

2009 MASSACHUSETTS ENA GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE INFORMATION

We invite you to apply to become a Mass ENA delegate for the 2009 ENA General Assembly in Baltimore, MD. Please complete the application and send to Laurie Raymond at 60 West Ave, Hanover, MA 02339-1848 (or by e-mail to micbill@comcast.net) by the deadline of July 1, 2009. Delegate applicants must be Massachusetts ENA members. Delegate selection will take place during the July State Council Executive Committee conference call and delegates will be notified by mid-July so that travel arrangements may be made (you are responsible for your own travel arrangements). If selected as a delegate, responsibilities include:

1. Attendance at the September 17th State Council meeting and delegate's forum at the Doubletree Westborough 5:30p – 8:00p
2. In Baltimore, delegates must attend all General Assembly sessions on October 7th and 8th and participate in the voting process.
3. Each delegate and alternate delegate is required to attend either the Board of Directors meeting (1p-5p) on October 6th or the Town Meeting 5:15p – 6:15p on October 7th. These are both great opportunities to learn more about ENA.
4. Each delegate must read the information packet sent to them before attending the delegate's forum on September 17th
5. First time delegates are encouraged to attend a New Delegate's orientation held on Tuesday evening October 6th in Baltimore.

During the ENA General Assembly, delegates from across the country discuss and vote on many issues of importance to emergency nurses. It is a great experience! Not only is it an opportunity to learn about current emergency care issues, it is an opportunity to meet and network with emergency nurses from across the nation. All Massachusetts ENA members are encouraged to submit a delegate's application. Please do not be intimidated by the "points system" on the application. In the past, delegates have been selected who have not had BIG points. If you have attended a few chapter meetings, NERS, are a CEN or are TNCC or ENPC certified or have even recruited a new ENA member, you are already accumulating points. We find that each delegate, experienced or novice brings their individual insights and ideas to the discussions. First time delegates will serve as alternate delegates and work with a mentor to learn more about the process and responsibilities.

An alternative method of applying to become a delegate is to write a letter of interest and submit this with the completed demographic portion of the application. Let us know why you would like to be a Massachusetts ENA delegate and how you would use this experience. The letter and demographic information should also be sent to Laurie Raymond at the above address by the deadline of July 1, 2009. Each delegate is provided with a \$500.00 stipend to be used for accommodations in Baltimore. Please save and submit receipts to Carlene Kincaid, Massachusetts ENA treasurer at 31 Old Barn Rd Lenox, MA 01240. Delegates are encouraged to arrive in Baltimore on Tuesday October 6th – General Assembly commences early (8:00 am) on Wednesday October 7th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laurie or any of the Mass ENA State Council officers. You can find their e-mail addresses on the Mass ENA web site www.mass-ena.org at the link "2009 State Council officers".

Good Luck!! Thank you for your interest!