirements for all EMS agencies to develop a trauma performance improvement program.

The final reports from the special trauma commissions and the 7 special trauma studies can be found on the Division of EMS web site [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov)

All of these activities are important and support the development of our trauma system. It has been five years since the law was passed and we have three years of experience with the recently established pre-hospital trauma rules. Ohio has 40 recognized trauma centers, with 13 of these being level III trauma centers. Ohio had more ACS verified III trauma centers than any other state in the country, and by far the most ACS verified level III trauma centers. The provisional trauma center designation process implemented in the fall of 2002 has been used 31 times by 29 different facilities. More than 75% of the hospitals using provisional status have successfully received ACS verification or re-verified. The Ohio Trauma Registry (OTR) has collected over 185,000 records since 1999. Data from the OTR has contributed to dozens of reports and studies around the state. With the addition of in-patient rehabilitation facility data-, and the EMS Incident

**2006 CEN Grant Application**

Complete the following information. Attach a copy of your CEN certification and ENA membership card. Application must be postmarked by November 1, 2006.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Ohio Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_ New Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that I have successfully obtained my CEN and that I have not nor will be receiving any other source of funding to cover the expenses of the CEN process. Should I receive any other funding after this application is submitted, I will return the grant money to Ohio State Council Emergency Nurses Association.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Manager Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Application review:**

Application complete \_\_\_\_\_ Incomplete \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
OSCENA Reviewer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 2006 CEN Grant Application

OSCENA provide financial support to Ohio members taking or renewing their CEN in 2006. Members of the OSCENA board will review applications. Submission is not guarantee of full reimbursement. Monies will be distributed equally among all approved applications. Grants if awarded will not exceed the published cost for the selected CEN option for an ENA member in 2006. Ohio members would be able to apply for financial support under the following guidelines:

- Concurrent membership in ENA when completing the CEN process AND at the time the grant is requested/received.
- Applicant will not receive any reimbursement outside of this grant to cover the expense of completing the CEN.
- Complete the grant application and sign an agreement that the applicant has not received or be receiving any other financial assistance. If received after the application, the applicant will return any grant monies that are reimbursed by other sources (i.e. employer, physician group etc.)

### **Application must be postmarked by November 1, 2006**

Send completed applications to:  
Marie Garrison, RN, MSN, CEN  
8795 Bluebird Drive  
West Chester, Ohio 45069  
Garrisme@healthhall.com



reporting system, the OTR has become one of the most comprehensive state trauma registries in the nation.

Ohio has come a long way in a few short years, however much remains to be done in the development of our system. HB138 simply laid the foundation upon which to build, it did not create a final product, Ohio lacks a plan for future development and improvement in our system. No state agency had designating authority for trauma centers; hospital and trauma center funding continues to be a serious concern; there is little funding to support the state level data systems; revenues to support EMS grant-funded programs have declined; and state-level trauma system administration funding is tenuous. Decreasing volunteerism is negatively affecting EMS in many areas of Ohio that rely on volunteer EMS providers. Decreasing availability of subspecialty surgical care and increasing medical malpractice pressures continue to challenge hospitals and physicians. These are very complex problems to address and will not be fixed overnight. It is vitally important that all of the stakeholders in the trauma system remain engaged in the development process. As a major stakeholder in the trauma system what can and should nurses be doing? Educate, communicate and participate. Nurses played a key role in education and communication with elected officials and professional healthcare colleagues leading up to the passage of HB138. That same commitment to education is needed today, as legislators and healthcare professionals need to understand what the trauma system is doing and how it needs to develop. Communication with state agencies and other stakeholder organizations is crucial. Elected officials and state agencies involved in public policy development depend on input and information from the private sector: without it, the "Public" in Public Policy" is missing! Participation in local, regional and state trauma meetings is one guaranteed method to make your voice known and to share your collective knowledge and experience.

Nurses *can* do this, they've done it in the past and have proven themselves crucial players in state trauma system development ...don't lose that reputation!

■ Mike Glenn

### **Membership January 2006**

Chapter	#	Membership
Akron	041	97
Central OH	255	126
Greater Miami	243	138
Greater Cincinnati	261	183
Heart of OH	413	42
Eastern OH	047	45
Lakeshore OH	356	57
Southern OH	373	23
Seagate	046	87
Cleveland	044	126

## **Are the EYE'S OF TEXAS on YOU?**

Join your friends and colleagues as the Ohio State Council travels to San Antonio, Texas for the ENA General Assembly September 13-14, 2006.

Applications for members to serve as delegates are available on the state website [www.ohioena.org](http://www.ohioena.org) or from your Chapter President. All applicants who wish to be considered for partial funding MUST have their signed application to Marie BEFORE June 1, 2006.

Membership will be verified and all other information is subject to review and supporting documents may be requested by the Delegate Committee. For questions please contact Marie Garrison at [garrisme@healthhall.com](mailto:garrisme@healthhall.com).

Not a member? Then go to [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) and submit your membership applications and forward us your delegate application.

*See application page*

### **Deadline for articles to be submitted to Buckeye Beat for 2006:**

April 14

June 30

November 24

Send to Dee Hart at [deehart185@yahoo.com](mailto:deehart185@yahoo.com)

National ENA Conference  
General Assembly September 13-14, 2006  
Scientific Assembly September 14-16, 2006

San Antonio, Texas

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND**

### **TNCC/ENPC INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

At COTS – Central Ohio Trauma System  
431 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

December 14-15, 2006

Registration on line at  
[www.goodhealthcolumbus.org/cots/education;html](http://www.goodhealthcolumbus.org/cots/education;html)

or

contact Chris Sheppard at  
[csheppard@goodhealthcolumbus.org](mailto:csheppard@goodhealthcolumbus.org)  
or 614-255-4412

# CEN REVIEW COURSE

AKRON, OHIO • MARCH 29 & 30, 2006

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 OH RN License \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer/Dept \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tuition must be post-marked or  
 received on or before **March 20, 2006**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200 (Non-ENA member  
 or Non-Summa Health Care RN)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 (ENA member  
 (Enclose copy of membership card)  
 OR Summa Health Care RN)

**PAYMENT**

**WEB:** [www.Paypal.com](http://www.Paypal.com). This website accepts both check and credit card payments and is safe and secure. Make payment to [admin@raeducation.net](mailto:admin@raeducation.net). Please include your nursing license number in the comments section. If you are using an ENA-discount, fax a card copy to (707) 875-9426.

**MAIL:** Send registration form with check or money-order to: Randolph Associates, PO Box 700, Bodega Bay, CA 94923-0700. If you are using an ENA-discount, please send a copy of your card, in addition to the registration form.

This 2-day lecture seminar is designed for nurses preparing for the Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) examination, and for any nurse interested in reviewing the concepts and standards of care necessary for emergency nursing practice. Topics relevant to emergency nursing as defined in the Emergency Nursing Core Curriculum (5<sup>th</sup> edition) and as defined in the BCEN's test content listing will be reviewed.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of this course, the participant should be able to:

1. Recognize specific physiological presentations and clinical signs indicative of specific emergency diagnoses.
2. Describe appropriate nursing interventions and medical treatment modalities for specific emergency conditions.
3. List appropriate pharmacological treatment modalities for specific emergency conditions.

**COURSE FACULTY:**

**CHERYL RANDOLPH**  
 RN, MSN, CCRN, CEN, FNP-BC

Ms. Randolph has been practicing critical-care nursing for the past 17-years in ER, ICU and PACU. She has taught nursing at both the associate and baccalaureate levels, and has lectured at numerous local and national conferences, including the national ENA Scientific Assembly and the San Francisco ENA Conference. She is currently working as a critical care nurse in San Francisco and as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Marin County, California.

**ACCREDITATION**

"Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing Provider # CEP 14156 for 15.5 contact hours." The OBN has approved this class for CE credit.

**LOCATION & DATES**

March 29 & 30, 2006  
 Akron City Hospital, Idabelle Firestone Auditorium, 41 Arch Street, Akron, OH, 44309. (330) 375-3000. Map & directions: [www.summahealth.org](http://www.summahealth.org).

**MARCH 29, 2006**

0730-0800	Registration
0800-0930	Test Review, Professional & Legal Issues
0930-1000	Psychosocial Emergencies
1000-1015	MORNING BREAK
1014-1115	Shock
1115-1215	Cardiovascular Emergencies
1215-1315	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1315-1445	Respiratory Emergencies
1445-1530	Gastrointestinal Emergencies
1530-1545	AFTERNOON BREAK
1545-1630	GU & GYN Emergencies

**March 30, 2006**

0800-0900	Neurological Emergencies
0900-0945	Max-Face & Ocular Emergencies
0945-1000	MORNING BREAK
1000-1100	Environmental Emergencies
1100-1200	Orthopedic Emergencies
1200-1300	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1300-1415	Medical Emergencies
1415-1430	AFTERNOON BREAK
1430-1530	Toxicological Emergencies
1530	ADJOURN

**REGISTRATION & FEES**

**Tuition:** Tuition includes morning and afternoon refreshments, CE certificate and extensive program syllabus. There will be NO on-site registration. Confirmation of registration will be returned by mail or Email.

**Cancellations:** Cancellations must be made in writing more than 14 days before the seminar. Cancellations made less than 14 days prior to the seminar will be charged a \$25 processing fee. Those who do not appear at the seminar, but have made payment without cancellation, will be responsible for full payment. Seminars cancelled due to any

unforeseen event or natural disaster will be re-scheduled. Refunds will NOT be issued. In the rare event the Randolph Associates has to cancel for any other reason, sole liability shall be limited to tuition and a refund will be provided within 2 weeks.

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DELEGATE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**POINTS FOR DELEGATE SELECTION FOR ANNUAL MEETING 2006**

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY AND PLACE IN POINTS COLUMN	POINTS	POINTS
1. Served as a delegate at the last annual meeting	10 points	_____
2. Served as a State Council Delegate	10 points	_____
3. Attended State Council Meeting not as a representative from your chapter	2 pts per meeting	_____
4. Served as a National ENA Officer	15 points	_____
5. Served as a State ENA Officer	President 15 points, Other 10 points	_____
6. Served as a Local ENA chapter Officer	President 10 points, Other 5 points	_____
7. Chaired an ENA committee	National 15, State 10 points, Local 5 points	_____
8. Served as committee member	National 15, State 10 points, Local 5 points	_____
9. Certification in Emergency Nursing (CEN)	CEN number _____ 15 points	_____
10. Published articles in JEN nursing journal, or other health care journal	10 points	_____
11. Conducted research in Emergency Nursing	10 points	_____
12. Lectured in Emergency Nursing (not job related or required by job)	10 points	_____
13. TNCC	Course Director 15 points, Instructor 7 points, Provider 5 points	_____
14. ENCP	Course Director 15 points, Instructor 7 points, Provider 5 points	_____
15. CATN	Course Director 10 points, Instructor 7 points, Provider 5 points	_____
16. Attended Local Chapter Meeting	75-100% - 15 points, 51-74% 10 points, 25-50% 5 points	_____
17. Encare Member	2 points	_____
18. Presented Encare Program	10 points	_____
19. Recruited new member to ENA (List name on back)	2 points/ member	_____
20. Attended Ohio State Council Symposium	10 points	_____
21. Attended ENA Leadership/Encare Symposium	10 points	_____
22. Attended National Scientific Assembly	10 points	_____
23. Attended ENA Chapter Sponsored Symposium	10 points	_____
24. Other Projects (e.g. Legislative, Seat Belt Coalition, Safe Kids)	10 points	_____
25. Letter of Verification of Clinical Expertise by Supervisor/Manager	10 points	_____
26. SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner)	5 points	_____
27. Letter of recognition from Chapter president for chapter participation	10 points	_____
	TOTAL points	_____
Chapter President Signature _____		