

**MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION
STATE COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 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, Roberta Gale, Maria DaSilva, Eva Bodio, Barbara Foley, Linda Unda, Phyllis Berg, Sheila Silva, Robin Walsh, Joan Cooper-Zack.

EXCUSED: Kay McClain

An orientation meeting for new chapter/state council officers was held prior to the start of the SC meeting. The State Council Board of Directors networked with newer officers, made presentations and answered questions relative to their current role on the Board.

Meeting called to order @ 1720.

Welcome and introductions.

Minutes accepted as written.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: deferred to Treasurer's Report.

Carlene reviewed the 2008 budget as well as the budget for 2009. It was noted that there are assets of + \$5000 for the year.

Budget accepted.

Gail Lenehan made note that while she was at a State Council meeting in North Carolina that it was brought to her attention that Carlene was very helpful to them while attending the National Leaders meeting in Chicago in December. Thank you Carlene.

OLD BUSINESS: Deb Tonelli reviewed the dates for meetings in 2009 (April 8, June 17, September 16, November 18) All meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough, Ma.

Gina Crocker discussed the upcoming MaEna Symposium being held in the fall. Possible dates were discussed with late October or early November being the most favorable. All members interested in helping Gina or who have topic ideas, in any capacity, are encouraged to e-mail her at VMCC55@comcast.net

NERS will be held in Providence April 29 through May 1st.

A “Get Well” was sent around to be signed by ENA members for Judy Kelleher.

Faye Everson presented the official plaque for “The Behind the Scenes Award” to Robin Walsh.

NEW BUSINESS/PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Laurie spoke of the ENAF Challenge. A purple bag will be used as the fundraising mechanism. There is a grass roots campaign to raise monies for the continuing education of ENA members.

The Pillar Award was given to the State of Mass for “sustained” contributions to ENAF. States are encouraged to increase their donations. (Mass donated \$600 in 2007 and 2008).

Laurie reported that there was great discussion on how to cut costs for the annual meeting. There is a proposal to decrease the number of delegates in 1/2. Faye suggested that there must be other ways to decrease costs i.e.: not supplying coffee/breakfast service at the delegate sessions, especially.

Anne Manton stated that the President should bring this topic to the General Assembly and not implement it now.

Diane Gurney said that at the Finance Committee Board meeting in Nov, 08 it was noted that \$200,000 had to be taken out of the revenue from the General Meeting in Sept in order to balance the budget. There are currently several options “on the table” being discussed by the Finance Comm. and BOD. Time is needed to “mull it over”.

Dinner Break

Robin and Carlene spoke to the need to get states “talking” to each other and sharing ideas. On the ENA.ORG website, there are multiple list serves to access. Some are: volunteer; media; certification; membership; student nurses resources.

Laurie discussed, in detail, the ENA Strategic Plan for 2009-2011. Copy enclosed.

Workgroups gathered to discuss: membership; Government Affairs; Injury Prevention; How to Publicize; Violence in the ED. Each group developed plans using the S-W-O-T approach. Each group discussed options that were discussed.

Meeting adjourned @ 2030.

Respectfully submitted by

Debbie Tonelli