

State Council Meeting

January 13th, 2005

Macon, Georgia

Members Present

: Robert Young, President - Heart of Georgia

Nancy Capponi, President –elect- Metro Atlanta

Ann Roman, Secretary-Heart of Georgia

Chris Gisness, Treasurer- Metro Atlanta

Jan Turner, Trauma co-chair- Metro Atlanta

Mary Thacher, Education Chair- Metro Atlanta

Lynn KallFelz, immediate past president- Coastal Empire

Sheri Leslein, Membership Chair- Heart of Georgia

Linda Denhardt- Coastal Empire

Cathy Cribbs- Coastal Empire

Becky Holmes, Encare chair- Coastal Empire

Anita Watson- Albany

Beth Hudson-Weirs, Research Chair- Heart of Georgia

I.

- see members listed above

Introductions

II.

Approval of minutes

III.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Nov. 6, 2004 = \$19,476.11

Debits = \$4,736.93

Credits = \$5,180.00

Balance as of Jan. 13, 005 = \$23,626.00

IV.

Committee Reports

a.

ENCARE

b.

Education-

c.

Government Affairs

1.

Public Safety- an article about lawmakers wanting to restrict sale of cold pills and other medications containing a key ingredient used to make illegal methamphetamine.

2.

Public Health-Budget cuts that would mean fewer health care services for the uninsured, disabled and poor. The article also discusses Gov. Perdue's proposal to create an HMO-like organization for about 800,000 recipients of Medicaid.

3.

Tort Reform-legislation designed to cap jury awards in medical malpractice cases.

Maureen also sent general information on passing a bill, how to contact legislature representatives and how to track what's going on during the legislature session. Copies to be placed in minutes.

d.

Membership

Sheri has not received any reports from Diedre in North Georgia or Michelle in Chattahoochee.

Nancy Capponi in Metro Atlanta has not had a meeting yet.

Anita Watson from Albany to get with Sheri regarding information on how to start a chapter in the Albany and surrounding area. Anita reports there is lots of interest there. Sheri to send them a membership list and help the chapter track down the treasury funds for that chapter. Nancy and Sheri volunteered to attend their first meeting.

e.

Pediatrics

f.

Trauma-

g.

Research-

Sheri Leslein is a member of the Nominating Committee of National ENA. She informed us that there are still 6 slots open on this committee and anyone interested can go online to find out how to become a member of this all important committee. Terms for this position are 2 years for top nominees and 1 year for the others.

Chris Gisness suggested at this point that each year the President (State and Local) hand out certificates to all committee chairs/members for them to have to proof of their roles. This would help members document their participation which is often needed when running for a National office.

V.Chapter Reports

a. Coastal Empire- Cathy Cribbs president reports their next meeting will be Feb.25th. The meeting will be sponsored by Ketek and they are inviting students and PA's .

b. Heart of Georgia- Beth reported lots of recruitment this year in a large part due to giving away free membership chances at the meetings. Goal this year to do fund raising to help send members to conventions and seminars. Next meeting maybe first week in February

c. North Georgia- no report

d. Chattahoochee- no report

e. Metro Atlanta- no meeting yet.

V.

Old Business

a.

Bob Young president explained the March meeting date changed to March 19th so that information obtained at Leadership could be presented. Members voted to accept the change and approved the November minutes with this correction.

b.

Chris Gisness State treasurer still needs contact with local chapters to obtain their financial reports for the income tax reports. As well as their banking information so the state will have a trail to track now local chapter funds if a chapter dissolves.

C. Current Review of Bylaws

Goal to make job description for each officer's role and to have mentoring by outgoing officer to the new officer.

ii.

Review of current point system for delegates to National assembly. All agreed that points need to be more weighted on participation and attendance at meetings. There needs to be more clarification/ verification on points for presentations. Also clear guidelines on what to do when a delegate drops out. Copy of California State Council delegate application and point tabulation form given to membership to look at. May meeting sent as goal to revise our current system.

Committee formed to make suggestions on points- Chris, Bob, Lynn and Sheri.

iv

. Monitoring of Courses- Trauma and pediatric chairs will compare lists. Jan Turner, Sandy Dudek, Chris Gisness and Nancy Capponi.

VI. New Business

There was discussion that at some point we might need to archive our records on a disc in case the minutes are lost and someone needs to prove their participation in the future.

a.

President's mission and vision for 2005.

Mission-

ii.

Vision-

iii.

Bob to send out his newsletter quarterly to membership.

b.

C. Communication

Strategic Goals for 2005.

i.Planning phase

1. SWOT Analysis- Will help identify the strategy-related factors that can have an effect on this organization. Each council member to choose 5 top items from each heading (weakness, strengths, opportunities, threats) and fillout worksheet and send to State President Bob Young by Jan. 31st. Bob will compile the results. Please rate items 1-5.

- Website changed to new company-PPhost. Lynn Kallfelz to follow-up with Brain Caesar to see why updates have not been put on website.

D. Project Hope Tsunami relief discussed. Council voted to send \$1000.00 to support an emergency nurse to go to help with the relief effort.

E. Leadership in Florida

. State President and President-elect to go. Also Local Chapter presidents or president- elects may attend with financial support from state council. Budget for this is \$4770.00. Therefore 9 people can be given \$525.00 to attend. Sheri Leslein local chapter presidents to extend this offer

F. SESS

- State Budget for 2005 allows \$3928.00 . We need to take 6 people to work the vendor's booth. Last year we spent \$7245.00 but that included the \$5000.00 scholarship fund. Discussion on this will be tabled until March meeting.

G

. Council again voted to have scholarship fund for SESS this year. WE will have \$3000.00 scholarship for SESS attendees to be divided equally among Georgia ENA members who attend SESS. Maximum amount to be no more than \$275.00 per person. Scholarship money can be collected by attending a Georgia State meeting during the 2005 calendar year. Attendee's must also present their ENA membership card and CECH record to claim their scholarship funds.

H.

Discussion on payment of President's total cost of doing business and attending conferences tabled for now.

Meeting adjourned.

That all Emergency Nurses in the state of Georgia obtain ENA membership. Plan to have membership drives during Emergency Nurse Week, Get recruitment information from ENA and send members to hospitals to recruit. To provide the most value for our current membership's dues. At this point Bob was complimented on his newsletter to the Georgia ENA members.

i.

1.

We need system for monitoring of TNCC and EPNC.

Committee formed to look at revision of the bylaws. Members to include : Nancy Capponi, Sheri Leslein-chair, Jan Turner, and Chris Gisness.

i.

Beth gave a report on MCCG's participation in the Polyheme study. Beth would like to give up this chair position for 2005 since she is very busy with her president role of the Heart of Georgia chapter. Jan sent out letters to 4 TNCC instructors stating they need to be evaluated due to their course evaluations. She also sent the names of 2 people to National to remove as instructors. Jan also followed up with the compliant of the student in the Tifton course. This person did not meet the 2 year nursing practice requirement to be an instructor candidate.-Nancy reports that 23 of 45 ENPC instructors have been updated. She is doing an update for 4 people this Saturday and at Children's Healthcare on Jan. 29th. February 28th is the last date to update. Only the new ENPC is to be taught after November 1, 2004. Lynn Kallfelz also gave Nancy a compliment regarding the difficult job of sending out letters to instructor candidates of the course done in Columbus where they had 3 instructors (one of which was not a validated to monitor students) and 5 instructor candidates which did not meet the approved monitor to instructor candidate ratio of 1:1. The candidates have been informed that they will have to be re-monitored at another ENPC course in order to complete the requirements to be an instructor. Additionally some of these instructor candidates need to attend an updated ENPC course by Feb 1st. There is going to be an ENPC at Rockdale Medical Center April 8th and 9th.-Sheri Leslein chair reports that she has had a Martha Gardner in Augusta contact her about reactivating that chapter. Sheri sent Martha a membership list and reports that Augusta plans to have their first meeting in mid to late January.- Maureen Merson- chair sent articles that concerned the key issues for the 2005 Georgia Legislature that are medical related; Mary Thacher reported she received an invitation to attend a meeting January 27th to discuss the Nurse Licensure Compact Act sponsored by the Occupational Health Nurse's Association. Basically the act would allow nurse to have a license in one state and practice in another state. This would also allow a way for state boards to share information about practicing nurses. Chris Gisness suggested that Mary check with Kari Kizck at National to see what has to be done for her to officially be a representative of ENA at this meeting..- Becky reports that she has not gotten any reports from chapters/providers giving presentations. She is afraid that ENCARE is fading out. The programs are outdated .National states they are preparing new programs (esp. The Gun Safety) but so far there is nothing new out. Spencer in the governor's office of Highway Safety said the grant she wrote was not approved and since that time Becky has not been able to get in touch with him. Currently Encare has about \$4000.00 and she is not having a booth at the trauma conference this year to save money for the supplies and brochures the chapters might need. Becky is trying to get money for brochures. Sheri Leslein proposed that the state council give funds if needed to Encare, The council voted to revisit this motion at a later date if needed. Becky plans to write another grant in June.-- motion made to defer approval until discussion of discrepancy regarding date of March meeting set in November minutes and date set in the President newsletter.**Georgia Emergency Nurses Association**