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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Ohio State ENA Members,

Spring has arrived and we are all getting ready for the fresh start that appears with the flowers, the sun and the warmer weather. With new growth and renewal frequently comes planning for the summer. Springtime for your Ohio State ENA and many of your local chapters will bring many potentially exciting activities. Several chapters have been planning symposiums and educational chapter meetings. Plan to attend one of these and become involved. Your State Council has its first semi-annual deadline for the CEN Reimbursement Program. Information about this exciting program which will reimburse for your attainment of your CEN is available on the Ohio State Council Website.

June 1 also brings the deadline for application to serve as a State Delegate to the National ENA General Meeting which will be held in sunny Salt Lake City, Utah. If you are not able to attend as a delegate, why attend the Educational Assembly to hear about the latest and most exciting advancements

and emergency care practices.

Attendance at this meeting also offers excellent opportunities for networking with peers from throughout the country. This year your Ohio State Council is also offering registration scholarships to three Ohio State ENA members who have not had the opportunity to attend this exciting program. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for the application guidelines and criteria.

And finally, for many years, the National ENA Organization, State Councils and Local Chapters have been in discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of organizational two-tier and three-tier systems. Many states throughout the United States have been experiencing difficulties maintaining the viability of their state's local chapters. We in Ohio are no different. The ability to maintain active chapter membership in several areas of the state has fallen off greatly. The ability to volunteer time and interest to keep these chapters viable has proven to be an issue. For this reason, the Ohio State Council meeting scheduled for June 23, 2007 has set as their primary agenda item to be an informational session and discussion of these issues. We invite all members to attend this meeting and would particularly like representation from all local chapters. Your State Council is

dedicated to serve the best interests of the entire State of Ohio and we need your feedback. If you are not able to attend this meeting, please email me with your comments and concerns. All comments will be shared at this meeting. I know that as the fifth largest ENA membership state, we are an important voice and can serve as a role model for other states. I look forward to hearing and seeing many of you.

In closing, I wish all of you a safe and shiny spring season.

Sincerely,

Debbie Schwytzer
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**Ohio State Council
Emergency Nurses Association
Board Meeting**

**Notes from March 24, 2007 OSC
Board Meeting**

Debbie Schwytzer welcomed 10 members representing 4 chapters and students from Capital University.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved, as was the Budget for 2007.

Chapter Reports were given followed by Announcements from National. OSC will receive a \$1000 Grant for TNCC/ENPC this year – plan to use for roll out. ENAF proposes 3 different fundraisers OSC can participate in. We plan to donate to State Challenge and have a piece of jewelry for auction at National Symposium. Elections for National officers will be in June; as long as you are a current member as of May 1 you will receive a ballot and info. **We encourage you to vote!** One of our

members Deb Zang is now on the National Resolutions Committee.

LIAISON REPORTS

ACEP – no meeting

EMS Board – Vickie Graymire submitted a report (see attached)

State Trauma Committee – no one has filled the position held by Mike yet

ONA – there will be a conference call in April

OSTNC – National Trauma Conference occurring right now

IAFN – Deb Zang – conference November 13 in Columbus, next meeting April 13 in Mansfield

OMRC (Ohio Medical Reserve Corp) – Nancie Bechtel reviewed what this is – a Team of Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Psych personnel, etc) who would respond to the site of a disaster to lend assistance. Legislation has now passed to cover liability and workers comp in this case.

EMS-C - Gordon Gillespie – see attached report

Nancie Bechtel represented ENA on a panel discussion on Disaster Preparedness at the Recent Townhall meeting in Columbus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trauma Committee – Dee reported on the upcoming TNCC-I rollout update sessions. Retraining will begin in October and run through April 2008. New material will be used as of May 1, 2008. More details as they become available.

Education – Debbie – reported that we had 12 registrants as of February 12 and she had to cancel the Symposium. The TNCC-I course will con't at ACEP office on the 11th with 9 registrants.

Government Affairs – Nicole – reported on the Nurses Day at the State House where she was a speaker for ENA on Violence in the workplace – House Bill 98 related to this will be reintroduced this year and our committee will follow as the legislators want our input.

Membership/Delegate – Marie reported on the number of delegate applications we have and that we will probably anticipate having 20 seats at National Conference in Salt Lake City in September.

Communication – Dee – will be looking at the Website to make some updates. Deadline for newsletter is April 6.

Injury Prevention – Dixie – National ENA is revamping their ENCARE program and will now call it Injury Prevention Institute – there will be new training and new programs/media for it.

Nursing Practice – Diana Ramsey – NR – she will be looking at a couple of websites for possible issues we need to address.

Finance – Connie reported on working with new CPA for our accounts and to complete tax information

Bylaws – Debbie – will be working on updating and posting bylaws, as our Articles of Incorporation will be due for renewal in 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget – reviewed, discussed and approved.

We will use the funds targeted for new member applicants at the Symposium to offer grants to 3 people from around the state to attend National Scientific

Assembly this year. Deb Zang will chair the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Chapters and State can apply to National to get a logo approved to show our participation in ENA and be able to use on items (stationary, etc).

CEN – Deb passed out copies of the new guidelines for CEN – they have changed some of the items and weight of others.

Elections for OSC officers – nominations will be taken at the June meeting for voting at August meeting. We have need for Pres-elect, Treasurer, and 2 Direct-at-Large positions. Marie will head this process.

June meeting will have discussion about changing Ohio to a two-tier system vs the three tier we currently have. Debbie will send notices to all chapters to encourage more members to attend and have discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Hart, RN, BSN, CEN
OSC Secretary

Ohio EMS for Children Committee Report

On 03/20/2007, the Ohio EMS for Children (EMS-C) Committee met in Columbus at the Ohio Department of Public Safety offices. Physician attendees were Dr. Carol Cunningham, the state medical director, and Dr. Wendy Pomerantz, the EMS-C Committee chair.

Last year a survey study was conducted with the purpose of determining emergency department (ED) preparedness for pediatric emergencies

and pediatric care. Surveys were mailed to 170 Ohio EDs with 26% ($n = 45$) completing the survey. Key findings included: nearly all believed they were adequately prepared to provide care to children who arrive to their ED, 75% reported that their staff take PALS regularly, and nearly 67% reported having a formal QA/PI program for ED patients (whether adult or pediatric focused).

Dr. Cunningham reported that mach-1 kits used to treat symptoms of nerve agent exposures are being discontinued by the manufacturer. The replacement product will include both atropine and 2-PAM in each dose. While this is good for healthy military personnel, it can lead to an overdose of 2-PAM in children and the elderly. Dr. Cunningham recommends that EMS stock additional cardiac injectable doses of atropine only for when additional doses are needed to treat symptoms without administering high doses of 2-PAM.

Dr. Pomerantz discussed the need to write a new strategic plan. The current strategic plan is now expired. A list of initiatives for the new strategic plan will be discussed in more detail at the May meeting. Possibilities for the new strategic plan include: (1) inspecting and providing pediatric categorization to facilities that are adequately prepared to care for pediatric emergencies, (2) prepare a flyer/brochure/manual for daycare providers in the event the providers must treat pediatric emergencies until EMS arrives, (3) innovative strategies for EMS to connect with children with special healthcare needs prior to a 911 call to the patient home, (4) the need for a pediatrician on each of the Regional Physician Advisory Boards, (5) state-wide injury prevention initiatives, (6) family-centered care for

EMS, (7) culturally sensitive and Spanish language publications, and (7) research.

In closing, I wish to thank the Ohio State Council ENA (OSCENA) Board of Directors and EMS-C Committee for the opportunity to serve as the OSCENA representative to this committee and look forward to providing OSCENA members with future reports.

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

EMS Board summary – Feb 2007

The Annual EMS Board retreat was held Jan 17-19th. The Board plans to be more pro-active over the next several years and their foundation for action will be based upon the document “EMS agenda for the Future.” This document identifies 14 attributes for action - 1.integration of health services, 2. EMS research, 3. legislation, 4. System finance, 5. Human resources, 6. Medical direction. 7. Educational system, 8. Public education, 9. Prevention, 10. Public access. 11. Communication system, 12. Clinical care, 13. Information systems. And 14. Evaluation. The Board will also address the structure and function of their various committees to assure we are meeting our goals and moving toward our vision. Mr. Rucker gave his annual report identifying the major accomplishments of distributing 3.4 million dollars in grant money, the trauma committee’s work in evaluation of trauma triage for the elderly, the Chempack progress, and the process of electronic application for renewal and the grant process. He also noted that a new accreditation process was established to develop stronger EMS training centers. Dr. Cunningham updated us on the Burden of Stroke

project. In 2007, a strategy to improve communication with our stakeholders will be to set EMS Board agenda items for open forum discussion in the morning with executive session after lunch. The Board will also look to other agencies and groups for input when necessary to better collaborate with everyone involved in the decision process. The Board has overall a dual role, regulatory and advocacy and they will strive to fulfill both roles and provide not only regulation of EMS activities but a stronger leadership role through advocacy and networking.

Vickie Graymire RN, MS, CEN

EMS Board Summary-March, 2007

The 80% rule is in effect as of March 8th, for national registry testing for teaching facilities.

Committee assignments for the EMS Board were made by the Chair Carl Jordan. The following committees are in place for Air medical, Education, Fire, Grants homeland Security, Medical Oversight and finally Rules.

There may be some rule changes necessary in the future for ERSAC and TRAS committees

The Board plans to work closer with Other organizations in 2007, In February, Stephanie Reed Talked about where the AHA would like to go in their relationship with the State of Ohio EMS. Dr. Cunningham works closely with this group also.

The National EMS Scope of Practice was approved by NHTSA with changes submitted from various people in the state. They did utilize all changes submitted and Dr. C noted it is important for everyone to comment on these proposals to influence change. To note from Dr. C's letter. "The delineation of minimum guidelines instead of

restrictive ceilings will allow EMS providers and their medical directors to advance the practice of EMS as we continue to become an invaluable facet of medical care and disaster preparedness. "

The EMS website is being used for renewals and overall everyone seems pleased with the change and we should encourage use.

A position statement regarding restraints is now on the website – please review and comment

The Board has developed a new Mission statement and Vision statement
Mission statement – To promote quality and professionalism in the training, education, and delivery of fire and Emergence Medical Services to the residents and guests of the State Of Ohio.

Vision Statement – The State of Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services will provide leadership dedicated to reducing morbidity, mortality and property damage.

Nancy Bechtel provided clarification to the Board regarding "barriers to EMS" this was a project grant. The Board appreciated her information.

EMS – C has had discussion about inclusion of pediatrics in disaster preparedness, A summary of the Emergency department survey will be presented at the April Board meeting.

For detail information you may access the Website @
<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/ems.asp>

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Interested in traveling to Salt Lake City?

Join fellow Ohio ENA members as we attend the National General Assembly in September 2007. Complete the delegate application found on our web site. Have your chapter president sign and send to Marie Garrison by email or snail mail. It must be received by June 1. Questions? Contact Marie at garrisme@healthall.com

CEN reimbursement available

Applications are currently being accepted for the Ohio State Council ENA CEN grant. Deadline for the next reimbursement is October 31, 2007. Please note reimbursement is done after documentation of the certification is received. See the web site for details. Contact Marie Garrison

Call for nominations for the Ohio State Council ENA.

We are currently accepting nominations for

- President-Elect, this is a 4 year commitment (1 year as president-elect and 2 as president and 1 as past president)
- Director at Large (2 year commitment)

Please forward a brief letter that acknowledges your interest in one of the open positions and your experience in ENA at national, state and/ or chapter level. Nominations must be received by June 1. Nominations can be sent by email or traditional mail to Marie Garrison.

Workplace Violence

Workplace violence is a prevalent serious occupational hazard facing nurses today, and responses from nursing groups and administrative and regulatory bodies are necessary to address the scope and significance of the problem.

Facts:

- Workplace violence is a serious and occupational risk for the domestic and global workforce, accounting for approximately 900 deaths and 1.7 million incidents of nonfatal assaults each year in the US. In 2004, 14% of all work-related fatalities in the US were due to workplace violence.
- According to 2004 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, among health care practitioners, 46% of all non fatal assaults and violent acts were committed against registered nurses.
- Employers have a legal responsibility to provide their workers with a workplace free from hazards that are likely to cause death or serious physical harm. They have an ethical responsibility to provide a safe, nonviolent workplace that fosters a climate of respect and trust.
- The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) has published the Guidelines for Preventing Workplace Violence for Health Care & Social Services Workers, which includes policy recommendations and practical corrective methods to help prevent and mitigate the effects of workplace violence.
- The health care industry leads all other sectors in the incidence of nonfatal workplace assaults. The risk of workplace violence is a

significant occupational hazard facing nurses, especially in the emergency department. Health care organizations must take preventative measures to circumvent workplace violence and ensure the safety of all health care workers, their patients, and visitors.

Solutions:

- Support legislation that mandates and regulates safety standards and controls for workplace violence prevention.
- Support a “zero tolerance” policy for workplace violence and implement a strong interdisciplinary education and training plan through established policies and procedures.
- Support legislation that mandates compliance with OSHA’s Guidelines for Preventing Workplace Violence for Health Care & Social Service Workers.
- Encourage legislation that revises the Ohio Revised Code section 2903.13 which dictates the penalty for assault. The 126th General Assembly introduced S.B. 132 and H.B. 98 to increase the penalty for assault on a health care professional or one performing emergency medical care, to be a fourth degree felony.

2007 NURSES DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE EVENT A SUCCESS

By Nancie Bechtel, RN, BSN, MPH, CEN, EMTB (Columbus, Ohio)

On March 21, 2007, the Ohio State Council of the Emergency Nurses Association (OSCENA) participated with 14 other nursing organizations from across Ohio at *Nurses Day at the Statehouse*. Hundreds of nurses

representing diverse specialty areas came in support of nursing as well as to share with legislators and each other concerns about the state of nursing and patient care in Ohio. Attendees were addressed by Senator Sue Morano, an RN (Lorain County), on generalities of speaking with legislators and engaging in the legislative process.

Representative Larry Flowers (Franklin & Fairfield Counties) spoke on Challenges of the 127th General Assembly. Each nursing organization gave a short presentation about a current issue relative to their practice. Nicole Nutter, RN (Columbus), spoke on behalf of OSCENA members on the subject of workplace violence. Several legislators joined their nursing constituents for lunch and many nurses met individually with their district representatives and senators. The day was successful in enlightening both nursing colleagues and legislators, and in networking with each other. For more information, contact nbechtel@goodhealthcolumbus.org.



From left to right, Deborah Schwytzer (Cincinnati), Nicloe Nutter (Columbus), Nancie Bechtel (Columbus) and Deb Zang (Columbus) represented OSCENA at the Nurses Day at the Statehouse Event. Not pictured but also in attendance was Gordon Gillespie (Cincinnati).



Nicole Nutter (Columbus) served as the speaker for OSCENA. She spoke on the issue of workplace violence.

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Ohio State Council Meetings

Dates for 2007

June 23

August 25

November 10

Location: ACEP Offices,
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