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From the President...

Spring is here! Flowers, green grass, leaves on the trees and sneezing from the pollen! NERS is over and it was an unbelievable success. Evaluations were great, lecturers incredible, Freddie and the Maybelines had lots of us on the dance floor, champagne, candy (yummy), lobster and lots of fun. I cannot think of a good way to say thank you to the committees for all their hard work and attention to detail (fishnets, lobsters, lighthouses and beautiful flowers). The other states are jealous of "our organization". We will be a tough act to follow! Go Connecticut!

Laurie Raymond, Diane Miller, Maureen Curtis Coper and I went to Chicago for the first of the National TNCC updates. Rollouts will begin after October 1 and will be held across the state as we did with ENPC. All instructors will need to attend a state update by April 1, 2008 in order to continue to teach TNCC. Instructors listed by National will receive an email with further details closer to the fall. If you are listed by a neighboring state, but teach in Ma, please send me an email with your email address so that you will be included with us (unless you want to attend an update in your home state). Please make sure your current email address is listed with National as this is the official list. Keep checking the Ma ENA website for details.

Voting for the National officers has begun. PLEASE VOTE!!!! Your vote does count. There are many talented candidates and Ma is/will be well represented. As I asked before, PLEASE VOTE. If you did not receive a ballot via email, call National and get it emailed or mailed in a hard copy. You can make changes - if you vote!

State elections are coming up. (see related article in MENU). Being an officer is not that hard, it's fun and you get to meet other ED nurses/officers from other states. Or, how about volunteering to be a committee chair? Email me with any questions at faeverson@aol.com.

Come and join us in Western Mass for the June meeting on the 20th at the Clarion. Hope to see you there!

Faye Everson 2007 Mass ENA State President

In this Newsletter....

- **Become more involved in Massachusetts ENA by becoming a delegate at the 2007 ENA General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- **Make a difference in Massachusetts by running for a position on the Mass ENA Executive Committee. Positions open include President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 General Directors.
- **Join us in June for our next State Council meeting and discuss the care of the psych patient in the ED and help move towards revising the CEN review course and our Triage course.
- **Did you miss NERS 2007 held in Plymouth on April 25th - 27th - It was an incredible success. Read conference highlights and congratulations to the planning committee members!

2007 MASSACHUSETTS ENA

1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE INFORMATION

We invite you to apply to become a Mass ENA delegate for the 2007 ENA General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah. Please complete the application and send to Faye Everson at 64 Ebenezer Lane Brewster, MA 02631 (or e-mail faeverson@aol.com) by the deadline of July 1, 2007. Delegate applicants must be Massachusetts ENA members. Delegate selection will take place during the July 18th State Council Executive Committee conference call and delegates will be notified by July 28th 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 19th State Council meeting and delegate's forum at the Doubletree Westborough 5:30p – 8:00p
2. In Salt Lake City, delegates must attend all General Assembly sessions on September 26th and 27th and participate in the voting process
3. Each delegate must read the information packet sent to them before attending the September 19th delegate's forum on September 19th
4. First time delegates are encouraged to attend a New Delegate's orientation held on Tuesday evening September 25th in Salt Lake City

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, ENPC or ACLS 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.

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 Faye Everson at the above address by the deadline of July 1, 2007.

Each delegate is provided with a \$500.00 stipend to be used for accommodations in Salt Lake City. Please save and submit receipts to Carlene Kincaid, Massachusetts ENA treasurer at 31 Old Barn Rd Lenox, MA 01240. Delegates are encouraged to arrive in Salt Lake City on Tuesday September 25th – General Assembly commences early (8:00 am) on Wednesday September 26th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Faye 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 "2007 State Council officers".

Good Luck!! Thank you for your interest!

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION
2007 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.

	<u>#of pts</u>
I. MISCELLANEOUS (*meetings attended from June 1, 2006 through June 1, 2007)	
Number of chapter meetings attended (10 pts/meeting*)	_____
Number of state council meetings attended (10 pts/meeting *)	_____
Current PALS and/or ACLS certification (10 pts each)	_____
Current TNCC/ENPC certification (10 pts each)	_____
EN CARE provider (10 pts)	_____
Recruitment of a new ENA member (5 pts for each new member)	_____
Author of a national resolution (50 pts)	_____
2006 General Assembly delegate (20 pts)	_____
Attended 2007 Leadership Conference (10 pts)	_____
Attended 2007 New England Regional Symposium (10 pts)	_____
Subtotal Part I	_____

II. ELECTED OR APPOINTED ENA POSITIONS

(within the past three (3) years – points given for each position held between 2005 and 2007)

Officer 100 pts Committee Chair 50 pts Committee member 25 pts

A. Chapter level:

Position _____ Year held _____ # of pts _____

B. State Council level:

Position _____ Year held _____ # of pts _____

C. National level: (Elected office or chair of committee, workgroup or task force 100 pts)

(Appointed member of committee, workgroup or task force 50 pts)

Position held _____ Year held _____ # of pts _____

Subtotal for Part II: _____

III. PROJECT/TEACHING PARTICIPATION (Participation in the following activities between June 1, 2006 through June 1, 2007)

A. Lecturer (other than ACLS, TNCC, ENPC, PALS or a lecture required in your employed nursing position)

25 pts per lecture

Date _____ Topic _____ # of pts _____

B. Projects (public education, legislative involvement, ENA fund-raising/contributor, non-ENA special committees or task force) Chair 25 pts Involvement 10 pts

Date _____ Project _____ # of pts _____

C. Research in Emergency Nursing (research outside your place of employment 50 pts/project)

Date _____ Project _____ # of pts _____

D. Publication of topics related to Emergency Care (50 pts for each national journal article/book chapter, 10 pts for MENU article)

Date _____ Topic _____ # of pts _____

E. CEN (or have made commitment to take the exam within the next year 30 pts)

CEN date: _____ CEN #: _____

Subtotal for Part III: _____

Part I points: _____ Part II points: _____

Part III points: _____ Total points: _____

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Executive Committee review date: _____

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The Massachusetts State Council provides a \$500.00 stipend to each delegate/alternate. Please save and submit all receipts to **Carlene Kincaid 31 Old Barn Rd Lenox, MA 01240** to receive the stipend. All delegates are expected to attend and participate in the delegate's meeting on Wednesday September 19th at the Doubletree Westborough as well as all delegate responsibilities during the 2007 ENA General Assembly in Salt lake City, Utah on September 26th and 27th. Send this application to: **Faye Everson 64 Ebenezer Lane Brewster, MA 02631 by July 1, 2007**

2008 Massachusetts ENA Officer Election Information

We invite you to become 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:

President-elect
Secretary
Treasurer

Board of Directors (5 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 at various locations throughout the state, as well as executive committee conference calls (5-6 times per year). Terms of each office are 1 year (except a 2 year term for the president). 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 Faye Everson, the 2007 Mass ENA State President at faeverson@aol.com or mailed to 64 Ebenezer Lane Brewster, MA 02631. Application deadline is July 1, 2007. A list of the current officers can be found on the Massachusetts ENA web site www.mass-ena.org

2008 Officer openings:

President-elect: Performs duties assigned by the President; these duties may include acting as a liaison to chapters and committees and meeting planning and leadership.

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 computer is available for the secretary's use. Computer/fax access and experience are helpful.

Treasurer: Serves as the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer for the State Council. The treasurer is assisted by an accounting firm. Responsibilities include: charge of the 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 "Quickbooks" is suggested.

Board of Directors: Five (5) 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. From the 5 elected directors, one is further charged to act as a voting member of the State Council Executive Committee.

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

The current ENA State Council President is Faye Everson, her term expires at the end of 2008. 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 2008 Officer Application to Faye Everson at 64 Ebenezer Lane Brewster, MA 02631 or e-mail to faeverson@aol.com. Application deadline is July 1, 2007.

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

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

Learn more about these committees and their projects at www.mass-ena.org. Please contact committee chairs or Faye Everson to become involved.

THANK YOU for your interest in Massachusetts ENA. Please join us at an upcoming state council meeting or attend a local chapter meeting. Come and find out what Mass ENA is all about! Remember - we are YOUR emergency nursing organization - use us!!

NERS 2007.....A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!

Thanks to the efforts of an incredible group of Massachusetts ENA members, the NERS 2007 planning committee, 167 nurses from throughout New England and as far away as Delaware and California joined together in Plymouth April 25th - 27th for a very successful 32nd annual New England Regional Symposium. Under the guidance of co-chairs Gina Crocker and Julie Bunn, this group began the planning over a year ago. Many meetings and conference calls were held. The e-mail numbers were too many to count. But friendships were solidified and the entire experience was life-changing.

The Education committee co-chaired by Gail Lenehan and Anne Manton put together an exciting and diverse educational program. Joan Cooper-Zack and Jeanne Ulmer and their Hospitality committee arranged exciting sight-seeing tours, a wine tasting course and an unforgettable evening of song and desserts with Freddie and the Maybellines. They also solicited donations of over 50 items that were raffled to participants. A very special hurrah goes to Deb Tonelli and Eva Bodio for soliciting support of 45 vendor exhibitors who shared their products and services with the participants. And of course, many thanks to Deb Delaney and her Registration committee.

The question remains.....would this group come together again to plan another large conference? Hmmmm, ask us in 2013 when Massachusetts' turn rolls around again. I'd be willing to bet the answer is "YES, absolutely!!"

Watch our web site for pictures!

Next year NERS 2008 will be held in Mystic, Connecticut. Planning meetings have already taken place and they have promised some exciting events and an interesting educational program. Watch for details on our web site!

Mass ENA list serve....

An untapped resource for Massachusetts ENA members and ED nurses in general. Pose questions about practice issues, share information about educational opportunities, let your peers know about jobs, and network with nurses from across the state. Conversation has been slow recently but the potential is there to gather and share emergency nursing information and stories. To subscribe simply go to:

Mass-ENA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION
NOMINATION APPLICATION for
2008 STATE COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTION

STATE COUNCIL OFFICER YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

Name: _____ ENA # _____

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 are that Mass ENA should focus on in 2008:

Please return this application to Faye Everson at 64 Ebenezer Lane Brewster, MA 02631 by July 1, 2007.

National Elections

You should have received a ballot from National ENA for the 2008 elections, either by e-mail or a paper ballot. If you have not, please contact the national office at 800/900/9659. Please visit www.ena.org and read about the candidates for President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors and Nominations Committee. Each has posted personal statements and demographic information - including professional history and ENA history. There is also a link for you to ask the candidates questions. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about all the candidates and make an educated vote. Your vote does matter! The more votes, the louder our voice!

Membership deadline

The number of delegates each state may send to the Annual General Assembly is proportionate to our number of state members. We are eligible to have a delegate to represent every 50 state members. We currently have over 700 members in Massachusetts, meaning we are able to send 14 delegates with 2 alternates along with our state president to Salt Lake city. If your membership is nearing expiration, please renew! If you have co-workers who are not members - please encourage them to join. June 15th is the deadline for membership status determination. (the deciding factor in the number of delegates we are eligible for). If you have any questions about membership, feel free to contact our membership chair Jay Barrett with questions at jbarrett@ccstaffing.com or the membership department at the national office at 800/243/8362.

Massachusetts ENA Annual meeting

Join us on Wednesday September 19th at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough for our annual meeting. At this exciting meeting we will announce our 2008 officers as well as discuss Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions submitted to the 2007 General Assembly. Watch the Mass ENA web site www.mass-ena.org and the national web site www.ena.org for more information about this meeting and the list of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions on the agenda this year.

Newsletter and Web site content....

Do you have ideas about content for future newsletters? We are looking for member news, meeting news, clinical challenges or successful projects. We would love to share your information with Mass ENA members in the newsletter and on-line at www.mass-ena.org You don't need to be a writer, suggestions and ideas are always welcome! Send to Robin Walsh at rwrn627@aol.com Thank you!!!

State Council meeting June 20th

Join us in Western Mass at the **Clarion Hotel in Northampton on June 20th** for our next State Council meeting. Some of the agenda items include:

- CEN review update
- Triage course update
- Proposed legislation surrounding the care of the Psychiatric patient in the ED
- Networking session in Salt Lake City
- TNCC update
- And.....

State Council meetings are opportunities to network with other Massachusetts ED nurses, learn what is happening across the state that may impact you and your practice and enjoy new friends. If you have ideas about content for future meetings, please contact Joan Cooper-Zack our Nurse Practice committee chair at joanczack@msn.com. If you plan to attend the June 20th meeting, **please RSVP by June 15th** to Laurie Raymond at Laura.Raymond@caritaschristi.org Lunch will be served. There is no charge for ENA members. A \$10 fee will be charged for non members. All ED nurses are welcome!!!

Don't forget to vote in the national ENA elections!!!

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