

MENU MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY NURSING UPDATE

Massachusetts Emergency Nurses Association
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From the President.....

Happy summer at long last! There is finally sun and it is finally hot!

The focus of this summer newsletter is to introduce the members who have stepped forward to serve on the State Council as officers and Board members in the upcoming year. These folks have given a great deal of thought in making the decision to run, prior to this publication. All are long standing participants at either the state, local or National level. They believe that they will be able to give a voice to the membership and to move the issues facing Emergency Nurses forward on multiple agendas.

There is an opportunity for you as a member to participate in this process by voting. Voting is important for many reasons.

You have a right as a member to participate in the election. Your vote is your voice in this organization. It is an opportunity to step forward to be counted and recognized as the heart of the

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organization, Voting may be a first step of involvement and interaction with the organization, I urge you to read the bios and goal statements. The act of voting is an act of support for not only those running but for the organizational mission. Why bother some may say, I don't know the candidates and in some cases there is no competition. My vote really will not make a difference. Your vote does make a difference to those who have stepped up to the plate. Your vote signifies that you are interested, concerned and informed. That is why there are members willing to be your voice!

Please exercise your right to vote!

Laurie Raymond RN

2009 MA ENA SC President

What do you expect to get from your ENA dues?

Every year you pay your \$101 dues to be a member of ENA. In addition, you are a member of the Massachusetts State Council as well as your local chapter. Some of the other benefits of membership include:

- Reduced conference fees
- Subscriptions to JEN and ENA Connection
- Quarterly MA ENA newsletter, MENU
- Continuing education programs
- TNCC - ENPC - CATN II

- Research grants
- Educational Scholarships
- Networking
- Leadership opportunities

We encourage you to take advantage of these benefits. If there is something you would like to see in the newsletter or on the website, or if there are educational programs you would like to see offered, please let us know.



Central MA Chapter news...

Save the date: September 24th for a 6:30pm chapter meeting at Milford Regional Medical Center. For more information on the Central MA chapter, the 2009 officers and plans for 2009 visit www.mass-ena.org and look under the chapters link.

You can still purchase a “CENTRAL MA ED NURSE” shirt for only \$25 Contact Eva Bodio at ebodio@gmail.com A portion of the proceeds from this purchase goes to the chapter Education Fund. These will make great gifts for Emergency Nursing Week

PIONEER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS....

Are you thinking about taking the CEN exam? Prepare by attending monthly review sessions being sponsored by the Pioneer Valley chapter at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. Each session is only \$10 and if you attend 5 sessions you can attend a 6th session free. At each session you attend you will receive 2 raffle tickets. One enters you for a chance to win registration to the 2010 ENA Scientific Assembly in San Antonio TX. The other ticket gives you a chance to win a CEN exam registration. Sessions begin at 5pm. A brief chapter business meeting will be held before each session. Sessions end around 7:00p.

September 9 th	Cardiovascular Emergencies
October 14 th	Respiratory Emergencies
November 11 th	Toxicology/Environmental Emergencies
December 9 th	Neurological Emergencies
January 13 th	Ortho/Wound Management Maxillofacial/ENT
February 10 th	Medical/Metabolic Emergencies
March 10 th	GI/GU Emergencies OB/GYN Emergencies
April 14 th	Shock/Trauma Professional Issues
May 12 th	Psychiatric Emergencies
June 9 th	Patient Care Management Test Taking Strategies

*“CEN Review sessions
sponsored by
Pioneer Valley ENA Chapter
\$10 per session*

Attend as many or as few sessions as you need!
Contact hours from ENA have been applied for.

For more information, contact Robin Walsh at rwrn627@aol.com or 413.549.9139

2010 MA ENA ELECTIONS

As a member of ENA and Massachusetts ENA you have the opportunity to have a voice in the management of your national, state and local organization. Take time to read about the candidates for your 2010 Massachusetts ENA officer positions. This year we are selecting:

- President-elect
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 2 Directors

If ENA and MASS ENA have your correct e-mail address you will receive a ballot in your e-mail with your individual password and a link to the on-line ballot.

Voting takes only a few minutes. There is a ballot included in this newsletter for members who have do not have an e-mail address or who have chosen not to share their e-mail address with ENA. Please vote only once – using either the electronic or the hard copy ballot option.

Watch for an e-mail in early September from VOTENET.COM with the subject line of “MA ENA Ballot”

If you have any questions about candidates, the ballot or the voting/election process, please contact Laurie Raymond, your current MA ENA State Council President at micbill@comcast.net

If you have any questions for the candidates, please feel free to contact them via e-mail.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES: *Please vote for one. This individual serves one year as President -elect, a 2 year term as President and a one year term as Immediate Past President*

In alphabetical order

Candidate: *Maureen Curtis-Cooper*
RN BSN CPEN CEN FAEN

Employer: Boston Medical Center

Position: Staff Nurse Pediatric Emergency Dept.

E-mail: pmmkcoop@comcast.net

ENA Experience:

- Member of Boston/Beacon chapter
1986-present
- MA ENA Board of Directors: 2006-present
- Trauma Committee Chair (TNCC Faculty)
2007-present
- National Committees:
 - PNCB/BCEN CPEN committee 2007-present
 - ENA Leadership committee 2006-2008
 - ENA Annual committee 2009-2010
 - Pediatric Committee (ENPC Faculty)
1995-present including obtaining \$22,000 EMSC grant funds

- Fellow Academy of Emergency Nursing
(inducted 2005)

MASS ENA Goals for 2010:

Healthcare is facing unprecedented challenges and economic crises. MA ENA's voice must serve to educate. At every gathering our goal must be to educate our membership to enhance their everyday practice on the ENA initiatives of crowding, workplace violence, and psychiatric emergency patient care. In the community at large we must have an active fully supported government affairs committee to speak to issues directly impacting our members' ability to deliver care. In 2010 as your president-elect, I will work collaboratively to make our voice heard by our members, at our national meetings and to the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

President-elect Candidate

Candidate: *Carlene Kincaid RN CEN EMT-P*

Employer: Fairview Hospital, Great Barrington

Position: Staff RN

E-mail: kincaid23@roadrunner.com

ENA Experience:

- Active ENA and Berkshire Chapter member since 1988
- Current Berkshire chapter president
- Past Berkshire Chapter treasurer (3 terms)
- Berkshire Chapter membership committee
- 1989–2009
- MA ENA State Council treasurer 2007–2009
- General Assembly delegate: past 6 years
- National Membership and Component Relations committee: 2009
- NERS 2007 Education committee

MASS ENA 2010 Goals:

I would like to see Massachusetts ENA State Council focus on its membership and growth. Our continued strength is in numbers. We need to recruit new members and get them involved, but most important, continue to serve our current members. As MENA grows, we will foster new leaders, educators, members and ENA involvement at all levels, chapter, state and national. Remember, ENA builds friendships that last a lifetime.

*“Become involved in your
profession
Take time to vote!!!!*

Secretary Candidate

Please vote for one

This individual serves a one year term

Candidate: *Faye Everson RN CEN*

Employer: Tobey Hospital

Position: Staff RN, Emergency Department

E-mail: faeverson@aol.com

ENA Experience:

- ENA Nominations Committee: 2008–present
- MA ENA Immediate Past President: 2009
- MA ENA State Council President: 2007–2008
- MA ENA President-elect: 2006
- MA ENA Secretary: 2005
- Section Editor *JEN*, Educators column: current
- Mayflower Chapter member, past chapter president
- General Assembly delegate: 2000–present

MA ENA may be the first exposure to our professional organization that a member encounters. We need to become more visible to the EDs throughout the state and in the Schools of Nursing to demonstrate what our organization is all about and how ENA benefits our profession. There is strength in numbers and we need to encourage all Emergency Nurses to join with us to make our profession stronger to improve patient care.

Treasurer Candidate

Please vote for one

This individual serves a 2 year term

Candidate: *Andrew Harding RN MS CEN NEA-BC*

Employer: Morton Hospital and Medical Center

Position: Director of Patient Care Services

E-mail: adharding_2000@yahoo.com

ENA Experience:

- Lifetime member of ENA
- Attended the National ENA "Leadership Conference" in Boston 2007
- Secretary/Treasurer Mayflower Chapter 2007-2009
- Review for *JEN* since 2006
- Variety of *JEN* publications 2004-2009
- Section Editor for *JEN* since 2008
- Attended NERS in 2007 and 2008

MA ENA 2010 Goals:

I believe that the Massachusetts ENA should have two focuses in 2010. The first should be on membership. Retaining our current members and providing opportunities through personal invitations to be active participatory members. Secondly, I think that with National ENA leadership continuity and influence coming from Massachusetts, we should act as beacons of their message. Therefore, I believe that the Massachusetts ENA should work to provide leadership, educational products and outspoken public support of emergency nurses to sustain the ENA mission.

Directors Candidates

Please vote for two. These individuals will serve 2 year terms

Candidate: *Deborah Tonelli RN*

Employer: Milford Regional Medical Center

Position: Clinical Coordinator, Emergency Dept

E-mail: debniedz@aol.com

ENA Experience:

- MA ENA State Council Secretary 2007-2009
- NERS 2007 Vendor Committee Chair
- MENA 2009 Vendor Committee Co-chair
- Central MA chapter president 2 terms
- General Assembly delegate 2008

MA ENA 2010 Goals:

The Mass ENA is a strong and viable group which needs to expand our membership base. We need "new blood". Focus should be on recruitment and retention and energizing new members. We also need to prove to the nation that we are worth "our weight in gold" by gaining national recognition in the form of the Outstanding State Council Award. Additionally, I would like to see us challenge the elderly driving laws along with workplace violence issues.

"For more information about MA ENA and upcoming activities, visit www.mass-ena.org

Director Candidate

Candidate: *Robin Walsh RN BSN*

Employer: University Health Services, UMass/Amherst

Position: Clinical Nurse Supervisor, Walk-in Care

E-mail: rwrn627@aol.com

ENA Experience:

- MENU newsletter editor /web site coordinator since 2000
- SC secretary 2002-2003
- SC president 2005 - 2006
- ENA Education committee 2003 - 2006
- ENA Membership and Component Relations committee 2008 - 2009
- Pioneer Valley Chapter secretary 2009
- General Assembly delegate 2000 - 2009

MA ENA 2010 Goals:

At a time when it is impossible to open a newspaper or listen to a news program without hearing about health care reform, MA ENA needs to be at the table in advocating for practice concerns as well as a system in which adequate and accessible health care is a right and not a privilege. We can do this by partnering with our legislators as well as keeping our members advised of legislative developments. My second focus for MA ENA would be to continue to create educational opportunities for our members that are convenient and cost-effective. And finally we need to continue to invite current MA ENA members and Massachusetts Emergency Nurses to become active members in our organization.

2010 General Assembly, Baltimore, MD

The following MA ENA members will be traveling to Baltimore October 5th – 11th as delegates for the 2010 ENA General Assembly.

Laurie Raymond, SC President	Faye Everson	Deb Tonelli
Anne Manton	Carlene Kincaid	Robin Walsh
Mary Martel	Phyllis Berg	Kay McClain
Julie Bunn	Sophia Veinoglou	Linda Unda
Deb Donahue	Kitty Morton	Eva Bodio
Sheila Silva	Lisa Wolf	George O’Neil, alternate
Maria DaSilva	Gina Crocker	Maureen Curtis-Cooper, alternate

Ballot for the 2010 MA ENA Elections

Your ENA # _____ (must be included to vote)

Please indicate your selections for the following offices:

President-elect (select one)

Maureen Curtis-Cooper RN BSN CPEN CEN FAEN _____

Carlene Kincaid RN CEN EMT-P _____

Write-in Candidate _____

Secretary (select one)

Faye Everson RN CEN _____

Write-in Candidate _____

Treasurer (select one)

Andrew Harding RN MS CEN NEA-BC _____

Write-in Candidate _____

Board of Directors (select two)

Deb Tonelli RN _____

Robin Walsh RN BSN _____

Write-in Candidate _____

Please return this ballot to: Laurie Raymond

60 West Ave Hanover, MA 02339-1848

or e-mail to micbill@comcast.net by September 15th, 2009.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS.....E-MAIL ADDRESSES DESIRED!

Remember back to grade school and going into gales of laughter whenever someone taking attendance would say – “Anyone not present, please raise your hand?” Unfortunately, about 1/5th of our 850 members have not provided current e-mail addresses to the ENA national office. Therefore, the state doesn’t have them either and thus these members are not receiving an electronic copy of this newsletter. And they are not taking full advantage of their memberships. In today’s rapidly changing world, information is power and all levels of ENA want to give you the latest information and the fastest way is via the web. We also try not to overload you with junk because we value your limited time.

With the updated national website, your e-mail address on file with the national office is your username and for the first time your password is your membership number. You will then be prompted to choose a password of your choice. If you need help with either piece of information, you can either contact me at ktkwilt@aol.com or call the national office at 1-800-2 GET ENA (1-800-243-8362) and speak with a membership associate. This will automatically give you access to all member only content.

We do have plans to reach out to the members we don’t have e-mail addresses for and remind them that they can always access both the national and state websites for important information on activities and programs. However, this information will not automatically come to them and they will not have access to member only information. In the meantime, remember that you can update any information such as home or e-mail addresses yourself. So if you change jobs or internet providers, remember to inform ENA of this change as well. Go to the website www.ena.org and choose the “Membership” tab at the top of the page. Again, if you have any problems, just call ENA and they will help you.

Kay McClain, MA ENA Membership Committee Chair
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2009 ENA GENERAL ASSEMBLY BYLAW REVISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Even if you are not a delegate or nor planning on attending the General Assembly or Scientific Assembly this October in Baltimore, you can read about the proposed Bylaw revisions or resolutions by visiting www.ena.org. Look under the “State Council and Chapter” tab at the top of the home page, from there click on the “Quick Link” General Assembly. Then finally, click on **2009 General Assembly Handbook**. There are many proposed Bylaw revisions; the 3 proposed resolutions are:

- *Sub-waiting rooms
- *Healthy and Exemplary Emergency Settings
- *Improving Pediatric Procedural Pain Management in the Emergency Department Setting

Some final thoughts.... As the summer winds down, I am excited about the upcoming 2009 ENA Annual meeting in Baltimore, MD. Not only is this an incredible opportunity to network, learn, refocus and re-energize, but this year is especially exciting because Massachusetts is represented by our National President Bill Briggs, President-elect Diane Gurney, Board member Gail Lenehan and Nominations committee member Faye Everson.

What do these members have in common with you? They all started their ENA journey by simply joining ENA and being invited to attend a chapter meeting. Then they made the decision to become active members and share their experience and expertise with other emergency nurses. You have this choice as well. Involvement does not have to mean hours of your precious time. This year ENA has opened discussions about the importance of volunteerism. Volunteering can mean as little as an hour to attend a chapter meeting, but it also means a commitment to your profession and your peers. Think about what you have to offer. Attend a chapter meeting or a state council meeting. Talk to your chapter officers or your state council officers. Ask them how they manage their personal and professional lives. Ask them how you can become more involved. It is as simple as that!

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