

Metro Atlanta Chapter Meeting
The Emergency Nurses Association
April 16, 2009
Minutes

Members Present:

Denise Proto (Northside Forsyth)	Julia Bossie (St. Joseph's)
Pam Campbell (Northside Atlanta)	Pam Bradley (Northside Forsyth)
Terri Sullivan (Emory University Hospital)	Margie Lane (CHOA Scottish Rite)
Marianne Hatfield (CHOA Scottish Rite)	Whitney Godwin (Emory University Hospital)
Chris Munn (Northside Forsyth)	Kelly Wiedard (NGCSU student)
Jackie DeLagrange (NGCSU student)	Moji Bakarr (NGCSU student)
Paula Funderburke (Emory University Hospital)	Donnette Todd (Emory University Hospital)
Ashleigh Turner (NGCSU student)	Casey Tiller
Mary Giessen	Tina Frey (CHOA)
Becky Weidler (Gwinnett Medical Center)	Cheryl MacMillan (Gwinnett Medical Center Duluth)
Sam Sharter (Emory University Hospital)	

Welcome! Greetings to everyone who was able to attend and thank you to Emory University Hospital for hosting the meeting this month.

I. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2009 Meeting

Minutes from the January meeting were attached to the agenda and are also on the Georgia ENA web site at gaena.org. The minutes were approved as written by Terri Sullivan and second approval came from Donnette Todd.

II. Education.

Infection Control in the ED: "Make My Day...Get The Germs Away"
Presented by Terri Sullivan and Samuel Shartar. Isolation precautions in the ED were discussed.

III. Treasury Report

The Metro Atlanta chapter currently has \$3207.78 in the checking account. This includes monies sent from the national headquarters on a quarterly basis that represents a portion of the dues paid by each member.

IV. SESS Committee Report

This conference takes place in Orlando from May 29 through May 31 and pre-conference sessions are planned for May 27 and 28. The registration deadline has been extended to April 30, 2009 and good deals at Disney resorts are available as well as the rate at Caribe Royale that was reserved for attendees through the SESS committee. Copies of the brochure were available during the meeting.

V. *Review of 2009 Goals*

i. Assist with state sponsored Education Day October 2009

The education day will be Saturday October 24, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta. Some of the scheduled speakers include Gail Lenehan who is the board liaison for Georgia and she will present on Leadership in ENA. Innocence Atlanta will be speaking about human trafficking in this state. Becky Weidler will present on Team Triage, the talk she gave at ENA Leadership in Reno this year. State wide awards will be presented in the following categories: Rising Star, Mentor, Leadership and Education. Information about the awards is on the GA ENA web site under the Education link. There will be more information about this event (flyer and registration information) posted soon on the GA ENA web site. Again, this is www.gaena.org.

ii. Increase Attendance and/or membership

We did brainstorm ways to increase attendance at our meetings. It was pointed out that AACN has ambassadors who act as 'point people' at each hospital represented in their membership. The metro chapter has over 400 registered members from many hospitals but the number of people who actually attend meetings is a relatively small percentage. The suggestion was made for those members present to contact personally someone from another area hospital that was not represented. Julia Bossie will gather a list of hospitals in the metro area and email to those members who expressed an interest in this 'reaching out door to door' method of contact.

VI. *State Council President Information*

The summary of the state council president's conference call was read aloud. This summary was sent out by Betsy Jordan, Georgia's state council president and recapped the February 2009 conference call. Emphasis was placed on the State Challenge for the ENA Foundation; last year Georgia gave \$2020 to the state challenge and gave \$3250 in 2007. Each chapter is challenged to conduct a fundraiser this year or to collect donations to increase Georgia's contributions.

VII. Board Update

The 2009 National elections for ENA's Board of Directors begins May 14, 2009 and goes through June 12, 2009. Our own Chris Guisness is running for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. There is a link on the gaena.org web site to meet the candidates and you will be able to vote when the time comes.

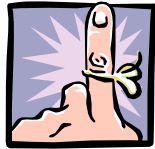
VIII. New Business

a. CEN review class

There was some general discussion about this as a fund raiser for the metro Atlanta chapter. Julia Bossie will organize a meeting of those interested in helping with this. Denise Proto, Cindy Cox, Becky Weidler and Terri Sullivan all expressed an interest in helping with this. It was decided to have this in 4 four hour stand alone classes for people and August was tentatively decided upon as the month to start this.

b. New chapter

A new chapter of ENA has recently formed. It is the Lorene Newberry chapter and will capture folks from the Wellstar Kennestone area. They will plan to meet every other month during 2009 and the next meeting is May 28, 2009.



Upcoming Events:

- Next state council meeting Saturday May 2, 2009 12 noon in Macon at the Medical College of Central Georgia
- SESS May 26-31, 2009 in Orlando
- **Next Metro Atlanta Chapter meeting: Thursday July 9, 2009 at 6pm at CHOA/Scottish Rite**