

Metro Atlanta Chapter of
The Emergency Nurses Association
January 8, 2009
Minutes

Members Present:

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| Denise Proto (Northside Forsyth) | Julia Bossie (St. Joseph's) |
| Shelley Burris | Cynthia Cox (Northside Atlanta) |
| Pam Bradley (Northside Forsyth) | Kevin Daniel (Northside Atlanta) |
| Amy Welch (Gwinnett Medical Center) | Debra Kimberly |
| Marianne Hatfield (CHOA) | Margie Lane (Scottish Rite) |
| Terry Brooks | Kelly Wiechard(sp?) |
| Jan Turner (Cartersville) | Sandy Dudek (Cartersville) |
| Terri Sullivan (Emory Atlanta) | Mirel Schmidt (St. Joseph's) |
| Chris Gisness (Grady) | |

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

- I. **Welcome** and general introductions: see above list.

- II. **Education.** Terry Suarez presented an educational inservice called Strengthening the Chain of Survival. She talked about ResQPod, an impedance threshold device that is being used now in some local Atlanta hospitals and by some EMS services as well.

- III. **Approval of Minutes** from August 14, 2008 meeting. Voted and approved my members present.

- IV. **Treasury Report - None given.**

- V. **New Business**
 - a. **Upcoming Meetings for 2009.** A list of meetings for 2009 was distributed; the Metro Atlanta chapter will meet in April at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, in July at a CHOA facility, in September at Gwinnett Medical Center Duluth and in December at Northside Hospital Atlanta. A list of these meetings was distributed along with dates for ENA Leadership, SESS and the General Assembly.

- b. **SESS Update.** **Sandy Dudek**, the Education Chair for SESS, provided an update on this conference. Information will be posted to the SESS website shortly and people will be able to register using that information. The conference will be in Orlando FL this year from May 29 through May 31. Presessions on May 27 and 28 will include CATN, a CEN review course and possibly a HazMat Training. Speakers are still being finalized but the opening speaker will be Terry Foster and the closing speaker will be Jeff Solheim. The theme for the event is "Leather and Lace".
- c. **Goals for Metro Atlanta Chapter for 2009.** There was some general discussion about goals for our committee during the coming year. Some of the topics considered included:
- i. **Education Day:** the Metro Atlanta Chapter will actively participate in planning of a state wide education day. This is a follow up to the October 4 day which was the first such event and was very successful. The date suggested for this was be Saturday, October 24, 2009. Julia Bossie, as chair of the GA ENA State Education Committee, supports this date and offered St. Joseph's as the site. Denise and Julia will bring this forward to the upcoming State Council meeting.
 - ii. **Bring a Buddy to a Meeting (Increase Attendance and/or membership).** The Metro Atlanta Chapter has a large list of current members but attendance at meetings is not representative of this. Ideas to increase attendance included:
 - Having the meetings at centrally located facility
 - Having CEUs or continuing education credits available
 - Food!

There has been talk that Well Star has expressed an interest in creating a chapter that will be more accessible for people who live on that side of the metro Atlanta area.

Sandy Dudek mentioned '40/40' which is the ENA goal to have 40,000 members nationally by 2010, which is the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of ENA.

- iii. **TNCC and ENPC classes being planned.** The suggestion was made to pool resources from several hospitals and present some large TNCC and ENPC provider classes. This could be seen as a fund raising event as well as a way to network with others.
Everyone was reminded that all classes are posted to the national ENA website once approved by ENA.

Sandy Dudek is the state TNCC chair person. Chris Guisness is the state ENPC chair person.

iv. **Other ideas for goals** included working within our chapter to help mentor with people from other hospitals. Chris mentioned that this is an initiative of the ENA Leadership Academy now also. We have a lot of talent among our own chapter members and mentoring is a way to be sure that the 'torch is passed'!

d. **SANE Training.** Denise Proto presented a lecture on Forensic Nursing at the October education day. As a follow up to that, she has been asked about SANE training coming up. Northside Forsyth is holding SANE Adult/Adolescent Training May 18-22, 2009. The cost is \$350.00 per person and 40 contact hours through GNA will be available. For more information and to register, go to www.theforensicnurse.com. This information and link has been posted to the GA ENA web site also.

VI. **Other Business.** Chris was able to give some updates throughout the meeting as our representative on the ENA Board. It was decided to add a section for Board Report to the agenda of future meetings.

Next Chapter meeting: April 16, 2008 at 6pm at Emory Hospital in Atlanta

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Proto, pending approval by all attending members.