

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION  
STATE COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007  
DOUBLETREE/WESTBOROUGH

**ATTENDANCE:** Robin Walsh, Faye Eveson, Laura Raymond, Carlene Kincaid, Maureen Curtis-Cooper, gail Lenehan, Kay McClain, George O'Neil, Julie Bunn, Phyllis Berg, Carrie Cranston, Sophia Veinoglou, barbara Foley, Linda Unda, Jeanne Ulmer

**GUESTS:** Mary Beryyhill, Debra Doahue, Deb Pentecost, Mike Pringle, Deb Tonelli, Anne Manton, Bill Briggs. Nancy Dryer, Eva Bodio, Natalie Mailloux, June Peterson, Diane Gurney

Meeting was called to order 1730

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes from meeting June 2007 Motion to accept as written by Carrie Cranston, seconded by Linda Unda. All in favor.

Minutes reviewed from Executive call July 2007

**Treasurer's Report:** Carlene reviewed a report dated September 19, 2007 (see attached). The following discussions followed her report.

Kay McClain questions why there is no mention of the NERS profits in the handout. Carlene reports she has not received any profits from the NERS meeting to this date. Faye states that the funds have not been turned in, the NERS group is still in the process of settling things. Gail Lenehan makes **motion that Carlene be authorized to obtain the best interest rates for accounts while insuring that accounts are available for liquidation, seconded by Jeanne Ulmer.** Vote was unanimous.

Carlene also asks for support for pre-payment of indirect fees for TNCC and ENPC from General Funds using the check card. Historically this has not been done. Carlene was given permission to trial it as she sees fit as treasurer.

### **Old Business**

**Chapter reps:** Past practice has been at the beginning of the year the Chapters would provide name of representatives. Berkshire Chapter routinely travels farthest; they request we consider open slots for chapters. George proposes we develop a new practice to allow flexibility to chapters and for committee reports to designate who will represent them at specific meetings. They would sign in as representatives and this would assist us in obtaining quorums. Kay counters with she respects ideas but advocates for structuring this with an advanced notice of who will be representing the group given to the Recording Secretary. This will maintain accountability. **George motions that 2 representatives from chapter with 2 alternates, committee chair have 1 alternate. Recording Secretary will know these names. Seconded by Sophia Veinoglou.** Vote in favor was unanimous.

**Bracelet:** Faye distributed a handout of the Cape Cod bracelet donated to Silent Auction at National.

**Committee Chairs:** Faye reviewed the following assignments:

Membership: Robin Walsh

Injury Prevention: Sheila Silva

Government Affairs: Julia Rodriguez

Pediatrics: Kitty Morton

Trauma: Maureen Curtis-Cooper

Fundraising: Open

Nominations: Open

**State Awards/Grants:** Nominations to Robin Walsh by 11/1. The categories are Educator, Nursing Practice, manager and Behind the Scenes. Robin would like discussion placed on the November agenda regarding grants to chapters of \$2000.00.

**Alcohol Screening/Debriefing:** Kaye reports that February Leadership had a focus on this program. Three hospitals will pilot it. South Shore is the hospital in MA. Deb Pentecost accepts the materials from Kay and Jeanne Ulmer states she is interested in assisting.

**National Team Award:** Faye reports hospital in Bermuda has been nominated for this award as they have all staff certified in TNCC. All were done and none were reimbursed by their hospital. Each participant paid \$300.00.

**Beacon Chapter:** Robin discusses splitting beacon Chapter into a North Shore vs Eastern MA chapter. Discussion around the possibility of developing a virtual chapter, for those who do not belong to a specific chapter. Diane Gurney volunteers to investigate the possibility with National.

**Electronic voting:** Faye and Robin are working on the electronic process we will be using for the state elections. If the member does not have an email listed a paper ballot will be sent out. Hopefully this process will reduce man time hours required.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **General Assembly Resolutions:**

07/01 Group will support this effort to make nominations committee more independent from previous committees. Nominations committee should answer only to members. Agree with removing ENA executive director and past president from committee. Laurie will speak to issue at assembly.

07/02 Group will not support as written, will support with amendments. Maureen to speak to limit on background checks. Group does not feel it necessary to require candidates to be CEN certified.

07/03 Support based on the concept. Will become a moot point if 07/01 passes.

07/04 Vote Yes on Bylaw adherence. Authored by George O'Neil. Incumbents should not make rules on who will replace them.

07/05 Describes a work group to explore how ENA can be pro-active in the listed areas. Group will support the first resolve.

07/06 Five level triage/ESI. Group not in agreement on how to vote. The decision was made to listen to the debate, caucus and then make decision.

07/07 Strategic goals. The group will support the second resolve only.

Microphone procedures have changed. George outlined for the group the new process that would allow equal time for opposing views to be heard.

All wished a safe trip to Utah by Faye!

Meeting adjourned at 2020pm

Submitted by,

Laura Raymond  
Recording Secretary