

GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION
MINUTES: AUGUST 16, 2002
MACON, GA

Members Present: Randy Huey, President-Metro Atlanta
Sheri Leslein, President-Elect-Heart of Georgia
Maureen Merson, Secretary-Metro Atlanta
Lynn Stuart-Coastal Empire
Linda Denhardt-Coastal Empire
Jon Kent-Heart of Georgia
Becky Holmes-Coastal Empire
Robert Young-Heart of Georgia
Ann Roman-Heart of Georgia
Chris Gisness-Metro Atlanta
Jennifer Heyer-Southwest Georgia
Nancy Capponi-Metro Atlanta

Meeting called to order 7:45pm. Minutes approved with correction: Linda Denhardt member of Coastal Empire Chapter.

Treasurers Report: July activity and current checkbook balance reported to the council.

Primary Agenda for this meeting is to discuss the 2002 Proposed ENA Bylaw Amendment and Resolutions. No members present had received a delegate package from ENA national at this time. Several members had copies of this information that was distributed at the previous meeting. The following were discussed at length:

Bylaw Number 02-01: Vacancies and Quorum

Concerns expressed: Because so much activity occurs at the end of the year it is important that the director position should be filled even if 3months or less until the end of the year. Also, board decisions should require 6 voting members due to concern that a majority approval may leave decision making to a small group and not necessarily representative of the board. Need further information of actual numbers of board members.

Resolution 02-01 Academy of Emergency Nursing

The council felt that more information was needed to completely consider this resolution. Many concerns about the financial aspects, additional dues, cost to the organization, selection process and purpose. Lynn to investigate and gather information on AAN (American Academy of Nursing) to provide the council with additional insight of an academy and criteria.

Resolution 02-02 National Five-Level Triage System

Some council members were familiar with working with a Five-Level Triage System or knew of hospitals that had tried it. Some EDs that tried this changed back to former system. Concerns as how this would work for large and small hospitals equally, expense of work group, and questioned if ACEP supported this system.

Overall conclusions after discussion of the above led to "NO" votes on all of the above at this time pending further information and discussion to occur at General Assembly.

Chris Gisness relayed information about the ENA Foundation, purpose and needs. A motion was made for Georgia to make a donation. It was unanimously decided to make a donation of \$2500.00 to the ENA Foundation for unrestricted funds.

Committee Reports:

ENCARE: All plans made for State Meeting Aug. 17, 2002. The next ENCARE Volunteer training session will be in Valdosta, early October.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: No chair at this time. Jon Kent agreed to be the chairperson.

MEMBERSHIP: No new activity.

TRAUMA: CATN update to be available soon. Information will be out soon about the upcoming Trauma Coordinator Meeting to be held at Marriott Century in Atlanta.

PEDIATRIC: Still trying to get photos for recruitment video.

SESS: per Sherri: Site visit was made to Grove Park Inn. 100 vendors and space for this many to set up available. Still looking for speakers to complete all the tracks. Georgia is responsible for registration and need help from members for this, especially Fri night and Sat morning. Registration booth area was decided on during site visit.

Motion was made: For the council to start a task force to investigate establishing an educational scholarship fund for Georgia ENA members. This was unanimously approved. A sign up sheet was passed around for any members interested in serving on this task force. Chris Gisness will head the task force. The first meeting to be in New Orleans, time and place to be determined. Chris will notify the volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

International Journal of Trauma will no longer be available, is being replaced with Disaster Management and Response.

George Velianoff Exec. Deputy Director resigned. New Executive Director:

Donna Nowakowski. Announcement on national website.

National Board of Directors met in July, Randy relayed overview of that meeting: approved position statements for BCEN, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Mass Casualty Incidents. Will be press release with NHTSA to support "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

Discussed Injury Prevention, ENA Awards, Regional Management Courses, Benchmark Staffing and Razzle Dazzle.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Coastal Empire- Next meeting 4th week of September.

Heart of Georgia-Last meeting 7/15, approx. 15 attendees, drug rep sponsored, had speaker from Safe Kids, planning fund raiser for education, plan elections for last week in September.

Southwest Georgia-No recent activity. Next meeting scheduled for fall.

Metro Atlanta- no recent activity.

No Reports available from: Chattahoochee Valley, Golden Isles, Northeast Georgia, Savannah River.

ELECTION: Election was held to fill the position of President-Elect for 2003:

Lynn Stuart elected to this position.

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 09, 2002 at 12noon at Henry Medical Center.

Meeting adjourned 10:00pm