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From the President:

The spring issue of the newsletter always awakens in me optimism and enthusiasm. Spring is called a season of rebirth. I would like to take this opportunity to challenge members who have been in a state of hibernation to break out and get involved. There are several ways to get involved this spring.

Consider participating in the state elections by running for an office. There will be articles in this newsletter detailing the open positions. If you want to be involved on a more local level attend a chapter meeting there is always an opportunity waiting for you.

Consider volunteering for committee work. Anyone of the committees is open to including interested members. If your passion is Government Affairs there is work to be done! Review the committees on the web site there is something for everyone. If running for office seems too much of a commitment please vote. By voting you have an opportunity to have a say in how the state council works. It is your opportunity to have your voice heard, don't waste it!

Spring is the time to plan-plan to attend the Scientific Assembly in San Antonio. There is a wealth of knowledge to be had. In addition to classroom work, there are site visits and equipment demonstrations to choose from. The lectures are varied, the company interesting and the city is a fabulous backdrop for the assembly. In addition to the work there is ample time for play-learn to

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line dance, put on a pair of boots and a cowboy hat, and ride a long horned steer! Emergency Nursing is a challenging and rewarding specialty. Take the opportunity to revitalize yourself this spring by getting involved.

Laurie Raymond RN

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2010 MA ENA State Council President

TNCC Course

Cooley Dickinson Hospital
August 6th and 7th 7:30a -5:30p

For information call

Eileen Rockefeller at
413-395-7969

Cost: \$175.00 (ENA member)
\$200.00 (non-ENA member)

TNCC/ENPC Instructor Course October 22, 2010 at UMass Memorial

The Massachusetts ENA Trauma and Pediatrics Committees will sponsor a combined TNCC/ENPC Instructor Course on Friday, October 22, 2010 in Worcester at UMass Memorial Hospital. The applications are available on-line on the MA ENA web site www.mass-ena.org. Eligibility criteria include:

- ✓ Current RN licensure
- ✓ Current TNCC or ENPC provider status and have achieved a score of at least 90 on the written exam
- ✓ A letter of recommendation from a TNCC or ENPC Course Director
- ✓ 2 years trauma or pediatric experience
- ✓ A letter expressing your commitment and interest in teaching future TNCC or ENPC courses
- ✓ A letter from a TNCC or ENPC Course Director indicating their willingness to mentor you as an instructor by monitoring you as an instructor candidate

Application deadline is September 1, 2010

Contact Maureen Curtis-Cooper RN BSN CEN CPEN FAEN at pmmkcoop@comcast.net for further information

2010 Karen O'Neil Professionalism Award winner Maureen Curtis-Cooper

(center) with ENA President Diane Gurney (left) and Faye Everson (2009 Award winner) at NERS 2010 in Burlington VT. This award is given annually to a NE nurse who exhibits the following characteristics:

- Strength and gentleness
- Excellence
- Motivation
- Endurance in the face of adversity
- Education and Advancement of Emergency Nursing

Congratulations Maureen!
We are so very proud of you!



CHAPTER NEWS.....

MAYFLOWER CHAPTER....

Wednesday, June 16 6-8pm at Good Samaritan Hospital
6-6:30 business meeting and Election of Mayflower Chapter Officers for 2011
6:30-7 dinner and networking
7-8 educational offering: "Workplace Violence: impact on the ED nurse" contact hour provided

For more information contact chapter President Annie Bowen at annieapb@aol.com

PIONEER VALLEY CHAPTER:

After sponsoring our successful CEN review series and 2 day course, we are looking for new ideas for education programs and meeting content. Plans include Mock Codes and Nurse Manager Networking. If you have any ideas for education programs or meeting locations or discussion topics – please contact chapter President Lisa Wolf at noblewolf3@aol.com

MASSACHUSETTS ENA MENTORING PROGRAM – Calling for a few new Emergency Nursing Speakers

Have you ever sat in a professional lecture and said to yourself "I know as much about this subject as the speaker, I could give this lecture?" Are you a TNCC, ENPC, PALS, or ACLS instructor and tired of giving the ""canned" lecture? Here is the opportunity for members of Massachusetts ENA to branch out and develop presentations skills.

Massachusetts ENA State Council meetings are always in need of an educational component. You can be that speaker! This is a great venue for your first presentation- a small, friendly and supportive group of fellow members.

ACLS COURSE SCHEDULE 2010 at Mass General Hospital

**Cost for All Courses: \$225 Partners Employees
\$255 Outside Partners**

Please call 617-726-3905 to register

ACLS PROVIDER COURSES are two day courses:

Day 1: 9/20/2010 O'Keefe Auditorium –
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Day 2: 9/27/2009 Thiers Conference Room –
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Day 1: 10/18/2010 O'Keefe Auditorium –
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Day 2: 10/25/2010 Thiers Conference Room –
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Day 1: 11/15/2010 O'Keefe Auditorium –
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Day 2: 11/22/2010 Thiers Conference Room –
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

ACLS RECERTIFICATION COURSES

Please note that a minimum number of participants required. Please register early

10/13/2010 Founders 130 – 5:30pm -10:30pm
11/10/2010 Founders 130 – 5:30pm - 10:30pm

SPECIAL ACLS COURSES

June – 3 dates TBA - for new residents and senior residents

July – 2 dates TBA – for Neuro-Radiology

November 4, 5 - Radiology

The Massachusetts Fellows of the ENA Academy of Emergency Nursing are willing to mentor you one on one through the process of topic selection, powerpoint development and presentation of a 30 or 60 minute lecture. This lecture will be presented at future state council meeting. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Curtis Cooper at pmmkcoop@comcast.net.

It is helpful if you can identify potential topic so you can be best matched with a mentor.

NERS 2011

SAVE THE DATE! April 27th -28th 2011

Travel to Portland, ME for NERS 2011

Some of the conference highlights include:

- ✓ Neuro and Spinal Trauma
- ✓ Disaster Medicine – Lessons learned from Haiti
- ✓ Delegation in the ED
- ✓ Mastering the Seven Steps of Triage
- ✓ Crisis Management
- ✓ Pediatric Case Studies

Visit www.enamaine.org for more information!

Reaching for 40,000 – Membership Drive Special State Prize Registration in San Antonio

If you have gone onto the ENA website or read a recent Connections, then you realize that in this 40th anniversary year, ENA is trying to reach the goal of 40,000 members. And while the National Office is having monthly drawings for members that recruit members, the Mass State Council is having its own drawing and the prize is WONDERFUL - a paid basic registration to the Scientific Assembly at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio - value \$405!! (Travel, hotel, special events are the responsibility of the winner.)

The rules are simple. For every member you have recruited since January 1 thru July 15, your name will be entered into the drawing. More recruits - more chances to win. You will need to make sure your name is listed as a sponsor on the application form. So far over 42 members have recruited 80

*2010 ENA Annual Conference
EMBRACE*

*Present Opportunities and
Future Possibilities*

September 21st – 25th

San Antonio, Texas

Visit www.ena.org

Registration is open now

new members so the odds are pretty good that even sponsoring one new member may get you the prize. If you (or a substitute of your choice) are unable to attend the San Antonio meeting, then a substitute prize will be awarded - a 3 year membership renewal or 3 one year memberships that you can give as gifts to valued colleagues. The winner will be notified by July 18 so plenty of time to make travel arrangements and get the time off

Application forms can be found (and completed) on line, in ENA publications, or by calling the office (1-800- 2GET ENA). For any questions, contact Membership Chair Kay McClain at ktkwilt@aol.com.

2010 MASSACHUSETTS ENA GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE INFORMATION

We invite you to apply to become a Mass ENA delegate for the 2010 ENA General Assembly in San Antonio, Texas. 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, 2010**. 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 15th** State Council meeting and delegate's forum at the Doubletree Westborough
2. In San Antonio, delegates must attend all General Assembly sessions on **September 22nd and 23rd** 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 September 21st** or the **Town Meeting 10:30am – 11:30am on Saturday September 25th**. 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 15th**

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, 2010**.

Each delegate is provided with a \$500.00 stipend to be used for travel and accommodations in San Antonio. Please save and submit receipts to Tania Mangahas, Massachusetts ENA treasurer at 26 Eldorado Dr, Chelmsford, MA 01824. Delegates are encouraged to arrive in San Antonio on Tuesday September 21st – General Assembly commences early (8:00 am) on Wednesday September 22nd.

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 "2010 State Council officers".

A copy of the Delegate application is available on the MA ENA web site www.mass-ena.org as well as in this newsletter.

2010 MA ENA GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE APPLICATION

Name: _____ Credentials: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone #: _____ E-mail address: _____

SS# (needed for reimbursement): _____ ENA#: _____

Employer: _____ Chapter Affiliation: _____

You may use additional pages as needed for activities.

PART I Miscellaneous (*meetings attended between June 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010)

ACTIVITY	#of Points
Number of chapter meetings attended* (10 pts/meeting)	
Number of State Council meetings attended* (25 pts/meeting)	
Current ENPC or TNCC Instructor (25 pts)	
Current TNCC or ENPC certification (10 pts)	
Member of the Academy of Emergency Nurses (10 pts)	
EN CARE provider (10 pts)	
New member recruitment (5 pts per new member)	
Author of General Assembly Resolution (50 pts)	
2008 General Assembly delegate (20 pts)	
Attended 2009 Leadership conference in Reno, NV (10 pts)	
Attended NERS 2009 in Providence, RI (10 pts)	
Current CEN (or commitment to take exam with next year) CEN# (30 pts)	
SUBTOTAL for PART I	

PART II Elected or Appointed ENA Positions (Within past 3 years - points given for each position held between 2008 and 2010)

Officer: 100 pts Committee Chair: 50 pts Committee member: 25 pts

Appointed Representative to an outside Emergency Care Committee: 50 pts

POSITION HELD	YEAR	# OF POINTS
CHAPTER LEVEL		
STATE LEVEL		

PART I POINTS	
PART II POINTS	
PART III POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS	

 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

 DATE

 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW DATE

 PRESIDENT'S
 INITIALS

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

The Massachusetts ENA State Council provides a monetary stipend to each delegate/alternate. Please save and submit all travel receipts (airfare, lodging) to MA ENA treasurer Tania Mangahas. These receipts must be submitted upon your return from the September 2010 General Assembly in San Antonio, Texas. Deadline for submission is: Friday October 16, 2010.

Mail your receipts to:

Tania Mangahas
 26 Eldorado Rd
 Chelmsford, MA 01824

All delegates are expected to attend and participate in the delegate's forum on Wednesday September 15, 2010 at the Doubletree Westborough as well as all delegate responsibilities during the 2010 General Assembly in San Antonio on September 22nd and 23rd, 2010. All delegates and alternative delegates must attend either the Board of Directors meeting (1p-5p) on Tuesday September 21st or the Town Hall meeting (10:30am – 11:30am) on Saturday September 25th. First time delegates will serve as an alternate delegate and will be assigned a mentor to help learn the process.

Submit this application to: Laurie Raymond 60 West Ave Hanover, MA 02339-1848

Application deadline is: June 30, 2010

****Any questions about this application or the role of a delegate to the General Assembly should contact Laurie at micbill@comcast.net or any of the MA ENA officers. Visit the MA ENA web site at www.mass-ena.org for more information.

2011 MASSACHUSETTS ENA OFFICER ELECTION INFORMATION

We invite you to become a part of a dynamic group of ED nurses and apply for a position as an officer for the Massachusetts ENA State Council. We are seeking applications for the following positions:

Secretary
Treasurer
Board of Directors (3 positions)

Candidates must be Massachusetts residents, have current RN licensure in Massachusetts and current ENA membership. Meeting responsibilities include attending the scheduled state council meetings (4-5 are held each year), as well as executive committee conference calls (5-6 times per year).

Below are brief descriptions of each position and the responsibilities of the office.

Any questions about the application process, elections or the positions should be directed to Laurie Raymond, the 2010 Massachusetts State Council President at micbill@comcast.net or mailed to 60 West St Hanover, MA 02339-1848. **Application deadline is July 17, 2010.** A list of the current officers can be found on the Massachusetts ENA web site www.mass-ena.org

2011 Officer Openings

- Secretary:** Maintains records of all meetings and conference calls, Articles of Organization, Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures, in addition to demographic information for all state council members. A laptop is available for the secretary's use. Computer/fax access and experience are helpful. This is a one (1) year commitment.
- Treasurer:** Serves as the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer for the State Council. The treasurer is assisted by an accounting firm and book-keeper. Responsibilities include: charge of financial affairs, funds, securities and valuable papers; full and accurate upkeep of the organization's financial records; oversees the preparation and filing of paperwork required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the IRS and other state/federal agencies; other duties/responsibilities may be designated by the state council; computer access/comprehension and knowledge of "Quicken" is suggested. This is a two (2) year commitment.
- Board of Directors:** Three (3) positions are available. These individuals share the active support of Chapters and committees, as well as other activities designated by the State Council and/or President. These are two (2) year positions.

The Massachusetts ENA Executive Committee is made up of the President, the President-elect or the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the executive Committee Board member.

The current ENA State Council president is Laurie Raymond, her term expires at the end of 2010. Maureen Curtis-Cooper is the current President-elect, she will assume her duties as State Council President on January 1, 2011. The duties of the President include the general charge and supervision of the State Council. The president is the Chief Executive Officer and presides over state council meetings and conference calls in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The Presidency is a two (2) year term combined with a one (1) year term as President-elect and a one (1) year term as Immediate Past President, making it a four (4) year commitment.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please send a completed 2011 Officer Application to Laurie Raymond at 60 West St, Hanover, MA 02339 or e-mail to micbill@comcast.net.

Application deadline is: July 17, 2010.

In addition to the State Council offices described above, State Council committee chairs and members are also being sought. Massachusetts ENA State Council committees include:

Education	Nurse Practice
Injury Prevention	Membership
Trauma	Pediatrics
Government Affairs	Nominations/Bylaws
MENU (newsletter)/Web site	

Learn more about these committees and their projects at www.mass-ena.org and please contact committee chairs or Laurie Raymond to become involved.

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION
NOMINATION APPLICATION for
2011 STATE COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTION

STATE COUNCIL OFFICE YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

NAME: _____

CREDENTIALS: _____

WORK TITLE: _____

PLACE of EMPLOYMENT: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ENA EXPERIENCE (please limit this to 8 items):

In 50-75 words, please write a statement on what you feel the goals that Mass ENA should focus on for 2011:

Please return this application to Laurie Raymond 60 West St, Hanover, MA 02339-1848 or by e-mail to micbill@comcast.net by July 17, 2010.

The Polls are open!
For the 2010 National ENA Elections for your ENA Board of Directors
and Nominations Committee
May 13th – June 11th at 5pm CST

Please take a few minutes to vote.
Read about the candidates on www.ena.org

On May 13th you should have received an email from
"ENAVOTE@DIRECTVOTE.NET"
with a subject line of "2010 ENA Election Ballot Login Information"

If you have accidentally deleted the e-mail or did not receive an electronic
ballot – please contact the ENA Executive Office at 800.900.9659 ext 4095
or email execoffice@ena.org

Every vote counts – Please take time to vote!

VIOLENCE AGAINST HCW BILLS ADVANCE IN HOUSE AND SENATE

The bills criminalizing assaults on nurses and other healthcare workers while on duty passed both chambers of the Massachusetts State Legislature unanimously this month and have been referred to a conference committee to merge the two versions into one bill.

While this is great news for all of us, the fight is not yet won. Many bills die in committee due to inattention, scheduling or backdoor lobbying.

When this happens, individual legislators can point to their vote on the original bill and claim that it isn't their fault that it didn't make it to the Governor for his signature.

***IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU CONTACT YOUR SENATOR
AND REPRESENTATIVE !***

Tell them how important this bill is to us.
Urge them to contact their Leadership and Conference
Chairs.

Make them tell you that they will do *everything they can* to get this bill on Gov. Patrick's desk before the end of the session.

Many important bills die in committee!

Don't let this one!

- George O'Neil RN
Marlborough Hospital
Central MA Chapter
MA ENA State Council Board of Directors

On www.ena.org

Current Calls:

- Clinical Nurse Specialists in Emergency Care
- Emergency Medicine Patient Safety Foundation (EMPSF) Education Committee members (deadline May 31st)
- Nominations for 2011 ENAF Board of Trustees (deadline June 1st)
- Poster Abstracts for 2011 Leadership Conference (deadline August 1st)

A few final thoughts...

I'd like to thank all of you for your comments and suggestions for newsletter and website content. MENU has a long history of sharing important information with our membership. As our membership grows - so does our reach. If you have questions for your peers or want to let them know about an upcoming meeting or education program – send it our way! After all – this is your newsletter and the website is your website!

Thank you!!

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my.ena.org - a new
social networking
community for ENA
members

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