

Georgia Emergency Nurses Association  
State Council Meeting  
May 6, 2004  
Macon, GA.

Members Present: Lynn KallFelz, President- Coastal Empire  
Robert Young, President-Elect-Heart of Georgia  
Ann Roman, Secretary- Heart of Georgia  
Chris Gisness, Treasurer- Metro Atlanta  
Susan Colston- Metro Atlanta  
Mary Thacher- Metro Atlanta  
Sheri Leslein,-Heart of Georgia  
Linda Bagley,-Heart of Georgia  
Jan Turner,-Metro Atlanta  
Sandy Dudek- Metro Atlanta

I. Introductions of members present (noted above).

II. Minutes of March 6, 2004 were corrected by Lynn KallFelz and Jan Turner to reflect that the SESS reimbursement was to include ½ room rate and mileage for the vendor committee workers. After this correction was submitted the minutes were approved by the members present.

III. President's Address: President Lynn KallFelz congratulated Nancy Capponi of the Metro Atlanta Chapter who was selected by her hospital as a nominee for the Nurse of the year. Lynn reported that all the SESS attendees had a fun time and worked hard to represent our State. Sheri Leslein complimented Lynn on her organization of the vendors. Lynn stated that Andre Novak from the SESS Registration Committee complimented how well organized and supportive our chapter was and how the vendor's desk was never left unmanned. Thanks to all SESS Vendor workers ; Lynn KallFelz, Chris Gisness, Ann Roman, Beth Hudson-weiers, Esther Baker, Diane Studstill, Jan Turner, Bob Young and Sheri Leslein. Also thanks to Linda Bagley and Analynn Young and Judy Thomas who also assisted the committee.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Balance as of May 6, 2004 is \$27,130.38. Copy of itemized report to be included in the May minutes.

Cost outstanding to include the 16 ENA members will to be reimbursed for their registration for SESS from the SESS Scholarship money voted on at the March State Council Meeting.

V. Committee Reports:

ENCARE- Becky Holmes ENCARE chair received the other half of the You Drink You Drive You Lose Grant money per Lynn. The annual ENCARE meeting will be in Macon in August. See the Georgia ENA web site for exact date and location.

Government Affairs- Maureen Merson sent an email about a report seen in the Atlanta newspaper on the Congressional Voting week of 4/3-4/9 regarding medical malpractice. Voting 49 for and 48 against, the Senate failed to reach 60 votes for advancing a GOP bill to curb lawsuits against Obstetricians, Gynecologists and Emergency Room Doctors. The bill would cap pain and suffering awards at \$250,000 and limit punitive damages to \$250,000, whichever is greater. The bill would curb lawyer fees and narrow periods for filing suits. A yes vote was to advance the bill.

Georgia Delegation:

Saxby Chambliss (R) voted YES

Zell Miller (D) voted YES

Membership: Sheri Leslein reported that Diedre Markarian from Dahlonga has 5 members to start a chapter. And she is sending Michelle McPhillips from Columbus a packet of information for their June Meeting.

Metro Atlanta is planning a meeting in July. This will give us 3 more active chapters.

The Heart of Georgia Chapter has been giving away ENA memberships at each meeting thereby expanding their membership numbers.

Bob and Sheri have bought ENA notepads to send a personal note to include meeting dates and times of council meetings to each new member, expired member and members from the member list provided by national.

Bob also wants to explore using a evite ( a totally free website) to send electronic invitations to all Georgia ENA members. He says you can also post questions/polls on it. Bob sees it as a good way to communicate with members and have them communicate back. On an evite Bob will put out a link to take members to the Georgiaena.com web site.

Bob to also to talk to the webmaster Brian Cesar about posting the Philadelphia pictures and an article to call for delegates for Scientific Assembly.

Delegate letters to be sent out in June by Lynn.

Trauma- Jan and Sandy got the packet from ENA containing the list of TNCC instructors. A number of courses are missing evaluations. There were 6 people who had poor ratings and they will send letters to those individual stating they will need to be re-monitored.

There was also some discussion on CATN courses offered and imposing guidelines that need to be met in order for the state council to pay for these classes.

It was discussed that the State council has paid for these courses in the past but have not recouped enough to cover the cost.  
Lynn to draft a letter for the Trauma committee and treasurer to look at stating that the Board needs to be informed in advance of any CATN courses offered and the proposed budget if the instructor expects the State Council to pay for the course materials.

Pediatric : ENPC update tapes and materials given to Chris Gisnes and 2 ENPC instructor courses taught. So far there are 8 new instructors of which 5 have been checked off. The new ENPC course must be used by all after November 1st. The ENPC update course takes about 4 hours. You must have the provider manual to take the update course.

Research: Beth still looking at a few different topics.

Nursing Practice; Esther still working on a 5 level triage article.

Education- Mary Thacher to work on getting a speaker on 5level triage to speak at the Nov. meeting in Stockbridge.

#### VI. Chapter Reports

Coastal Empire- At their last meeting only 2 people showed up. Lynn to set up another meeting.

Heart of Georgia- Continues to have sponsored meetings and giving away free ENA Memberships to increase participation of new members.

#### VII. New Business:

Currently there are 3 chapters in Georgia that are not active (Savannah River, Albany, and Golden Isle. Chattochee, Dalonghea, and Metro Atlanta are possibly re-activating their chapters.  
Lynn to check with national about deleting chapters that are no longer active.

Sheri Leslein states that she believes that the State Council must send a letter to every member in that chapter area that is not active to see if anyone is interested in revitalizing the chapter.

At this point Bob Young proposed that we consider a two tier system. After much lively discussion the board decided to table this discussion until after General Assembly since we are sure this will be a topic in the delegate forum.

#### Old Business:

It has been found that last year's taxes were not filed and our balance was greater than the allowed 25,000.00. Chris Gisness to go to H&R block and file last year's taxes. It looks like we will have to pay a late penalty.

Chris proposed that in the future the books be closed and balanced by November 30th. or before turning the books over to the new treasurer.

Our nonprofit status application has been refiled and granted.

SESS: Georgia has been assigned vendors again next year. It was suggested that next year we have some vendors that sale things like uniforms, jewelry, and shoes.

Lynn passed out copies of the SESS contact and information packets for Charleston. Lynn to send out Thank you letters to the 2004 vendors to include applications for the 2005 SESS.

Lynn will to have the bylaws ready to review for the November State meeting.

Chris Gisness suggested that all the members of the Georgia board need to go to the President's meeting at general assembly. In the past the cost for the president and president-elect of the state and local chapters were free. Chris proposes in the future the board look at including these costs in the budget to send all interested board members.

Next State meeting is in August. See web sit for Date and Location.