

**MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION
STATE COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2009 AT DOUBLETREE/WESTBOROUGH**

Attendance: Laurie Raymond, Faye Everson, Deb Tonelli, Carlene Kincaid, George O'Neil, Maureen Curtis Cooper, Anne Manton, Gina Crocker, Sophia Veinoglou, Julie Bunn, Deb Donahue, Maria DaSilva, Eva Bodio, Barbara Foley, Linda Unda, Katy Kelly, Phyllis Berg, Sheila Silva, Kay McClain, Robin Walsh, Deb Pentecost, Jeanne Ulmer, Deann Kucharski, Mary Martel.

Meeting called to order @ 1735

Welcome and introductions.

Meeting accepted as written by Linda Unda and Deb Donahue.

President's Report: Laurie has asked for an increase in donations from chapters for the ENAF. The fundraising ends June 30th.

Kay asked that we propose to have all monies collected from Massachusetts chapters be earmarked to go to the "Karen O'Neill Fun".

Anne suggested that we would have to really "push" to get this goal accepted by the BOD.

Discussion was held for auction items (jewelry vs gift certificates).

Treasurer's Report: Carlene reviewed the budget. She reported that all CD's matured this Spring and are all in risk-free accounts. Carlene also stated that the Accountant needs copies of the check registers from the chapter treasurers as well as the treasurer's report.

Treasurer's report accepted by George O'Neil and seconded by Phyllis Berg.

OLD BUSINESS:

MaENA Conference: Gina Crocker announced that the Fall MaENA Conference will be held at the Doubletree/Westborough on Nov 4th, 2009.

Various diverse topics were discussed. Gina asked for anyone willing to help (esp education) with the conference to get in touch with her. A conference call will be set up.

Eva Bodio expressed concern that there would be difficulty obtaining a large number of vendor supporters due to the current state of the economy.

Carlene notified the attendees that the Resolution, drafted by her, was submitted today. Carlene publicly thanked both Laurie Raymond and Anne Manton for their support and editing.

Committee chairs/representatives reported by Laurie: A conference call date will be set up.

Education – end result needs to identify members willing to help Gina with planning and execution of the MaENA conference.

Government Affairs – chair is Phyllis Berg with Anne Manton liaison.

Injury Prevention – Sheila Silva is chair with Laurie as liaison.

Membership – Kay McClain is chair. Kay noted that she needs chapter liaisons.

Pediatrics – Kitty Morton is chair with Faye as liaison.

Trauma – Maureen Curtis Cooper is chair. Maureen reports that she is conducting an "outreach" for Metrowest area. 24 nurses have signed up for TNCC.

There is a TNCC Instructor course on May 19th in Worcester also an ENPC Instructor course is planned. ENPC courses are scheduled for Melrose in June and Worcester in September.

As of April 1st, there are 88 active TNCC instructors in Ma.

Nurse Practice – Joan Cooper Zack and Jeanne Ulmer are co-chairs with Sophia as liaison.

Geriatric chair is open. ENA is looking at geriatric standards of care.

Kay said that there is a geriatric research program being done at Mass General.

NERS – it was unanimously agreed that the Ma ENA would provide Cape Cod jewelry for the fundraising raffle at this year's NERS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robin lead a very passionate discussion about the State Council Achievement Awards presented on annually at the national conference. Robin stated that we have such a strong presence (esp on a national level) that we should definitely band together and apply for this award. The final application is due Dec 09. Robin said she is willing to spearhead this effort but would like help completing the necessary forms. It was decided that all board members would take and complete a section.

A reminder was made that nominations for national ENA awards is due by May 1
Maureen brought up the point that the application process is very lengthy and involved. When finalized, it actually looks like a book. Everything we do as a State Council is included.
Anne suggested that an awards committee be set up with representation from each chapter. A conference call will be set up for these representatives.

Laurie stated that she was contacted by Ginger Margolis who would like to set up an advanced practice workgroup. Anyone interested should contact her at: v.mangolds@comcast.net

Anne Manton discussed the term limits regulations as part of the Bylaws (she has a copy with her for those interested). The nominations committee currently has 6 members all coming from various regions.

Anne also wanted us to be aware that due to the fiscal budget cuts, the DMH budget could be cut by 50 million. Nurses are encouraged to advocate not to cut DMH services.
We are encouraged to call our State Reps.

Julie Bunn and Phyllis Berg presented a wonderful, insightful video (complete with comedic narrative and music) of their time in Washington DC.

George O'Neil gave us an update on the health of our beloved Bruce Hood. He is currently being treated for Lymphoma.

The evening ended with a beautiful pictorial presentation of Bruce's photography.

Meeting adjourned @ 2005.

Respectfully submitted by

Debbie Tonelli