

Georgia

**Emergency Nurses Association**

**State Council Meeting**

**MARCH 19, 2005**

**Stockbridge**

, Georgia

**: Robert Young, President-Heart of Georgia**

**Nancy Capponi, President-elect- Metro Atlanta**

**Ann Roman, secretary- Heart Of Georgia**

**Chris Gisness, Treasurer- Metro Atlanta**

**Sheri Leslein, Membership chair- Heart of Georgia**

**Mary Thacher, Education chair-Metro Atlanta**

**Jan Turner, Trauma co-chair- Metro Atlanta**

**Sandy Dudek, Trauma co-chair- Metro Atlanta**

**Judy Thomas- Heart of Georgia**

**Beth Hudson-weires-Heart of Georgia**

**Lynn Kallfelz, immediate past president- Coastal Empire**

**Analynn Young- Heart of Georgia**

**Tina Frey- Metro Atlanta**

**Becky Weidler- Metro Atlanta**

**I.**

**Introductions**

**II.**

**Approval of Minutes and agenda-**

**III.**

**President's Report**

Bob gave information to the board on the topics he attended:

1.

Fiduciary and taxes- all state councils were offered insurance coverage. Georgia moved to accept this coverage. The Insurance plan is paid through an automatic deduction of a \$1.50 per member from the state's member's assessment fee. Therefore this needs to be included in the state budget next year.

2.

Archiving records, retention and bookkeeping.

3.

Newsletter and website design.

4.

Chapter and State Meeting 101. This session was more of a question and answer session. Nancy attended a work group on committees that covered topics such as reports from committees. Other topics discussed were setting goals for the year, having a plan, and having a state credit card and use the points from that card to offer airplane fare to attendees of conferences. This lead to a board discussion about needing strong operating procedures regarding the use of a credit card.

5.

The group also attended 8-9 round table discussions of which the outlines are provided in the binder provided with session topics by Bob. (Copy to be placed in the minutes).

**IV.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance Jan. 25-----	\$23,491.05
Deposits-----	\$3,954.00
Debits-----	\$1,882.25
Balance March 19---	\$25,702.02

**V.**

**Committee Reports**

Encare-

Chair not present due to family emergency.

#### Government Affairs

-Mary Thacher attended the Nurse Licensure Compact Act meeting sponsored by the occupational health nurses. Mary states there are 33 states interested in the compact. Mary reported that there were two Georgia state senate representatives and representatives from GNA interested in supporting/sponsoring this act at the next Georgia general assembly. Mary was not able to get in touch with anyone from National ENA to find out what is ENA position on this proposal. Mary to write a form letter and post it on our website so members can use it to show their support of this act.

#### Education:

Mary Thacher – Mary states that Medic Alert has teaching modules for CEUs. The representative has sent her information on the modules that are set up. Mary will send for the medic alert presentation and see if it is something we might be interested in.

Mary also reported that Bayer that sponsored the infectious disease CEU offering wants to take their program to the next level and present their program to hospitals. Bayer has asked Mary to represent the southeast. Bayer wants to come to SESS and recruit hospitals or representatives to present their program. Mary working to get them a table at SESS so they can recruit people to present their program.

#### Membership:

Sheri reported that Martha Gardiner from the Savannah River Chapter said they elected officers and will have their next meeting March 22 with Educational offering provided.

Sheri has sent Anita Watson from Albany information on how to start up a chapter.

Sheri reported there has not been any recent contact or information from the North Georgia or Chattahoochee chapters.

Chris Gisness stated that groups of at least 10 people who sign up for ENA membership together can receive a \$10.00 a person discount.

Mary Thacher reported that she recently got a membership packet from ENA that is available for member recruitment. The packet came with pens, brochures, copy of journals and posters.

#### Pediatrics:

Nancy reported that 8-10 people did not get their ENPC updates. Last June there were 45 instructors and only 35-40 have updated so far. Nancy asked if she should give up the pediatric chair, since she is president elect, and has other obligations. Nancy suggested that Tina Frey be appointed chair. After discussion by the board, Tina Frey was appointed interim pediatric chair by president Bob Young. Nancy also reported that the Rockdale ENPC course has been cancelled due to low participation. There is still a Savannah course plan for April. Nancy also discussed that at one of the leadership round tables there was a discussion to only send out letters to instructors who need mentoring based on low scores. According to Nancy there will be three more Geriatrics courses offered online for a fee.

## Trauma

: Jan and Sandy report that they have received quality reports from 2002-2004. They have one instructor that needed a letter sent and Jan has done this already. Forty instructors looked good and there were no complaints of instructors.

## Revision of Bylaw Committee

: The committee chair Sheri reported they met today and split the bylaws and procedures into two groups. First group will review the first eight articles and the second group the last eight. The group will also look at operating procedures that corresponds to the articles that they are working on. Each will bring back recommendation regarding points for delegates and committees. We want to put more emphasis on participation. Bob passed around example of Texas point system.

Bob to put March, April and May monthly calendars onto website. He would like to list serve about topics to discuss and have a teleconference like mention in the ENA connection.

## Chapter Reports:

1.

Coastal empire

2.

Heart of Georgia

3.

Metro Atlanta

## VII... Old Business-

1.

SESS- Lynn reports that last year we had 37 vendors that paid \$34,000 to participate.

This year so far we have 30 vendors that paid \$33,700.00 plus a \$15,000 AED to raffle off. Bob and Lynn still have a list of vendors to call who were uncommitted about their participation. The difficulty has been that the only time to contact the vendors is M-F daytime hours. Lynn did email out the new vendor letters with the tax number included.

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will receive 2 paid registrations for the state president and president elect.

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needs 6 volunteers to work the vendor's booth not counting Lynn, Sheri, Bob, Chris, and Nancy who are on the SESS board. A lively discussion regarding stipend to pay volunteers followed and payment for president, president-elect and immediate past president. followed. Volunteers will be needed on Thursday for 4 hours and then for 2 hour blocks on Friday and Saturday. Lynn to make up sign up list for time blocks.

The board voted and approved that volunteers will receive \$300.00 for working the booth plus can apply for funds from the SESS scholarship. This year's volunteers will be Ann, Beth, Sandy, Jan, Judy and Diane Studstill .

It was agreed that the state will pay for the state president, president-elect and immediate past president's ½ room and travel since they are Georgia's SESS committee.

Lynn

needs everyone to bring plug strips and industrial strength extension cords to SESS. WE will raffle off the ZOLL AED from the vendors table. This AED can be donated by the winner to a church, hospital, school, etc. The State will also consider raffling off a basket at the Georgia table that will be shared with the Heart of Georgia Chapter..

Lynn

also gave an update on the 2006 SESS, Georgia will be the host state.

SESS will be held in Savannah, Lynn provided information she received from both the Westin and Marriott regarding contract offerings made by both establishments. Shipping charges will be an issue with both places. Lynn states that using John Curtis is an option to handle the cost of shipping.

At this point due to the lateness of the hour the meeting was adjourned. Bob is to schedule a meeting at SESS in Charleston.

- Mary Thacher. president elect reports that they are still looking at meeting dates. They hope to have their first meeting in June. They plan to alternate their meetings between Piedmont and Northside hospital.-Beth reports that focus this year will be on retention and increase fundraising to send to people to conferences. Next meeting will be 4-14-05 and there be presentation on spinal cord injuries by Shepard's hospital. Heart of Georgia would like to have a booth at SESS to raise funds. -Lynn reported that they has meeting three weeks ago sponsor by drug rep. They have ten student nurses at the meeting. Lynn report that membership is up. She sent out mailings to unassigned members regarding the meeting. - Balance Nov. 6----\$19,476.11- Bob gave a brief report about the ENA Leadership Conference attended by him, Nancy, Sheri, Chris and Analynn. Bob made copies of the Session materials presented and passed these out to the board members in a binder. membership voted to approve with the correction of spelling of Kari Kizk name and moving of current agenda item of revision of bylaws to committees instead of heading of old business.- See roster above.