

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL  
OCTOBER 24, 2007

PARTICIPANTS: Faye Everson, Maureen Curtis-Cooper, Carlene Kincaid, Robin Walsh, George O'Neil, Gail Lenehan, Dan Kane, Laura Raymond

Call commenced at 1800

Agenda has been provided prior to meeting.

**2008 Budget Proposal:** Review of budget proposal as provided by Carlene in e-mail 10/24. Some members of group reported they had received incomplete e-mails. Carlene reviewed items missing from Income section. Discussion of budget proposal identified a need for Carlene to review data as it related to TNCC income vs expenses. Group felt the delegate budget should be increased and agreed to a budget proposal of \$9500.00 given the increase in membership. Group agreed with the proposed amounts for Electronic voting, Website and Miscellaneous. Carlene clarified the entry entitled Course Application fees. EN week expenses were determined to be an item that could be cut; an alternative was to use the membership budget to fund ENA memberships given to the chapters and awarded annually during EN week. Conference calls would be budgeted 6 calls per year. TNCC/ENPC rollouts will be a new item to the budget, Carlene proposed \$3000.00 per year to be put aside annually in order that we would have funds available when rollouts occur rather than having unexpected and unbudgeted rollouts to fund. Group agreed. MENA meeting would be planned but no budget was decided for it. Carlene requested to have information regarding the NERS profit. Faye requests we work further on the budget proposals by email and have a preliminary budget for the next state council meeting. Laurie suggested that Carlene ask for input from the Accountant regarding budget proposal. Fees are high and expectation for fees should be more simple bookkeeping. Carlene reports that Accountant fees will be increased. Faye requests Carlene get back to group with more information in this area. George points out the GREAT JOB Carlene has done putting together a budget proposal, all agree.

**NERS Treasury:** Faye reports she and Gina had received the receipts and checkbook from the NERS Treasurer. Faye and Gina spent several hours reconciling these records to a spreadsheet. They have determined the following:

INCOME:	\$82,926.00
EXPENSES:	\$56,148.00
PROFIT:	\$26,777.17

Faye reports that this is a preliminary projection, not all check written were accounted for. She also reports that one state assessment was overpaid by \$131.00 but she did not feel it was appropriate to request return of overpaid funds. Carlene states the proposed budget was based on a projected profit of \$30,000.00 for NERS. Faye stated she did not believe that profit would be actualized given the receipts she and Gina sorted out. Carlene requests those funds be transferred asap to the state council treasury. Faye stated this will not be before the November State Council meeting as Phyllis is the only person who can write checks from the account.

**Electronic Progress:** Electronic ballot has proved to be working well. So far 10.33% of members have voted. The election will close 10/30 at 6pm. Faye feels the process worth the cost as it was less time consuming for election organizers and that members have reported ease of use.

**Meetings for 2008:** Faye has put together a list of potential dates for both meetings and conference calls which she will email to group for approval.

**Government Affairs:** Request from Julia Rodriguez chair for funding to attend upcoming workshop. Group agreed transportation could be funded by budget for the Government Affairs committee. Faye reports "M Power"

has a meeting scheduled with DPH and DMH on 10/30. She is unable to attend but has asked Julia to attend in her place. Faye will also email the information to group in event someone else would like to go with Julia.

**State Leader Training:** December training in Chicago, Faye will attend and her suggestion is incoming secretary attend as well. Carlene would like to attend the Hawaii leadership training. The group feels it is important that Faye also go to Hawaii and Gail suggests Faye research a less expensive hotel in order that this be affordable. Laurie attended Chicago training last year and she attended the Boston leadership session so felt someone else should be sent. The group agreed that Carlene would receive funds for the Hawaii leadership training.

**Gifts:** Discussion and decision that \$100.00 per person budgeted to purchase gifts for those Massachusetts members who have been elected to national office.

**State Council Achievement Awards:** Robin brings forth the requirements to qualify for this award. She states it is an involved process and wonders about interest. Maureen reports she has been involved with this in another organization. The gain is that it is a measurement of excellence. Laurie suggests it be put on the State Council Agenda to see if members wish to participate and if so develop a committee to pursue.

**Annual Awards:** Robin reports there have been nominations for three of the awards. The group felt a plaque or framed certificate along with recognition from the state council is a wonderful way to be recognized. Group did not feel monetary awards were necessary.

**Other Business:** Laurie reported she had attended a legislative hearing today on the upcoming safe staffing bill and had concerns. The legislators were asking questions about the effects of these bills on EDs of those testifying. The people testifying were not from EDs with the exception of people brought from California by MNA who spoke about their experience very positively. This was not what was stated by California ENA members in Utah at the town meeting with the Board. A second group from California speaking to the effects of ratios on the ED being negative were cut off at the 3 minute mark. Members of the group were not aware that this hearing was to have taken place. Gail suggests we poll the members on their feelings on these bills. Faye will follow up with Julia..

Gail would like time on the next agenda to see if there are interested members willing to testify on latex allergies.

Gail would also like people to be aware that the members from Iowa had been encouraged to go to a 2 tier system with officers serving 2 years by members of the ENA Board. Please let Gail know if there are discussions occurring about this issue. She suggests we monitor and see what is happening.

Final count at National was 2400 members.

November State Council meeting in Peabody.

Call was finished at 1725.

Submitted by,

Laura Raymond  
Recording Secretary