

## 2009 Massachusetts ENA State Council Officers Election

Review the candidates' statements and make an educated decision for the 2009 MA ENA State Council elections. You have several voting options. If we have your correct current e-mail address you will receive a ballot via e-mail for Vote-Net. If we do not have a correct current address, the ballot was included in the Fall 2009 MA ENA newsletter "MENU" which was sent out recently. And finally, your third option - download this ballot, complete your selections and send to Faye Everson, 2008 MA ENA State Council president. You may e-mail your choices to Faye at [faeverson@aol.com](mailto:faeverson@aol.com) or mail to:

64 Ebenezer Lane  
Brewster, MA 02631

You may only vote once

Please be sure to include your ENA membership # (if you do not know your number you can contact ENA membership at 1-800-243-8365). At this same time - make sure that you give the National office your correct current email address to ensure that you receive all important membership news and opportunities.

Deadline for voting is: November 1, 2008

Each candidate was asked to include a summary of their ENA leadership experience as well as to write a statement about the goals they felt MA ENA should focus on in 2009.

### SECRETARY:

Deborah Tonelli RN  
Milford Regional Medical Center

ED Clinical Coordinator  
Milford, MA

#### ENA Experience:

State Council Secretary 2008  
Chair, Vendor Committee for NERS 2007  
Past President, Central MA ENA Chapter

#### Statement:

I think it is vital that ENA continue to recruit new members to the organization. I would also like to see more active involvement on a state level by new chapter members. Continued sponsorship of educational programs is also a necessity.

### TREASURER:

Carlene Kincaid RN CEN EMT-P  
Fairview Hospital

Staff Nurse  
Great Barrington, MA

#### ENA Experience:

State Council Treasurer 2008  
Berkshire Chapter President 2008  
President-elect 2007  
Berkshire Chapter Treasurer 2005  
Berkshire Chapter Education Committee co-chair 2005  
Member of 2007 Leadership Conference Panel  
Presentation - Treasury  
NERS 2007 Education Committee

#### Statement:

MA ENA is fortunate to have such wonderful representation at the National level. As leaders in this organization, MA has the opportunity to shine even brighter! I feel, after the voting turnout in the National elections, and seeing MA leading with an 18% voter turnout, our goal should be to increase these numbers locally as well as nationally. As members, we have the privilege to select the individuals who will work for our profession and will work to improve our standards of care. Where would emergency nursing be today if it wasn't for ENA?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (in alphabetical order):

Julie Bunn RN BSN CEN  
North Shore Medical Center (Salem Hospital)

Clinical Leader  
Salem, MA

ENA Experience:

NERS 2007 Co-chair  
MA ENA State Council Board of Directors 2003, 2005, 2008  
Beacon Chapter President 2001  
Beacon Chapter Treasurer 2008 - 2010  
MA State Membership Committee Chair 2004-2007  
General Assembly Delegate 2000 - 2008  
TNCC/ENPC Instructor  
Government Affairs and Education Committees

Statement:

As Emergency Nurses, we are facing difficult times. Our departments seem more like battlefields than a place to take care of the sick and injured. Adding to the stress of increasing numbers of patients, delays and boarders, we are also exposed to violence and weapons. We should be joining forces to address these pressing issues. The solutions will take strength in numbers. Therefore, I believe that our 2 main goals should be increasing membership and member involvement. Our second goal should be to continue to address the problem of violence in our departments.

Virginia (Gina) Crocker RN MS CEN TNCC-I  
Winchester Hospital

Clinical Nurse Specialist, ED  
Winchester, MA

ENA Experience:

MA ENA State Education Committee Chair 2006-present  
NERS 2007 Co-chair  
General Assembly delegate 2005  
National ENA Education Committee 2004-2006  
CEN review course coordinator and lecturer 1995, 2004, 2008  
MENA Annual Conference chair 2006, 2008  
President, Upper CT Valley Chapter (NH) 1990-1991

Statement:

The next few years will provide many challenges for emergency nurses in our state. Some of these challenges include the recent DPH policy change regarding ED diversions after January 2009, the current rise of violence in our EDs, and increase in patient volume and acuity, often in a setting where overcrowding is present.

Maureen Curtis-Cooper RN BSN CEN FAEN  
Boston Medical Center

Staff Nurse, Pediatric ED  
Boston, MA

ENA Experience:

ENA Leadership Conference Committee 2006-2007  
BCEN/PNCB committees for development of Certification in Pediatric Emergency Nursing 2006-2010  
MA ENA State Council Board of Directors 2007-2008  
Trauma Committee Chair 2007 - present  
Coordinated State TNCC Update 2008  
Pediatric Committee 1993-present  
Coordinated 2 ENPC Updates and obtained grants from EMSC for instructor training  
Boston Chapter secretary/treasurer and state council representative 1987 - 1990  
Sigma Theta Tau Alpha Chi Chapter Treasurer 1990-1992

Statement (Maureen Curtis-Cooper):

As an organization, we have to continue to be the voice of the frontline emergency nurse in the changing arena of care delivery, crowding and the new reimbursement structure in MA. We also must meet the educational needs of MA emergency nurses. It will take sound financial management to meet these goals.

Anne Manton PhD RN PMHNP-BC FAAN FAEN  
Cape Cod Hospital

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
Hyannis, MA

ENA Experience:

MA State Council Board of Directors 2008  
Chair, National Blue Ribbon Commission 2002-2005  
Member, ENA Academy Task Force 2002  
Trustee, ENAF 1999-2000  
President, National ENA 2002  
Secretary/Treasurer, National ENA 1996  
Consulting Editor, Journal of Emergency Nursing 2000-2007  
President, BCEN 1983-1985

Statement:

Increased engagement by MA ENA members in the activities, opportunities and growth of the organization should be a priority focus for 2009. While it is important to strive for increased membership numbers, it is through the active participation of members (on whatever level they feel comfortable) that we can have the greatest influence. Strengthening and supporting chapters, increasing communication with members and continuing to offer outstanding educational programs will help in this effort.

George O'Neil RN BSN CEN  
Marlborough Hospital

Staff Nurse  
Marlborough, MA

ENA Experience:

MA State Council Board of Directors 1998 - present  
MA State Council President 1996  
MA State Council President-elect 1995  
MA State Council Past President 1997  
MA State Council Treasurer 1993-1994  
ENA National Resolutions Committee 2003 - 2005

Statement:

The challenges we face in the MA ENA continue to be support for our chapters, recruitment of new members and retention of veteran members. Our chapters have grown stronger, but can become even more so with increased support from National ENA and from the state. We have sought commitment from National ENA to provide services on the internet and via phone that have yet to be realized. I hope you will provide me with the opportunity to work on your behalf in the coming year.

Sophia Veinoglou RN BSN CEN  
Fairview Hospital

Staff/Charge Nurse  
Great Barrington, MA

ENA Experience:

Publication in JEN "Volunteering in a Makeshift Clinic in Ghana" 2008  
MA State Council Board of Directors 2008  
Past President Berkshire Chapter 2008  
MA State Council Representative for Berkshire Chapter 2005-2007  
MA General Assembly Delegate 2004-2008  
NERS 2007 Education Committee  
Triage Course Coordinator 2005  
Team Award Berkshire Chapter 2004

Statement (Sophia Veinoglou):

MA ENA should focus on increasing the number of resource specialists at the National level to 15.

We can reach this goal if 3 nurses from each of the 5 chapters are willing to share their expertise. I know that the knowledge is out there. Let's work together to achieve this goal.

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We are also asking you to vote on changes in our current Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures. These changes were presented in the Summer 2008 edition of this newsletter for your consideration.

First, we are seeking to change the State Council Treasurer term from 1 year to 2 years. This is a change in our Standard Operating Procedures and requires a majority vote to pass.

The second change we are proposing is to increase the term for our Board of Director members from a one year term to a two year term. This is a change to our Bylaws and requires a 2/3 vote in order to pass.

We thank you for your consideration on these matters. If you have any questions - please contact George O'Neil at [oneilg@yahoo.com](mailto:oneilg@yahoo.com)

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BALLOT: 2009 MA ENA Officer Elections

Please complete and return to Faye Everson by November 1, 2008

Your ENA #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Your vote will not be counted if we do not have your ENA #)

SECRETARY

Check here to vote for one (1)

Deborah Tonelli RN

Write in candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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TREASURER

Check here to vote for one (1)

Carlene Kincaid RN CEN EMT-P

Write in candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Check here to vote for five (5)

(in alphabetical order)

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Maureen Curtis-Cooper RN BSN CEN FAEN

Anne Manton PhD PMHNP-BC FAAN FAEN

George O'Neil RN BSN CEN

Sophia Veinoglou RN BSN CEN

Write in candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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BYLAW CHANGE

Section III 3.3 Tenure: Each State Councilor shall hold office from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year following their election..... CHANGES TO: Each State Councilor shall hold office from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> for two (2) years following their election.....

YES

NO

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE CHANGE

Section IV 4.2 Election: The president-elect shall be elected in alternate years..... 4.3 The President shall hold office for two (2) years..... CHANGES TO: The president-elect and treasurer shall be elected in alternate years.....The president and treasurer shall hold office for two (2) years....

YES

NO