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From the President.....

As I sit here at my desk trying to sort through all the paperwork and e-mails that accumulated while we were in Minneapolis, a part of me wishes we were still there. Great weather - although skywalks connect the entire city making it possible to walk without even going outside, tasty food choices, great education sessions and best of all, the opportunity to network with old friends and make new friends. I was so proud of the Massachusetts ENA Delegation that represented you at the 2008 General Assembly. There were 18 delegates with 2 alternates representing MA ENA members. Imagine looking out over the entire delegation with representation from all 50 states as well as military and international representation. Our bright cranberry shirts were front and center. Other delegations wore beige, red, blue, white, purple to name a few. On stage the audience looks like a quilt.

MA ENA made history on day one of General Assembly, as the state presidents were making their introductions and sharing the membership and delegation numbers - I took the opportunity to welcome Bruce Hood, "Stryker Dude" as an honorary MA ENA member, presenting him with one of our cranberry shirts. To say that he was excited would be an understatement, he wore his shirt proudly for the rest of the week, was part of our annual MA ENA delegation picture and thanked us again during the Stryker matinee. For those of you who may not have ever attended a Scientific Assembly, Stryker hires Bruce to take photos and videos of conference goers throughout the week and the conference culminates with the famous "Stryker Matinee" - a compilation of those photos and videos. 2008 marked the 20th anniversary of the Stryker Matinee. Bruce is the Stryker Matinee and was recognized with a well deserved standing ovation.

I was also proud of the way MA ENA led the discussions about the many Bylaw changes and resolutions. We were one of very few states that spoke to each proposal. It seemed a much quieter General Assembly than usual, but MA ENA made its presence known with thoughtful and sometimes passionate statements about the recommended changes. Many delegates from other states told us

that they voted with us because of our knowledge about the issues and because of our passion about the issues. In the past, others have told us that they always wait to hear what MA ENA's stance will be on an issue to help them decide on how to vote the issue. We often do not think that we make a difference, but in this instance it is clear that we do. We have a tradition of going to General Assembly prepared to speak to the issues and it is nice to know that our opinion is respected. Every member matters and every vote counts! MA ENA had the highest percentage of votes in this year's National ENA Elections - so your vote does count. I encourage you to take a few minutes, read the ballot included in this newsletter and vote in the upcoming MA ENA elections as well as the 2009 National ENA elections next May. Your vote counts!

Again I cannot express enough how proud I was of the MA ENA delegation at the 2008 General Assembly in Minneapolis. I was impressed by your participation, your leadership and your passion about the issues. You represented MA ENA members and yourselves well. Give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done. As we head into EMERGENCY NURSES WEEK - you should all be proud of the work you do on a daily basis. I know that I am!!

Enjoy the fall and the changing season!!

Faye Everson
MA ENA President 2008

TO MY WONDERFUL ENA FAMILY.....

I want to thank all of you for the love, caring and support you showed me and my family after the loss of my son Sean this summer. The generous contributions to ENAF, your cards and flowers, your prayers and kind words, your smiles and tears helped make this terrible time in my life that much more bearable. Life's getting a little better every day, and I want you all to know how much you are helping that to happen.

Thank you again so very much.
George O'Neil

Chapter News...

Beacon chapter

Join us on Wednesday Oct 8th 6p-8p at Salem Hospital (Davenport 104B) in Salem for a chapter business meeting followed by a speaker. Army Medic Bruce Corage has recently returned from Iraq and will speak to us about his experiences there, including the types of injuries he saw as well as the treatments used. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Deb Donahue by Oct 6th at deb2000@comcast.net

Remember October 5th - 11th is Emergency Nurses Week!

Nov 19th - we are back at Salem Hospital for a business meeting from 4p-5p. Refreshments will be served. On the agenda - chapter elections. The positions of President-elect, Secretary and 2 Chapter representatives are open. Chapter officers are required to attend chapter and state council meetings. If you are interested, contact Deb Donahue (current Beacon Chapter president). A 1 year ENA membership will be given away at the meeting. Plan on staying for the MA ENA State Council meeting following from 5:30 - 8, a light dinner will be served and more information about the meeting can be found on the MA ENA website. This is a great opportunity to network with other MA ENA members and learn more about what is happening in ENA on the state and national levels. Please RSVP before Nov 10th if you plan to attend.

Are you looking for a TNCC or ENPC course. Log onto www.ena.org link to State Councils and chapters and click on Massachusetts for a listing of TNCC and ENPC course being offered. Saints Medical Center in Lowell is holding the following courses this Fall

TNCC Dec 4th and 9th

ENPC Nov 6th and 12th

If interested contact Kitty Morton at cmorton@saintsmedicalcenter.com

Berkshire Chapter

Berkshire Chapter has had a very busy year. Our monthly meetings have grown in size as new members have joined us at the table. One of the chapter's greatest accomplishments was a membership drive sponsored by National ENA. Through the tireless work of the active members, especially Carlene Kincaid, chapter President and Roberta Gale, ED manager at Berkshire Medical Center, Berkshire Chapter saw a 35% increase in membership, making it #1 in the organization for recruitment. As a result of this outstanding achievement, the chapter received a free registration for either the 2008 Scientific Assembly or the 2009 Leadership conference. This registration was given to

Roberta Gale who will be attending the 2009 Leadership conference in Reno, Nevada. In addition, the chapter received another free registration to the 2008 Scientific Assembly and this was given to Carlene Kincaid for spearheading this project. Congratulations and thank you to Roberta and Carlene for their hard work!

Berkshire Chapter will be celebrating Emergency Nurses' Week on October 8th by inviting their members to a Wine & Cheese Reception at Kneebones Restaurant in Pittsfield. Join us at 6pm for this celebration recognizing our chapter members.

On November 6th, Chuck Margarites RN CEN CCRN CFRN CC-EMTP will be presenting "Learn how to read EKGs: 12 Lead EKGs mad E-Z" at the Annual Fall Education Program being held at the Williams Inn on the common in Williamstown. For more information on the program, contact Kathy Wheeler at benamember@gmail.com For those who like to plan ahead, a Triage course will be presented on May 13th and May 14th at the Clarion in Northampton. The Berkshire Chapter and the Pioneer Valley Chapter will be collaborating on this popular program and we look forward to another successful conference. Save the dates on your 2009 calendars.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Berkshire Chapter

Sophia Veinoglou, Immediate Past Chapter President

Central MA chapter

Watch your email for information on their October 14th program on "Shaken Baby Syndrome" The chapter is sponsoring a food collection for the Worcester Food bank - watch for more details. In November the chapter will be sponsoring a program in Injury Prevention featuring MA ENA Injury Prevention chair Sheila Silva. For more information, contact Central MA chapter president Eva Bodio at ebodio@gmail.com

Pioneer Valley Chapter

Watch your mail for some wonderful educational opportunities coming your way. Attend their Oct 16th meeting at Holyoke Hospital. We will be talking about New Grads in the ED as well as making plans for an exciting research project looking at Palliative Care in the ED. If you are interested in participating, contact Lisa Wolf at noblewolf3@aol.com

In January, the chapter is sponsoring a day long program focusing on pediatrics. Save Thursday January 8th.

A lecture series on Research, Leadership, Clinical Issues and Ethics is in the works for 2009. Save these dates in February and March - Feb 25th, March 11th, 18th and 25th for the series and look for more information in upcoming emails and newsletters. And of course - save May 13th and 14th for the triage course being co-sponsored with the award winning Berkshire chapter.

Member News

Congratulations to Bill Briggs RN and Diane Gurney Rn who assume leadership roles on the National ENA Board of Directors. After having served several terms as an ENA director as well as serving as ENA's Secretary/Treasurer, Bill steps into the Presidential position for 2009. Diane has also served on the ENA Board of Directors and in the Secretary/Treasurer position. She was elected as President-elect for 2009 and will assume the ENA Presidency for 2010. That means that this small state will lead ENA for at least 2 consecutive years. Past ENA presidents from Massachusetts include Sue Sheehy and Anne Manton. We also are honored to have Gail Lenehan represent us on the current ENA Board of Directors as well as having Faye Everson on the National Nominations committee.

And Best Wishes are also sent out to Diane Gurney who retired from her position as Emergency Department Nurse Manager at Cape Cod Hospital recently. We hope she has lots of time to spend with her puppy Maddie and her family as well as some time golfing.

Congratulations to Sophia Veinolglou from the Berkshire Chapter. Sophia was awarded the Freeman White Advanced Practice scholarship recently.

Massachusetts ENA has a new member - during the General Assembly in Minneapolis September 24th and 25th, MA ENA President Faye Eveson presented Bruce Hood - otherwise known as the "Stryker Dude" with an Honorary MA ENA membership and a MA ENA Maroon shirt. He was thrilled to become part of our membership and could be seen proudly wearing our shirt for the rest of the week. Bruce was included in our Annual General Assembly Delegates Photo which will be published in the next newsletter and on our website. For those of you who do not know the "Stryker Dude" - Bruce takes photos and films during General Assembly and Scientific Assembly each year and presents them with music at the end of Scientific Assembly during the Stryker Farewell Matinee. This year was the 20th anniversary of the Stryker Matinee

and we were thrilled to honor Bruce's commitment to ENA with an Honorary membership!

If you have news that you want to share with your fellow MA ENA members, send the information to Robin Walsh at rwrn627@aol.com

Being prepared is a constant theme in most



emergency rooms any where in the country, Massachusetts is no different. A very important organization, the Medical Reserve Corp was founded nationally in

2002 after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union address in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. It is a partner program with Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring homeland security. Citizen Corps, along with Americorp, Senior Corps and the Peace Corps are part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service nationwide.

The Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (OCVMRC) is headquartered in the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General. It functions as a clearinghouse for information and best practices to help communities establish, implement and maintain MRC units nationwide.

MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources.

Volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers, legal advisors. Fill key support positions.

To give you an idea of what Medical Reserve Corps units can do, take the example of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. During the 2005 Hurricane season, MRC members provided support for ARC health services, mental health and shelter operations. MRC members also supported the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) response and recovery efforts by staffing special needs shelters, community health centers and health clinics, and assisting health assessment teams in the Gulf Coast

Region. More than 1,500 MRC members were willing to deploy outside their local jurisdiction on optional missions to the disaster-affected areas with their state agencies, the ARC and HHS. Of these, almost 200 volunteers from 25 MRC units were activated by HHS, and more than 400 volunteers from more than 80 local MRC units were activated to support ARC disaster operations in Gulf Coast areas.

There are 42 local MRCs in Massachusetts, which is part of the Region I area and includes CT, ME, RI, NH and VT. Some of the Massachusetts MRC activities include an April drill at UMass/Amherst simulating a large scale bacterial meningitis outbreak and mock immunization. 98 Boards of Health and Emergency Department Directors, 13 MRC units, 16 area hospitals and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health were involved in this drill. Influenza Specialty Care Units (ISCU) or alternate care sites have been simulated at South Shore Hospital and Norwood Hospital for Pandemic Flu. Volunteers set up and provided care for these alternate sites registering and simulating treatment for 100's of flu patients collaborating with each hospital as they became "overwhelmed" with flu victims. The Upper Merrimack Valley MRC immunized 250 residents against influenza, tetanus and pneumonia at an Emergency Dispensing Site full-scale exercise. MRC units from across Massachusetts volunteered to help care for participants in the 2008 Boston Marathon.

Volunteers are offered many educational programs throughout the state, from Incident Command classes, AED operation, Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) operation, IV training to Disaster Triage. For more information about the Medical Reserve Corps and their important mission to strengthen public health and improve emergency preparedness, visit

www.mamedicalreservecorps.org



MSAR (Massachusetts System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals) is a

statewide, secure database of pre-credentialed health care professionals who are interested in volunteering their services in the event of a public health emergency. MRC units support "local" public health initiatives, while MSAR is designed to pre-credential and deploy individuals in a large-scale disaster. MRC members are encouraged to consider registering with MSAR to ensure that locally-based resources are available in the event of a declared public health emergency. MSAR members are also encouraged to

to register with an MRC unit to assist in smaller, local events that do not initiate an MSAR activation. For more information, please visit

www.mass.gov/msar.

Jennifer Frenette serves as MRC Regional Coordinator (MRC RC) for Region I (CT, MA, MA, NH, RI, VT). She provides technical assistance and support for the existing MRC units in the region and helps people interested in the MRC program to start a unit when there is currently not an active unit in their local community. Ms Frenette works closely with individual units to advance the U.S. Surgeon General's Public Health priorities and coordinate with the goals of the Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps.



September was National Preparedness Month and although the month has gone by - the message remains

important. Not only do we as communities and organizations need to be prepared in the event of an emergency - whether it is a man-made disaster or a natural disaster - but we need to be prepared in our own homes. The website www.ready.gov has a lot of great information about how we can prepare our homes and our families for a disaster. They provide supply lists for your family - including your pets, what we need to keep in our homes and in our

cars and how we can prepare in advance by having a plan and being informed.

The Western Mass MRC sponsored a booth in the New England Building at the "Big E" last month in West Springfield. We talked to people about Flu Care at home, the Flu vaccine as well as putting together a "72 hour kit". This kit contains important items for your home and family in the event of an emergency. The "72 hour kit" contains supplies for you to shelter in place if necessary. Food and water (they give you suggestions on how much you should have per person), battery powered or crank flashlights and radios, a wrench or pliers to turn off utilities if necessary, a hand-operated can opener, First Aid kit, a whistle to signal for help, important family documents, cash or travelers checks, warm clothing and blankets, and activities to pass the time are some of the suggested items.

We strongly encourage you to visit this web site and Prepare, Plan and Be Informed!

Submitted by MENU Co-editor

Joan Cooper-Zack

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NEED TNCC COURSES ????????

Please let the MA ENA Trauma Committee know your needs! Complete and forward this survey to Debbie Pentecost by **November 1st, 2008**

1. Is TNCC provider status required for ED RNs at your hospital?

YES NO

2. Is TNCC provider status required for SICU or PACU RNs at your hospital?

YES NO

3. What % of ED RNs are TNCC providers?

- A. >90%
B. 90-75%
C. 74-50%
D. <50%
E. Not sure

4. Where do your hospital's RNs take TNCC? Circle all that apply.

- A. Own hospital
B. Other hospital
C. Unable to find courses

5. How many TNCC courses does your hospital host each year?

- A. 0
B. 1-2
C. 3-4
D. >4
E. Not sure

6. Does your hospital need additional TNCC instructors?

YES NO

7. How many TNCC courses would your hospital host each year if the hospital had additional instructors?

- A. 0
B. 1-2
C. 3-4
D. >4
E. Not sure

Please complete the following demographic information REQUIRED!

MA EMS Region 1 2 3 4 5
I'm from another state: _____

Hospital name: _____

Hospital size: _____ beds

Your role:

- Staff RN _____
Educator _____
CNS _____
Manager _____
Other _____

TNCC Provider YES - Current
Expired
NO
Want to take the course

TNCC Instructor YES
NO
Would be interested in
Instructor course

Level of Trauma Center I II III
Number of TNCC Instructors at your hospital _____
Number of TNCC Instructors you estimate you need
at your hospital _____ Not Sure
Number of FTE ED RNs _____
Number of annual ED Patients _____

Contact Information:

NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Comment/Recommendations/Suggestions:

Contact Debbie Pentecost for electronic version

work: deborah_pentecost@sshosp.org
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home: dap-1003@charter.net

or Mail to Debbie Pentecost
400 Cross St
Boylston, MA 01505

Candidates for MA ENA State Council Officers for 2009

Review the candidate's statements and make an educated decision for the 2009 MA ENA State Council elections. You have several voting options. If we have your current correct email address you will receive an electronic ballot. If you have not given National ENA your current correct e-mail address - please send to Faye Everson at faeverson@aol.com Or you may send this ballot to Faye at:

64 Ebenezer Lane
Brewster, MA 02631

Deadline for submission is: November 1st, 2008
A copy of this ballot and the candidates' statements will be available online at www.mass-ena.org after October 11th

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS: All were asked to give a summary of their ENA leadership experience as well as writing a statement about the goals they felt MA ENA should focus on for 2009.

SECRETARY:

Deborah Tonelli RN ED Clinical Coordinator
Milford Regional Medical Center Milford, MA

ENA Experience:

State Council Secretary 2008
Chair, Vendor Comm for NERS 2007
Past President, Central MA ENA Chapter

Statement:

I think it is vital that ENA continue to recruit new members to the organization. I would also like to see more active involvement on a state level by new chapter members. Continued sponsorship of educational programs is also a necessity.

TREASURER:

Carlene Kincaid RN CEN EMT-P Staff Nurse
Fairview Hospital Great Barrington, MA

ENA Experience:

State Council treasurer 2008
Berkshire Chapter President 2008
President-elect 2007
Berkshire Chapter Treasurer 2005
Berkshire Chapter Education Committee
Co-Chair 2005
Member of Leadership Conference Panel
Presentation - Treasury
NERS 2007 Education Committee

Statement:

MA ENA is fortunate to have such wonderful representation at the National level. As leaders in this organization, MA has the opportunity to shine even brighter! I feel, after the voting turnout in the National elections, and seeing MA leading with an 18% voter turnout, our goal should be to increase these numbers locally as well as nationally. As members, we have the privilege to select the individual who will work for our profession and will work to improve our standards of care. Where would emergency nursing be today if it wasn't for ENA?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (in alphabetical order)

Julie Bunn RN BSN CEN Clinical Leader
North Shore Medical Center (Salem Hospital)
Salem, MA

ENA Experience:

NERS 2007 Co-Chair
MA ENA State Council Board of Directors
2003, 2005, 2008
Beacon Chapter President 2001
Beacon Chapter Treasurer 2008-2010
MA State Membership Chair 2004-2007
General Assembly Delegate 2000-2008
TNCC/ENPC Instructor
Government Affairs and Education Comm.

Statement:

As Emergency Nurses, we are facing difficult times. Our departments seem more like battlefields than a place to take care of the sick and injured. Adding to the stress of increasing numbers of patients, delays and boarders, we are also exposed to violence and weapons. We should be joining forces to address these pressing issues. The solutions will take strength in numbers. Therefore, I believe that our 2 main goals for 2009 should be increasing membership and member involvement. Our second goal should be to continue to address the problem of violence in our departments.

Virginia (Gina) Crocker RN MS CEN TNCC-I
Clinical Nurse Specialist, ED
Winchester Hospital Winchester, MA

ENA Experience:

MA ENA State Education Comm Chair
2006-present
NERS 2007 Co-Chair
General Assembly delegate 2005

Gina Crocker's statement continued.....

National ENA Education Committee
2004-2006
CEN review Course coordinator and lecturer
1995, 2004, 2008
MENA Annual conference chair
2006, 2008
President, Upper CT Valley Chapter (NH)
1990-1991

Statement:

The next few years will provide many challenges for emergency nurses in our state. Some of these challenges include the recent DPH policy change regarding ED diversions after January 2009, the current rise of violence in our EDs and increase in patient volume and acuity, often in setting where overcrowding is present.

Maureen Curtis-Cooper RN BSN CEN FAEN
Staff Nurse Pediatric ED
Boston Medical Center Boston, MA

ENA Experience:

ENA Leadership Conference Committee
2006-2007
BCEN/PNCB committees for development of
Certification in Pediatric Emergency Nursing
2006-2010
MA ENA State Council Board of Directors
2007-2008
Trauma Committee Chair 2007-present
Coordinated State TNCC update 2008
Pediatric Committee 1993-present
Coordinated 2 ENPC updates and obtained 2
grants from EMSC for instructor
training
Boston Chapter secretary/treasurer and state
council representative 1987-1990
Sigma Theta Tau alpha Chi Chapter Treasurer
1990-1992

Statement:

As an organization, we have to continue to be the voice of the frontline emergency nurse in the changing arena of care delivery, crowding and the new reimbursement structure in MA. We also must meet the educational needs of MA emergency nurses. It will take sound financial management to meet these goals.

Anne Manton PhD RN PMHNP-BC FAAN FAEN
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse
Cape Cod Hospital Hyannis, MA

ENA Experience:

MA State Council Board of Directors 2008
Chair National ENA Blue Ribbon Commission
2002-2005
Member, ENA Academy Task Force 2002
Trustee, ENAF 1999-2000
President, National ENA 2002
Secretary/Treasurer National ENA 1996
Consulting Editor Journal of Emergency
Nursing 2000-2007
President, BCEN 1983-1985

Statement:

Increased engagement by MA ENA members in the activities, opportunities and growth of the organization should be a priority focus for 2009. While it is important to strive for increased membership numbers, it is through the active participation of members (on whatever level they feel comfortable) that we can have the greatest influence. Strengthening and supporting chapters, increasing communication with members and continuing to offer outstanding educational programs will help in this effort.

George O'Neil RN BSN CEN Staff Nurse
Marlborough Hospital Marlborough, MA

ENA Experience:

MA State Council Board of Directors
1998-present
MA State Council President 1996
MA State Council President-elect 1995
MA State Council Past President 1997
MA State Council Treasurer 1993-1994
ENA National Resolutions Committee
2003-2005

Statement:

The challenges we face in the MA ENA continue to be support for our chapters, recruitment of new members and retention of veteran members. Our chapters have grown stronger, but can become even more so with increased support from National ENA and from the state. We have sought a commitment from National ENA to provide services on the internet and via phone that have yet to be realized. I hope you will provide me with the opportunity to work on your behalf in the coming year.

Sophia Veinoglou RN BSN CEN Staff/charge nurse
Fairview Hospital Great Barrington, MA

ENA Experience:

- Publication in JEN "Volunteering in a Makeshift Clinic in Ghana" 2008
- MA State Council Board of Directors 2008
- Past President Berkshire Chapter 2008
- MA State Council Representative for Berkshire Chapter 2005-2007
- MA General Assembly delegate 2004-2008
- NERS 2007 Education Committee
- Triage Course Coordinator 2005
- Team Award Berkshire Chapter 2004

Statement:

MA ENA should focus on increasing the number of resource specialists at the National level to 15. We can reach this goal if 3 nurses from each of the 5 chapters are willing to share their expertise. I know that the knowledge is out there. Let's work together to achieve this goal.

We are also asking you to vote on changes in our current Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures. These changes were presented in the Summer 2008 edition of this newsletter for your consideration.

First, we are seeking to change the State Council Treasurer term from 1 year to 2 years. This is a change in our Standard Operating Procedures and requires a majority vote to pass.

The second change we are proposing is to increase the term for our Board of Director members from a one year term to a two year term. This is a change to our Bylaws and requires a 2/3 vote in order to pass.

We thank you for your consideration on these matters. If you have any questions - please contact George O'Neil at oneilg@yahoo.com

BALLOT: 2009 MA ENA Officer Elections
Please complete and return to Faye Everson by November 1st, 2008

Your ENA Number: _____

Secretary Check here to vote for one
Deborah Tonelli RN _____
Write in candidate
Name _____

Treasurer
Carlene Kincaid RN CEN EMT-P _____
Write in candidate
Name _____

Board of Directors Check here to vote
(in alphabetical order) Vote for five (5)

Julie Bunn RN BSN CEN _____

Virginia (Gina) Crocker RN MS CEN TNCC-I _____

Maureen Curtis Cooper RN BSN CEN FAEN _____

Anne Manton PhD RN PMHNP-BC FAAN FAEN _____

George O'Neil RN BSN CEN _____

Sophia Veinoglou RN BSN CEN _____

Write in Candidate
Name _____

BYLAW CHANGE

Section III 3.3 Tenure: Each State Councilor shall hold office from January 1st to December 31st in the year following their election..... **CHANGES TO**

Each State Councilor shall hold office from January 1st to December 31st for the two (2) years following their election.....

Vote: YES NO

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE CHANGE

Section IV 4.2 Election: The president-elect shall be elected in alternate years..... **4.3** The President shall hold office for two (2) years... **CHANGES TO**

The President-elect and Treasurer shall be elected in alternate yearsThe President and Treasurer shall hold office for two(2) years....

Vote: YES NO

MA ENA Annual Recognition Awards

Is there a fellow MA ENA member and/or co-worker that you feel deserves to be recognized for their nursing practice and achievements over the past year. Last year we awarded our First Annual MA ENA Annual Recognition Awards

Nurse Practice: Jennifer Murphy from Winchester Hospital

Nurse Manager: Donna Cena from Fairview Hospital

Nurse Educator: Gina Crocker from Winchester Hospital

Behind the Scenes: Carlene Kincaid from Fairview Hospital

Below is a summary of the award criteria, a complete list of criteria and the nomination form can be found on the MA ENA website www.mass-ena.org. Deadline for submissions is November 1st, 2008. Winners will be selected by the MA ENA Board of Directors and awards will be presented at the November State Council meeting.

Nurse Practice: This award honors an emergency nurse who exemplifies outstanding nursing practice as demonstrated through clinical skills, nursing care and compassion.

Nurse Educator: This award honors an emergency nurse who has made significant contributions to the education of colleagues, nursing students, EMS personnel, patients and families.

Nurse Manager Award: This award honors an emergency nurse manager who consistently demonstrates excellence in the profession of emergency nursing, leadership skills, a high level of professional behavior and has made significant contributions in the area of emergency nursing management.

Behind the Scenes Award: This award recognizes an individual who consistently supports Massachusetts ENA without the expectation of reward.

Please send nominations with 2 letters of support to : Robin Walsh
76 Cushman Rd
Leverett, MA 01054
or e-mail to rwrn627@aol.com

Deadline: November 1st, 2008

2008 General Assembly Delegates

Special thanks to the following MA ENA members who served as delegates at the 2008 ENA General Assembly in Minneapolis recently.

Faye Everson
Julie Bunn
Phyllis Berg
Deb Donahue
Deb Tonelli
Deb Delaney
Eva Bodio
Maureen Curtis-Cooper
Lisa Wolf
Kay McClain
George O'Neil
Laurie Raymond
Linda Unda
Carlene Kincaid
Sophia Veinoglou
Sheila Silva
Kitty Morton
Robin Walsh
Nancy Dryer
Anne Manton
Maria DaSilva

There were 7 Bylaw change recommendations having to do with term limits, candidate eligibility, and Nomination Committee Composition. We also voted on a new ENA Mission Statement. It is: The mission of the Emergency Nurses Association is to advocate for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice. There was one resolution put forth for discussion. It was titled, "Improving the Assessment and Care of Patients during Procedural Sedation" and asked for an updated ENA Position Statement and guidelines containing recent evidence-based practice in procedural sedation while integrating the use of capnography.

In recent years, General Assembly discussion has focused on Bylaw changes rather than Resolutions on topics which impact emergency nursing and emergency care. A challenge from the Texas delegation asked that we put forward at least 8 resolutions for the 2009 General Assembly. If you have any topic ideas, please contact MA ENA President-elect Laurie Raymond at laura_raymond@cchcs.org

What are you reading?

Every once in a while we get to spend time doing something we love - well, besides nursing of course. In my case you will probably find me reading. I am a faithful library patron and actually volunteer several times a month at my local library. We thought it would be fun to see what you are reading. So send us an email and tell us about a book you loved and think we should read as well. We will include your suggestions in the next newsletter.

I recently read "We Band of Angels" by Elizabeth M. Norman and I highly recommend it. Ms Norman spoke at one of our Scientific Assemblies and her book had been on my reading list. This summer I finally was able to read it. It is an incredible story of the nurses held captive on Bataan by the Japanese. It is a story of courage and the message is that together you really can do anything.

Nursing and Politics

We don't often include anything about politics in the newsletter but while in Minneapolis we had the chance to talk with an organization called "Healthcare United" - an exhibitor at the Scientific Assembly. They provided a booklet that reviews the candidates viewpoints on Health Care. Their website is www.healthcareunited.org We are not endorsing either candidate although we do encourage you to vote and to vote intelligently in this election as well as our MA ENA election.

Barack Obama and John McCain have some very different opinions on the future direction of healthcare.

Visit the website to learn more.

The issues discussed in the booklet include:

- Their Health Care Plans
- Nurse Staffing and Professional Issues
- Health Care for Children
- Prescription drug costs
- Women's health
- Health care for seniors and people with disabilities
- Long-term care and health care and related services for low-income families and people with disabilities
- Veteran's Health Care

Although the ENA has not endorsed a candidate, the ANA does endorse Senator Obama. Visit

www.nursingworld.org to learn more about their position and the candidates' Health Care proposals.

Celebrate Emergency Nurses Week!!!!

Take time during Emergency Nurses Week October 5th - 12th to say "thank you " to your co-workers and to your ED nursing educators and nurse managers. We do appreciate one another but often do not share these sentiments. So please take a few minutes to make sure that your nursing partners know you feel. Our days are busy and stressful but think about the times your nursing friends have allowed you to vent, when they have told that story that made you laugh and finally those times when you needed that strong shoulder to cry on.

Massachusetts ENA celebrates our members with a \$5.00 coupon that you may use towards any MA ENA sponsored program. These include TNCC, ENPC, triage courses, CEN review, Chapter meetings and any State Council sponsored program. This coupon is good until October 1, 2009. Clip it out and show to the program coordinator to use.

Many thanks to all of you for your passion and dedication to one another and to our patients!!

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<p>A "Thank you" from Massachusetts ENA State Council for your passion and dedication to one another, our patients and to the emergency nursing profession.</p>		
<p>We are incredibly proud of you!!</p>		
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A FINAL MESSAGE.....

I have gone to General Assembly and Scientific Assembly for the past 10-12 years - I've lost track. I almost didn't go this year. Working in college health - September is just not a good time to be away. Over the past 10 years, I have spent so much time doing work for MA ENA - the web site, the newsletter, being an officer and working on program coordination - I felt like I needed a break. Besides there was a conference later this Fall in the city of my dreams...New Orleans! Well, my MA ENA colleagues persevered and off to Minneapolis I flew. My first flight was cancelled but I found a nonstop out of Hartford and arrived at the airport the same time as friends who flew out of Boston. The week was interesting and exciting and in the end I am really glad that I went. I did come home energized and excited and with a lot of great information for my co-workers as well as big project plans - I can hear them groaning now!! What did I love best about Minneapolis....well, we got to see the legendary ER Nurse Rapper Craig Barton RN from UAB - look for his ER Nurse Rap on YouTube - you will love it!! Lyrics included!

We went to "Hell's Kitchen for lunch one day - no not the one on TV but equally interesting and eclectic. I loved the opportunity to sit front and center during General Assembly and knowing that we will be there for 2 more years was very cool! I loved listening to 2009 President Bill Briggs and knowing that things in our organization will move forward under his leadership. I loved seeing my mentor Diane Gurney accept the President-elect position for 2009. Both of these individuals are member advocates and it is very empowering to know that we will have that kind of leadership for the next 2 years. I loved listening to 2008 President Denise King - her enthusiasm and excitement were contagious and although I did not make it to the Mall of America - I was able to shop vicariously through Denise.

So I am thankful to my MA ENA friends for encouraging me to travel to Minneapolis. Until I got there I did not realize how much I would have missed going! That is what happens when you become involved in ENA - you get a second family and they look out for you. I really needed to get away and who better to go with than my ENA family!!

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