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## MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY NURSING UPDATE

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## Message from the President

**H**appy Summer! Flowers, green trees lawns and caterpillars, trips to the beach and ice cream! These are a few of the signs that summer has come to the Cape, along with traffic and tourists. It is a great time of the year - perfect for working on unfinished projects and taking time for yourself! An ongoing unfinished project for MA ENA is recruiting new members. It is really surprising how many ED nurses are not members. Won't you take time to talk to your co-workers who are not members about the value of joining ENA. Tell them about MA ENA and ENA activities and what ENA can do for them. Invite them to our September meeting in Westborough. Meeting information can be found in this newsletter edition. Right now we have 856 members, but we are always looking for more.

ENA has done a lot for me over the years and it would be great if more ED nurses would join with us. See what you can do!! It may sound corny, but ENA is my professional organization and has been since the early 70's. I have gained a great deal from the friendships I have made and the information I have received from ENA. What better way to care for your patients than by being involved in the organization that sets the standards for our profession and our practice? Come and be a part of the process which leads me to the next unfinished project....

Number 2 on my unfinished project list is for YOU to get more involved with the organization since you are already a member. Government

Affairs, Trauma, Pediatrics, Nurse Practice, Education and Membership are just some of our committees that would love to have more member involvement. Go to [www.mass-ena.org](http://www.mass-ena.org) to learn more about these committees. Take time to explore the website and let us know what you would like to see on your website.

Thank you for being part of MA ENA and I hope to hear from you or better yet...see you at an upcoming meeting. Consider running for an office in the state organization or joining one of our committees. I promise you will not regret it!!

Have a fun summer! Stay Safe!  
Faye Everson  
MA ENA President 2008

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### **PROPOSED BYLAW AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES CHANGES**

State Council has debated and approved the following changes to be presented to the membership for consideration. Voting on these changes will be included in the ballot for Officers and Councilors this year.

First, the term of office for Treasurer, if approved, will be extended to 2 (two) years. Past Treasurers have said that they feel that the increased time in the office will allow them to be more effective in the role and will allow for a period to mentor any prospective candidates for the position when their term is up. It will allow our current Treasurer, Carleen Kincaid, to retain her position through 2009. In the event that this change is not approved, then a special election will be required to fill the 2009 Treasurer's position. This is a change to our Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). State Council has the authority to change this term of office without a full membership vote, but feels that a change of this importance should be done with the input of all Massachusetts ENA members. This will pass with a majority YES vote.

The second change is for the term of office for State Councilors-At-Large, increasing each term to 2 years. This will allow for continuity in the senior leadership of MA ENA and will be similar to the National Board of Directors election procedure. If approved, the 3 candidates with the highest vote totals will earn a 2 (two) year term and the 2 candidates with the lowest vote totals will earn a 1 (one) year term. In 2009, 2 positions will be up for election and will be for 2 (two) year term. As each term expires, 2 (two) or 3 (three) candidates will be elected to a 2 (two) year term. In case of a resignation or removal, the current procedure to fill the unexpired term will remain unchanged. The unsuccessful candidate with the highest vote total will be appointed to serve the remainder of the term. If this change is not approved, the current 1 year term for all State Councilors will

remain. This is a change to our Bylaws and requires a 2/3 YES vote to pass.

MA ENA Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures are available on our state website [www.mass-ena.org](http://www.mass-ena.org)

Please contact George O'Neil at [oneilg@yahoo.com](mailto:oneilg@yahoo.com) or any current Officer or State Councilor if you have any questions.

### **NATIONAL ENA ELECTIONS - THE RESULTS ARE IN!!**

Recent National ENA elections showed once again that Massachusetts may be a small state geographically but we are large in commitment to our organization! Here are your 2009 National ENA Officers and Directors:

2009 President: Bill Briggs RN MSN CEN  
FAEN  
Massachusetts

2009 President-Elect: Diane Gurney RN MS CEN  
Massachusetts

2009 Secretary/Treasurer:  
Sherry-Lynn Almeida  
RN DrPH MSN MEd LP CEN FAEN  
Texas

2009-2011 Board of Directors:  
Joann Lazarus RN MSN CEN  
Texas  
Jason Moretz RN BSN CEN  
North Carolina

Nominations Committee:  
WEST: Ellen H Encapera RN CEN  
CENTRAL: Kathy M Dolan RN MS CEN  
CPHRM  
EAST: Faye P Everson RN  
Massachusetts

And we also have another Massachusetts ENA member serving a 2 (two) year term on the National Board of Directors:

Gail Lenehan RN MSN EdD FAEN FAAN

So, as you can see Massachusetts has some really incredible National representation as officers as well as committee leadership. All of these people believe in the organization and are working to make sure that it represents you - the ED nurse and gives you the tools you need to succeed in your practice.

**Did you vote?** Massachusetts had the highest percentage of voters at 18%. That is great but an 18% voter turnout can be improved upon. State Council members may be calling you soon to ask if you voted, what you thought of the process and if you did not vote - why? If you have thoughts about the ENA voting procedure or questions, please contact Faye Everson or Laurie Raymond and let them know what you think. This is the information we are looking for:

1. Did you vote in the ENA's election in May/June?
2. Did you receive the ballot on-line or via USPS?
3. Did you find the process easy...or difficult?
4. Do we have your current e-mail address? If we do not - please update your member profile at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) under the Members Only section or call the ENA membership department at 800-243-8362.
5. Any thoughts about why only 2783 members out of an ENA membership of 34,950 voted in this election?

### **MASSACHUSETTS ENA ELECTIONS.....**

Have you considered running for an officer or director position on the MA ENA State Council? Become part of a dedicated team of ED nurses working towards educating and improving ED nursing practice. This year we are seeking candidates for:

\*\*Secretary

\*\*5 positions on the Board of Directors  
(Councilors)

Visit [www.mass-ena.org](http://www.mass-ena.org) for information about this positions and the application. If you have questions, please contact Faye Everson, our current State Council President at [faeverson@aol.com](mailto:faeverson@aol.com) or Laurie Raymond, our President-elect at [Laura.Raymond@caritaschristi.org](mailto:Laura.Raymond@caritaschristi.org)

Laurie will be the MA ENA State Council President beginning Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 - her term is a 2 (two) year term. Faye will be the Immediate Past President during 2009 and was elected as the State Council President for 2007 and 2008.

Deadline for application submission is July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS.....**

Nursing Spectrum's Excellence Awards recognize extraordinary contributions nurses make to their patients, each other and the profession. Nominators submitted information about nurses' professional roles, their contributions to the nursing profession in general, and specific examples that demonstrate the candidates' excellence in chosen categories.

The Nursing Spectrum Excellence Award for Clinical Care was given to **Joseph Blansfield RN MS ANP-BC** Trauma Program manager, Boston Medical Center, Colonel and Deputy Commander of Nursing Services for the 399<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital in Iraq

Blansfield and a group of nurses ran two combat hospitals during 18 months of active service in Iraq. They worked tirelessly under challenging conditions to treat U.S. Soldiers and civilians, as well as Iraqi patients. Blansfield directed the first move of an Army hospital in the theater during combat operations. His communication with Boston Medical Center staff while he was in the war zone typified his humility and humanity. "This is a job that must be done, and not everyone can do it. However, it has been an amazing human

experience. Putting yourself in harm's way to save the life of someone you don't know, and who may never know you were even there, is devotion of the finest kind."

**(From the June 2008 New England edition of Nursing Spectrum)**

#### DR. ANNE MANTON RECEIVES NSNA'S HIGHEST HONOR

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, **Dr Anne Manton** a member of MA ENA's Board of Directors received the prestigious Honorary Membership at the NSNA's (National Student Nurses Association) 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Grapevine, Texas.

Dr Manton recently completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> term as the American Nurses Association (ANA) consultant to the NSNA Board of Directors. As the ANA-appointed consultant, she shared her time and wisdom with the Board of Directors, members, faculty advisors, state consultants and NSNA staff. She prepared and conducted workshops for faculty advisors and state consultants at NSNA conventions and MidYear conferences, and acted as a liaison between school chapter advisors and state association consultants.

Her support and generosity have also greatly contributed to the fundraising efforts and events of the Foundation of the NSNA.

Dr Manton has been the recipient of other numerous awards and honors, having become a Fellow in the Academy of Emergency Nursing (FAEN) in 2005 for her enduring contributions to the advancement of emergency nursing in education, practice, research, leadership and public policy. She served as National ENA President in 1998. She is active in several other Nursing organizations including the American Academy of Nurses, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, and Sigma Theta Tau. She currently works as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for Cape Cod Health Systems in Hyannis.

"Dr Manton has been a mentor, teacher and friend to NSNA for many years", said NSNA Immediate Past President Jennifer Davis as she presented the award. "The mission of NSNA is so very important to the future of the nursing

profession", said Dr Manton. "I am thrilled to be awarded with the privilege of Honorary Membership. NSNA has a very special place in my heart."

NSNA is a membership organization representing over 50,000 students in Associate Degree, Diploma, Baccalaureate, generic Masters and generic Doctoral programs preparing students for Registered Nurse licensure, as well as RNs in BSN completion programs.

Visit the National Student Nurses Association website at [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org)  
**(From the June 2008 edition of Massachusetts Report on Nursing newsletter)**

#### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Does ENA have your current information? Did you know that you can do updates yourself? Do you want to switch chapters? Have you ever been to the Members Only Section of [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) and seen all the things that are there?

Like everything in today's world, sometimes things are not quite up to date and we can sometimes miss out on wonderful opportunities. It is easy to sign for the Members Only Section and make changes yourself, so take a few moments to do this and make sure your member information is correct and current! Many of our local chapters depend on correct e-mail addresses for meeting notification so this is particularly important to have correct.

Also, we have recently noticed that some of our members who have been members since the 80's and earlier may not have the correct membership date. So if you have a 4 digit membership number or one in the very low 5 digits, I may be contacting you over the next few weeks to verify the date you joined if I think it may be incorrect. But if you want to be proactive, just e-mail me at [ktkwilt@aol.com](mailto:ktkwilt@aol.com) and I will check and get back to you.

If there are any other membership questions or concerns, just let me know. We are here to help you!

Kay McClain  
Membership Committee Chair

### **MASSACHUSETTS ENA WINS 2008 ENA FOUNDATION PILLAR AWARD**

This award is presented annually honoring individuals, corporations and ENA State Councils that have made significant contributions towards achieving the mission of the Foundation. Massachusetts ENA State Council is being honored with this award for their sustained support of the Karen O'Neill Scholarship for Advanced Practice. The award will be presented during the 2008 Scientific Assembly in Minneapolis. Accepting the award will be MA ENA State Council President Faye Everson.

The ENA Foundation is a national, charitable, not-for-profit organization committed to excellence in emergency care. Established in 1991 by the ENA, the activities of the ENAF directly benefit emergency nurses, emergency patients and the public. Each year the ENAF provides thousands of dollars in grants and scholarships to emergency nurses. For more information on ENAF, visit [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org)

### **SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE... BECOME AN ENA RESOURCE SPECIALIST**

Several years ago, ENA instituted the Resource Specialist program to develop an easily accessible group of nursing resources within the ENA membership. Opportunities for using your skills and knowledge arise daily - please consider completing the application to become an ENA Resource Specialist. With our growing membership and spotlight on a national level ENA needs to utilize its many resources - YOU! You have the experience and knowledge to address change and challenge and by being an ENA

Resource Specialist you can contribute to the Emergency Care Community.

The application can be found on the ENA website under the Members Only Section. It can be completed on-line. Please allow yourself time to complete the application as it may take up to an hour and once you have started you may not save the information to return at a later time. Some of the information you should have available to complete the application includes:

- \*Employment position and responsibilities
- \*Educational courses taught
- \*Educational courses taken
- \*Professional presentations delivered
- \*Articles published
- \*Media interviews
- \*Consulting assignments
- \*Professional service involvement
- \*Other relevant experience.

ENA needs you and needs the experience, expertise and insight you can bring to our organization. Many opportunities are available and you could be the person that ENA needs to take advantage of those opportunities.

### **MA ENA DELEGATES TRAVELING TO 2008 ENA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MINNEAPOLIS**

September means ENA General and Scientific Assembly. And this year we are traveling to Minneapolis - Home of the famed MALL OF AMERICA!

MA ENA State Council president Faye Everson will be bringing 16 delegates and 2 alternates with her for the annual General Assembly being held on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Minneapolis Convention Center. General Assembly brings together delegates from across the country who meet to celebrate the year, meet our new officers and spend time debating issues of concern to our members. This year we will be looking at several Bylaw revisions and resolutions. If you are going to Minneapolis, please join us at the General Assembly Thursday morning when our new officers are sworn in and hear 2009 ENA President Bill Briggs from Massachusetts deliver his speech.

Even if you are not a delegate you are invited to attend General Assembly and listen to the discussions.

Watch for news about a Massachusetts reception. We would love to have you join us!

Next year's conference will be held in Baltimore. In the Spring be sure to check the MA ENA website as well as this newsletter for information about applying to be a delegate.

It is an incredible experience...- once you've attended one you will need to keep going back!

There is still time to register for the 2008 ENA Scientific Assembly - the educational component of the annual conference. Conference information and registration information can be found on the ENA website [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) Consider attending Pathways to Discovery the 2008 ENA Scientific Assembly September 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The ENA website will also have local accommodation information. Attending the National conference is an energizing experience! You will have the opportunity to attend many interesting classes, network with ED nurses from across the country, participate in fun events and visit with 100s of exhibitors! Once you return you will definitely begin making plans to attend the 2009 conference in Baltimore, the 2010 conference in San Antonio, the 2011 conference in Tampa and the 2012 conference in San Diego!!

### **MA ENA CURRENT CONCEPTS IN EMERGENCY CARE**

On May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> members of the MA ENA education committee and nurse practice committee sponsored a 2 day Triage course and 2 day CEN review. Over 90 ED nurses from all over New England enjoyed the courses held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Waltham. MA ENA members were featured speakers including Nicki Gilboy, Kay McClain, Faye Everson, Laurie Raymond, Diane Miller, Alice King, Kitty Morton, Georgia Pasqualone, Tony Pasqualone, Anne Manton, Dan Kane, Gina Crocker, Kathleen Walz and Christine Maszulski.

The great response to these programs and the comments on our evaluations mean that we will be holding similar programs in the future. If you are interested in sponsoring a Triage course or CEN review course or working on the planning committee for future conferences, please contact MA ENA Education Committee chair Gina Crocker at [vmcc55@comcast.net](mailto:vmcc55@comcast.net)

### **HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WRITING?**

### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEWSLETTER? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER?**

If you have content ideas or contributions for the MA

ENA newsletter (MENU) or the MA ENA website [www.mass-ena.org](http://www.mass-ena.org)

Please contact Robin Walsh at [rwrn627@aol.com](mailto:rwrn627@aol.com) or Joan Cooper-Zack at [joanczack@msn.com](mailto:joanczack@msn.com)

We love to hear from our members and find out what you want to know more about. Send us your ideas, stories or your rough drafts and we'll put them in print or online!

Some of the things we have on our wish list that you can help us with are:

- \*More member news
  - New positions
  - Awards
  - Publications
  - Committee work
- \*Clinical updates
- \*Nurse practice issues
- \*Chapter news
- \*Committee news
- \*ED Spotlight - tell us about your ED and the people who work there
- \*Share your successes
- \*Seek help with your challenges
- \*Pictures

**TWO MA ENA MEMBERS FEATURED IN  
JUNE JOURNAL OF EMERGENCY NURSING**

Berkshire Chapter President Sophia Veinoglou authored "Volunteering in a Makeshift Clinic in Ghana: A life-changing experience". Sophia traveled to Ghana last year as part of her RN-to-BSN program at Umass/Amherst. Sophia works at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington. If you remember, we featured her ED in a recent newsletter and Sophia was kind enough to share her department's story with us.

There are 2 articles by Pioneer Valley Chapter President-elect Lisa Wolf. The first is in the Educator's column "When Enough is Enough: The Non-Progressing Orienteer in the Emergency Department". The second is the Triage Decisions section and is titled "Considerations in Triage for the Intoxicated Patient". Lisa is a per-diem educator for the Cooley Dickinson Hospital ED in Northampton and a Doctoral candidate at BC.

If you have recently published an article in a nursing journal - share your news with your MA ENA colleagues!

**LOOK WHO JOINED ENA IN MAY**

In May we welcomed the following new MA ENA members....

- \*Gretchen Bartleson
- \*Lisa Gusmini
- \*Mary LaMarra
- \*Shannon Lyons
- \*Cynthia McLure
- \*Shannan McNamara
- \*Christen Morse
- \*Judy Pybus
- \*Katie Salerno
- \*Annmarie Tesora

**JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER FOR THE  
NEXT MA ENA STATE  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

**TIME:** 5:30p - 8p

**LOCATION:** DOUBLETREE WESTBOROUGH  
WESTBOROUGH, MA

**RSVP:** BY September 5<sup>th</sup> to Deb Tonelli at

[Debniedz@aol.com](mailto:Debniedz@aol.com)

(It is very important to let us know you are coming so that we can have an accurate count for food - thank you!)

Send agenda items to Faye Everson at

[Faeverson@aol.com](mailto:Faeverson@aol.com)

**DIRECTIONS:**

Mass Pike to exit 11A

Take 495N to exit 23B (rt 9 West)

Take the Computer Dr/Research Dr exit

Bear right at end of exit ramp

In about 1/2 mile you will see the hotel on  
your left

5400 Computer Dr

508-366-5511

Please join us - all MA ENA nurses are welcome -  
bring a friend for good conversation,  
networking and a light meal

MA ENA members: free

non-members: \$10

**Some Final Thoughts.....**

I love the summer! I do not mind the heat and humidity! I love taking my granddaughter on our annual vacation - this year we spent a week in Washington DC and were there for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If you have never been, I recommend it!! There is so much to do and unlike other vacation spots - many activities are FREE! The zoo is incredible, there are lots of interesting museums, and you find history throughout the city. We loved the recently opened Crime Museum and Spy museum. (We love CSI!) I would also recommend the Newseum - another new museum in DC that is dedicated to the history of news. And Duck Tours - just like in Boston, except we traveled on the Potomac! I always think of the summer as a time I can relax a little and do some things that I love. Though I have not been an ENA member as long as Faye - I was a late bloomer and didn't join until the early 90's - I still think it was one of the best things I ever did for myself. I have traveled and met incredible people who I now call my friends. I've had the opportunity to work with really amazing people like Faye, Kay McClain, Gail Lenehan, Gina Crocker, Diane Gurney and others on a list too long to mention, of people who have inspired me and mentored me.

So I ask you to consider becoming a part of something that will change your life. I realize that many of you are incredibly busy between long hours at work and family demands. However, it is so important for you to find balance in your life and do something meaningful so you can keep going. I think MA ENA can be the thing that helps you find balance and direction. Come to our meeting in September, meet some great people, engage in interesting discussions, and laugh a little as well. Join a committee and contribute to your profession. You can give as little as a few hours a year to well... we won't get into that. But however much time you are able to give, believe me it will be worth your investment - the returns are much greater than what you give! If you are planning on going to the Annual conference in Minneapolis, let us know - There are rumors of a get-together for MA ED nurses and we'd love to have you join us. We look forward to hearing from you!!

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