

Georgia Emergency Nurses Association  
State Council Meeting  
March 6, 2004  
Stockbridge, GA.

Members present: Lynn Kallfelz, President  
Robert Young, President Elect  
Ann Roman, Secretary  
Sheri Leslein, Heart of Georgia Chapter  
Beth Hudson-Weirs, Heart of Georgia Chapter  
Becky Holmes, Coastal Empire Chapter  
Maureen Merson, Metro Atlanta Chapter  
Esther Baker, Metro Atlanta Chapter  
Jan Turner, Metro Atlanta Chapter  
Sandy Dudek, Metro Atlanta Chapter

I. Introductions of members present ( noted above)

II. Approval of January 8, 2004 minutes and agenda. Motion made to send out minutes of each meeting to board members prior to each meeting was approved. All board members need to visit the Georgia ENA website to make sure their e-mail address is correct. Lynn will send out ticklers out 2-3 weeks prior to each state meeting to remind membership of date, time and location of meetings in the future. The May 6th meeting will not be held in West Tower of the Medical Center. New location to be posted on the Website.

III. Treasurer's report: Balance as of March 4,2004= \$29,591.97. Copy of itemized report to be included in the March minutes. Lynn to ensure the nonprofit tax fee has been paid for 2004.

Bob Young to prepare budget for 2004.

Sheri Leslein recommended that a committee be formed to audit books and help work on the budget. Lynn proposed that the May meeting we would start the new budget so it will be ready to submit to national office by July. It was decided by members present the budget review would be immediately after the May 6th meeting.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. ENCARE: Becky states she has not heard from Sonya Self from the Governor's office so there have been no grants from them recently. Becky has had 2 more Encare training sessions. She trained 8 nurses in Gainesville and 11 nurses at Atlanta Northside Hospital. Becky attended the Trauma Conference and passed out brochures and had a car seat raffle. She also attended a health fair at the Statesboro mall 2-7-04 that included a car seat raffle and car seat check point . She reported that they checked about 20 car seats.

Encare to receive another You Drink, You Drive, You lose grant in June or July.

Encare Budget has \$5,286.00 in budget after expenses of trainings and health fairs.

The State Encare meeting is to be in August TBA. Becky continues to look for grants and is reserving the money in the budget for ENCARE supplies and training.

The new Gun Safety program is being redone and will possibly come out soon.

B. Govt Affairs: David Boyd has left Grady and is no longer a Georgia ENA Member. Maureen Merson will now take over as chair of this committee.

C.Membership: Committee Chair Sheri Leslein reports that she went to the start up meeting in Dahlonega on Jan. 29. Deidra Markarian had a vendor sponsor a speaker and had food. Unfortunately only 2 attendees came. Deidra is still working on getting 5 required members to form a chapter.

Sheri is still addressing the TNCC courses about the benefits of ENA membership and giving out membership information. Sheri still has not received a membership list from National.

ENA.org get a member campaign was also presented to the group.

Sheri and Bob to look at the cost of printing a postcard with a welcome message and dates of our meetings to send out to new members. They would also like to send out a welcome back we missed you postcard to those members who did not renew or are not active members.

It was voted and approved for Sheri and Bob to explore these and go forth with this idea.

D. Trauma: Sandy and Jan will contact instructors who have discrepancies in the number of courses they have taught and don't qualify. The ENA database is not up date.

Chris is to get them a job description of what their duties are and information for previous years. Lynn is concerned that they need to fill out the national information sheet of who is on the committee and send it to the national office. Sheri Leslein is to join the committee.

E. Pediatric: Nancy sent word that there have been a lot of ENPC courses done. The next one is April 24&25 at Grady and there will be a course in Savannah in May.

F. Research: Beth has no research project at present. Her goal is to start one in June. She is currently in the learning stages of learning how to collect data and do research.

G. Nursing Practice: Esther reports hearing a lot about nurse: patient ratios. ENA has written a manual on this topic. There was also a brief discussion on LPNs working outside their scope of practice. Lynn proposed posting a question on our ENA website asking members what topics they would like more information on.

Esther stated that Henry County has started using the 5 level triage. Esther to do an article for the website of their experience and references used for training.

H. Education: No chair at present. Sheri had a request from Dan Johnson a psychologist who wants to do a presentation to trial his presentation for ENA scientific assembly. Sheri will invite him to the May meeting. Lynn will look in to obtaining CEUs for this presentation.

#### V: Chapter Reports:

Costal Empire: The chapter is having an open house and is sending a personal invitation to each member at the hospitals. They are trying to get a dedicated liaison at each hospital to keep members informed of future meetings. The local ACCN chapter has a new president so they have not been invited to educational offerings lately.

Heart of Georgia Chapter: President Beth Hudson-Weirs reported that the January meeting had 16 attendees. There was a vendor-sponsored speaker on ACS. The 3 main hospitals in the area had representatives there. The chapter gave two new memberships away as door prizes. Mails out were sent to all hospital regarding the date and time of the March 25th meeting at Logan's Steakhouse in Macon. Beth still wants to visit each of the 14 hospitals in the chapter to recruit members and find a liaison in each hospital. The chapter will also look at different meeting times and locations to try and boost attendance at meetings.

Golden Isles: Chris and Sheri are doing a TNCC course in the area and will try to spark interest in restarting a chapter there.

Lynn had the idea to divide up the 5 inactive chapters among the board members to see if can find contacts interested in revving the chapters. Sandy and Jan are going to Rome in April and May and will try to make contact with a contact person to determine their interest in forming a chapter.

Sheri can provide a list of members in the region if any one is interested in forming a chapter in their area. Any one interested can e-mail Sheri at Leslein.Sheri@ mccc.org.

#### VI. Old Business:

A. SESS: Brochure was given out to take back to all hospitals. The rest of the brochure should be in the mail soon. This year SESS flyers are also being sent to ENA members in Alabama and Tennessee.

Lynn has received 27 confirmations by vendors so far. We are allotted 50 vendors. Lynn has numerous phone calls out to potential vendors and needs help with phone calling to big sponsors. She will send out list of 15 hot prospects. Freeman-White has donated the funds for the party at SESS.

The board voted and approved the allotment of a \$5000.00 SESS Scholarship for Georgia ENA members who attend SESS. A flyer will be posted on the Georgia ENA website by Lynn and a draft of the flyer was created to be placed in the Georgia hospital SESS flyers sent out with the board. Each Georgia ENA member will be eligible for a portion of the funds up to

\$250.00 depending on total number of Georgia ENA members who provide proof of attendance. The amount of the reward is to be determined by # of attendees divided into the \$5000.00 up to maximum of \$250.00 per attendee. New members of ENA will also be eligible. The hope is to get new ENA members through this scholarship offering.

Lynn just got the tax ID number to give to sponsors. Some of them were waiting for this number before sending in their money so this hurt the recruitment of sponsors.

The State ENA is going to pay for the president, president-elect and immediate board president and any one on the board for SESS. Lynn to reserve 6 rooms for participants. Vendor committee will also include Beth Hudson-Weirs, Ann Roman and Esther Baker.

The Jimmy Buffet party will be on Friday night of SESS.

B. Report on Leadership held in Salt Lake City. Sheri reported it was the best conference she attended. The candidate forum went well. Chris Gisness is running for a seat on the board. Each candidate had to answer the same two questions and these will be published for the membership to read.

Lynn attended the leadership conference and said it focused on recruitment and how to keep chapters going.

The blue Ribbon commission is rewriting the bylaws. Lynn will try and obtain copies for the board to review. The Blue Ribbon commission also is proposing a 2-tier system vs. 3-tier level of the ENA organization.

Chris needs the receipts of Leadership to issue reimbursement of members qualified to receive these funds. Lynn passed out a Georgia ENA reimbursement form for approval to use as a tool for people to turn in when they attend state sponsored events

C. Chris Gisness would like Georgia ENA to think about donating funds to the ENAF scholarship. It was proposed by Maureen that we do so on a yearly basis. Chris sent word she would like us to put this in next year's budget.