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Message from Missouri State ENA Council President



ENA State President
Helen Sandkuhl, RN,
MSN, CEN, TNS,
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Welcome to the Missouri Emergency Nurses Association. Soon we will be celebrating 40 years as an organization. One of our goals is to get 40,000 members by 40 years! The numbers are all relative. Some may think forty years is a very long time and some may think of us as a very young organization.

I recently attended the ENA Leadership Challenge in Reno, Nevada. One topic of interest to me is that with nearly 40,000 members, we only have 10 % of the membership who take the time to vote. That bothers me a bit. The right to vote was not just handed to Americans. We had to fight for it and many died for it. Women were not even allowed to vote until the 1920's and with the majority of members of ENA being women; I would expect a higher percentage of our members to vote.

I was able to meet many of the candidates running for the Executive and Board positions. You can find out more about these interesting members in the 'Connection', and on the ENA Website. I encourage you all to take a minute and read about the candidate. Don't just vote because they are a 'diploma grad', a male, a female, no degrees, too many degrees, good picture, and ugly picture, from your state or not from your state.



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The elections are coming up soon and women in the early years had few legal rights and did not have the right to vote. Don't let this opportunity get by you. All of our membership needs to influence our organization decision making through voting.

Thanks for your time. I hope to see you at the May meeting,
Helen

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

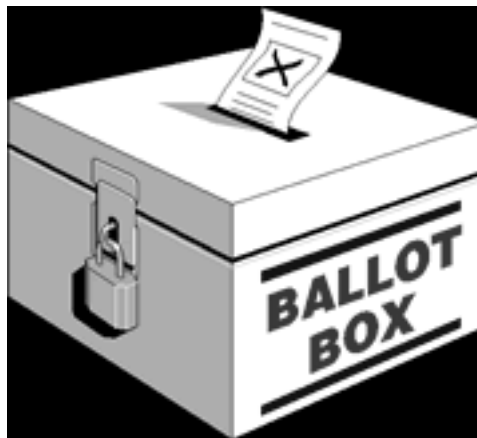
by Ginny Myerscough, Chairperson

The Membership Committee is in the process of developing a new point system that will be presented at state meeting in May. As of the end of February 2009, we have 692 members. In 2008, the state membership committee awarded 6 scholarships for our Combined Clinical Conference. These were randomly chosen from new members of each of the 6 state chapters. The six new members in 2008 that received scholarships to the Combined Clinical Conference were:

- ◆ Carey Beck--Kansas City
- ◆ Tim O'Brien--St. Louis
- ◆ Julia Blair --Ozark
- ◆ Karen Scott--Crescent
- ◆ James Clifton-- SEMO
- ◆ Kari Elliott--Central

We will do the same thing for our 2009 Combined Clinical Conference. So, if you know of someone considering joining ENA, this may be an incentive recruitment tool. In addition, during the conference the State ENA Council will pay \$50.00 toward the yearly ENA membership dues and the new member will pay \$46.00. WHAT A DEAL! We also encourage EMT's, Paramedics, Student Nurses and LPN's to join, and are offering free memberships for these groups.. Contact your local ENA Chapter for information.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE



Please get out and vote. Your vote does make a difference. Last year the membership committee sent out letters and our voter turnout increased from 3% to 10.2%. We were in the top 12 states in voting percentage. Thanks to all of you who voted in 2008. We would certainly like to increase that percentage this year and would love to be the state with the highest percentage of votes. We can do it !!! Thanks for making a difference. It only takes a few minutes. You can view and read about the candidates in the upcoming May ENA Connection as well as on the ENA Website.



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INJURY PREVENTION COMMITTEE

by Tony Mitchell,, Chairperson



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“He had only had it for a week.” was the comment from my patient’s wife. My patient was intubated, sedated, had one fixed and dilated pupil, several long-bone fractures, and I had just finished assisting one of our neurosurgeons insert an ICP bolt.

This looks to be a long summer for motorcycle crashes (MCC) in Missouri. We have the occasional hot-dog teenager showing off on his crotch-rocket, but that is few and far between. Most of our patients are males between 45-65 years old who have looked for alternatives to making ends meet because of the price of gasoline. They have never owned a motorcycle before or they had one several years ago and bought another one and jumped back on. You may think that these would be the reasons the MCC’s are on the rise.

This is not the case in looking over the trauma data. The motorcycle drivers and riders are, for the most part, VICTIMS. It is the distracted automobile driver who “didn’t see.” the motorcycle who was the cause of the crash. That was the cause in my current patient’s situation. A young woman was on her cell phone and had spilled hot coffee on herself. She looked down for a few seconds and missed a stop sign. My patient was doing everything right, unfortunately, with the physics involved in these crashes, that is irrelevant.

What can be done to help prevent these MCC’s from occurring? Several ideas come to mind....

1. Many motorcycle dealers offer safe riding courses and these should be made mandatory for first-time owners or those who have not driven a motorcycle for several years.
2. We as ED nurses should teach riders the importance of “wearing the gear.”
3. Mandatory helmet laws should be passed and enforced. Not repealed!! See below...
4. Automobile drivers should have a motorcycle awareness class as part of their initial and on-going training.
5. Automobile drivers should be fined heavily for being the cause of ANY type of crash that involved something that distracted them from watching the road and concentrating on driving.

I am sure there are many more suggestions that can be thought of, but the message here is:

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS!

Most of the victims are part of the work force that makes our communities survive. They are trying to adapt to an economy that is changing the way they live and feed their family. We must use every possible mean to protect them.

The Missouri Senate voted on March 13, 2009 to allow people at least 21 years old to ride a motorcycle **without wearing a helmet** as long as they’re not traveling on an interstate highway. Some motorcycle enthusiasts contend that riding without a helmet is more fun and that the state shouldn’t micromanage their lives. Missouri has required riders to wear helmets for decades, but some lawmakers have been trying to overturn that law, arguing that it infringes on civil liberties.

Supporters of the current helmet requirements argue the state should keep people safe during a potentially dangerous activity. The National Highway Safety Association estimates that motorcycle helmets saved 1,784 lives across the country in 2007. A study completed by researchers at the University of Missouri-Columbia found motorcycle death rates increased by an average of 12.2 percent in states that repealed universal helmet requirements.

The measure now moves to the House! Please help us keep Missouri Helmet Law!! Contact your state representatives and tell them what repeal of the law what do. Obviously this is not what we have been fighting for.



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COURSE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Chris Hoag-Apel , RN, MSN, TS, Chairperson

First of all, it is a great honor to chair this committee and to work with experienced individuals who possess a wealth of information. They are my teachers and are dully appreciated.

One new change is a price increase in provider manuals for both TNCC and ENPC. This price increase will be applicable June 1, 2009. This price reflects increase cost of printing/postage/shipping.

TNCC Provider Manuals increase from \$45 to \$50.

ENPC Provider Manuals increase from \$35 to \$40.

There has been several instructor courses throughout the state which means we have instructor candidates that will need to be monitored. As I am contacted, I will share this information, and do appreciate all the help that I can get to accomplish this.

TNCC and ENPC State Faculty members and their contact information can be found on our website at www.missouriena.org. Congratulations to our newest TNCC State Faculty...**Donna Pond** from our Central Chapter.

Attention TNCC and ENPC Course Coordinators. Please send only paperwork for Instructor Potential Candidates to me. I do not need evaluations from each of your provider courses. Please mail to the following address:

Chris Hoag-Apel, 2811 Delaware, Joplin, Missouri 64804



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Carol Pettit, Chairperson

The House passed H.R. 479, the Wakefield Act, which reauthorized the Emergency Medical Services for Children program. ENA has been working diligently to get this bill passed to insure medical care be available for children.

Thanks to ENA and other health care organizations, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid issued a revised version of it's guidelines regarding standing orders and written protocols for drugs and biologicals in hospitals. They said previous standing orders should be written in the patients chart and signed by the physician responsible for the patients care, but that the timing of such documentation should not be a barrier to effective emergency response, timely and necessary care, or other patient safety advancements.



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NURSING & ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Janet Kaminsky , RN MSN, CEN, Chairperson

The year is already off to a busy start and I would like to share with you some information from the Missouri ENA State Council Nursing Practice Committee. Legislative wise there have been two bills presented in the Missouri Legislature, SB 137 and HB 514. Both of these bills seek to make the state of Missouri a member in the Nursing Licensure Compact. Historically the American Nurses Association (ANA) has opposed such legislation, voicing concerns that being part of the Licensure Compact may potentially impact a number of different state nursing issues including:

- the home state being the state that grants the license, not the state in which the nurse practices—discipline questions
- inconsistencies between states in relation to licensure and pre-registration requirements, such as mandatory continuing education, background checks, disciplinary causes of action and evidentiary standards, all which may potentially impede a state's ability to regulate nursing practice within their state
- the potential for increased licensing costs and lost of revenue by nurses only needing to be licensed in their home state
- lack of clarity as to the authority, obligations, and processes of the Compact Administrators in communicating with the compact states
- risk to a nurse's due process may potentially be diminished
- the compact raise liability questions

The Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN) supports this legislation. They counter ANA's arguments of potential problems with the fact that the compact has been in existence for many years and none of these problems have come to fruition.

The Nurse Licensure Compact would function very similarly to the way our drivers license presently functions. That is to say, we are licensed to drive by our home State of Missouri. When we drive through other states, we are allowed to drive under our Missouri Drivers Licensure, but we must still follow the laws of the state for which we are presently driving.

The Nurse Licensure Compact choose the State of Residence as the licensing state for a nurse may practice in many different states, but usually has one primary State of Residence. According to the Missouri State Board of Nursing, the premise for the Nurse Compact model is that licensure requirements are basically the same in each state. The compact does not interfere with an individual state being able to define it's scope of practice in their own "unique" ways; it only defines the requirements to hold a license and it requires a nurse to comply with the practice laws in the state(s) where they are presently practicing. A nurse that does not meet the uniform licensure requirements may still be issued a single state license.

Nursing is continually evolving and our evolution is being fueled by our rapidly advancing technology. Many nurses each day are practicing across state lines using a cadre of different telecommunication equipment, i.e. phones, computers, web cams. They are teaching, consulting, triaging, and providing direct care. Many hospitals also employ traveling nurses who work in many different states. For all of these different reasons, joining the Nurse Licensure Compact makes a lot of sense. The MSBN has provided a list of 20 Health Care and Nursing Organization that support joining the Nurse Licensure Compact—National ENA is one of them. More information is available from the Missouri State Board of Nursing at 573-751-0069.

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St. Louis Chapter

by Carol Pettit, President

The St. Louis Chapter and the St. Louis EMS Officers Association partnered to purchase and present a plaque recognizing Michelle Meyer CEO, DesPeres Hospital for her support of ENA and EMS in the region. The chapter holds our monthly meetings at her hospital and she often invites us to dinner after the physician meetings.



The St. Louis Chapter meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at Des Peres Hospital at 5:30. In March the chapter did a community project by preparing and serving a Lenten supper at a local church. In May national elections will be held. Information on the candidates will be coming out soon and the ballots also. It's very easy to vote on line. Please take the time to vote.

SEMO Chapter

by Angela Selzer, Secretary

Newly elected President Lisa Pittman works full time at Perry County Memorial Hospital as a RN for 13 years. She has worked on Med-Surgical, pediatrics, oncology/hematology, and obstetrics/nursery. She holds certifications in PACS-PALS, ACLS, STABLE, NRP, and TNCC. She is currently pursuing her TNS and is looking into ENPC. She is also pursuing a graduate degree. She has also taught as a clinical instructor at Mineral Area college and still does as needed.

Here are some words from the president:

My goals are to obtain/ maintain current in my field with education courses and continuing my studies in graduate school. I hoped by joining the ENA I could promote others to have a voice and continue their education as well. Because a mind, would be a terrible thing to waste. Hope to see and hear from everyone this 2009 year. God bless and be Safe. pitty@hughes.net

Trevor Fisher is our newly elected President elect who works currently at Saint Francis Medical Center in the emergency department he has worked there since 2002. He has recently taken a position PRN with Cardinal Glennon in the ED to work more with pediatrics. He holds certifications in PALS, ACLS, and TNCC.

If your email has changed contact Angela Selzer at aselzer@sehosp.org



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Kansas City Chapter

by Teresa Coyne, President

The chapter met at KU for our February 11th meeting and had 17 in attendance with several new faces. **Lois Pusateri** who won a drawing to take the CEN exam last October wrote to thank the chapter & informed us she passed her CEN! **Faye Anne Hughes** brought a card to be signed by our chapter for Judith Kelleher (Co-founder of ENA) thanking her for her dedication to emergency nursing.

One of our 2009 strategic goals was to increase our injury prevention involvement locally. The KC Chapter signed up to be a primary seatbelt partner and is exploring how to become a blueprint partner for the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. Information was forwarded to the ED manager contact list with a letter that could be sent to legislators supporting primary seat belt legislation - "gold postcards" supporting the primary seat belt law were passed out at the local and state ENA meeting as well as at our Spring Training March 13th. Two of the presentations at spring training dealt with injury prevention.

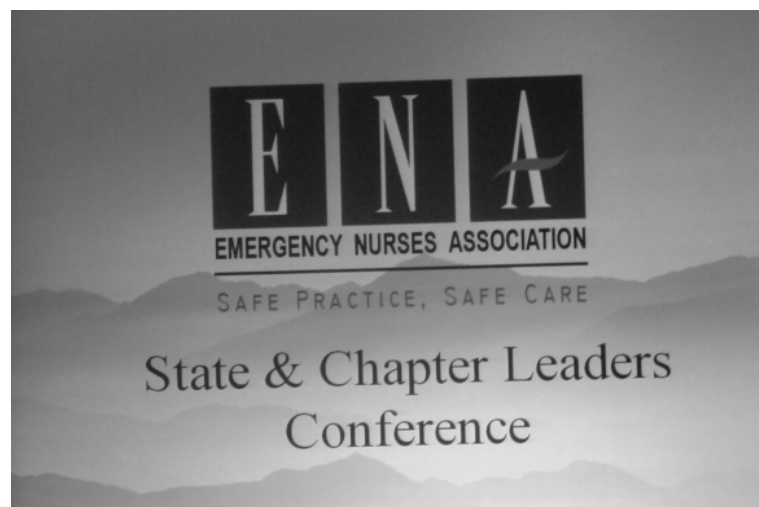
Mimicking the state council, we have set up co-chairs for our committees to be mentored by the chairperson and promote new input & involvement. In response to a question from the national chapter report asking if your chapter was "actively involved in an initiative for emergency preparedness in response to disasters" we added a liaison position from our Kansas City Regional Homeland Security Hospital Subcommittee. **Cheryl Phillips and Jeff Wilson** already attend this meeting and will report at our ENA meetings.

We developed an ENA membership needs assessment and will be passing it out this year through our ED manager contact list, at our ENA spring training, CEN review, etc... We are hoping to collect data on what our members currently like and participate in and what they would like to see us focus on in the future.

We have developed a Scholarship Point System for members to help pay for BCEN exams, CEN review courses, conferences, etc... we plan to give 2 scholarships this year and will fine tune the program as needed. We hope to develop a grant program for injury prevention programs, evidence based practice/research grants, academic completion, etc... (We did not feel it should be based solely on ENA involvement - further investigation on how to best develop a grant based on both merit and ENA commitment will be explored.)



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Kansas City Chapter (continued)

by Teresa Coyne, President

Spring Training was attended by 30 nurses from around the area Friday – March 13th! (See picture below) **Pauline Giarratana** took advantage of the \$40 savings to join ENA today and attend the ENA conference at membership rate. **Susan Rudell** from Cass Regional Medical Center won a free ENA membership. **Charlie Pointer** from St. Luke's Barry won the drawing for a free CEN review class. Adam Cowley from Stryker & Denise Sieben from Merck helped sponsor the event with lunch, refreshments and educational information. ENA had a "booth" with information on the ENA membership survey, scholarship information, & upcoming local, state, & national opportunities to recognize outstanding nurses.



Faye Anne Hughes, Jeff Wilson, Stephanie Droppelmann & Teresa Coyne from the Kansas City Chapter, along with several others from the Missouri State ENA Council attended the Leadership Conference in Reno. See pictures below and on next page. Fun, information, networking, contacts, ideas to promote ENA & leadership in our hospitals & our communities, was brought back to share and pass on to others.



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HARD AT WORK?!?!

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Ozark Chapter

by Larry Faulkner, Secretary

The Ozark Chapter has had an exciting last few months. During the months of November and December 2008, we joined in the "One For The Road" campaign offering safe rides home for impaired drivers during the holiday season. This was a successful campaign and one we are happy to have sponsored. In February four Ozark Chapter members attended the 2009 National ENA Leadership Conference in Reno, NV. Those members were Pat Clutter, Lisa Gilmore, Gail Carroll, and Larry Faulkner. This conference provided valuable information concerning state and chapter leadership, as well as information for ER Leaders, Educators, and Trauma Prevention.

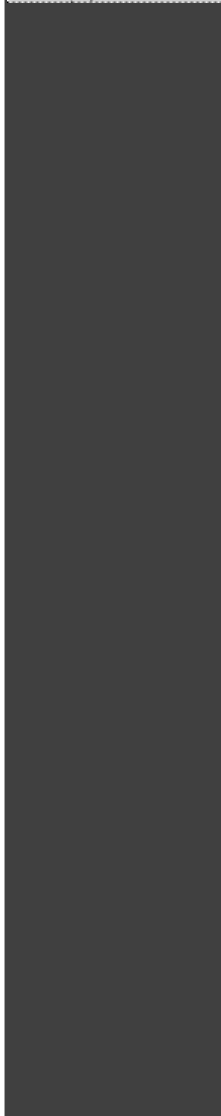
You spoke! We Listened!! In March we held a Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN) review course at your request. This event was held at the Greater Ozark Chapter Red Cross building and was taught by Jill Johnson, an instructor known through out the U.S. for her courses. This course experienced great reviews! If you were unable to attend, keep watch, you may see another course coming again next year!

On March 17, we held our annual Bowl-A-Rama in conjunction with our monthly meeting. As always, this event is packed with fun and excitement. Six teams joined the ranks this year. Bowling, Free Food, and Friends, how could it not be fun?

The chapter has an enthusiastic year ahead of us, and we want everyone to be a part. Feel free to attend a meeting or contact any officer for information. You do not have to be an ENA member to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Emergency Care Conference- Coming SOON!! Look for flyers!
- Nurse Awards Dinner- we are participating again with NEW awards coming this year.
- Combined Clinical Conference at Tan-Tar-A. We will be offering scholarships again this year. Contact your ER Educator to see if you are a candidate.
- For meeting information check out our website! [http://www.missouriena.org/Ozark % 20Chapter.htm](http://www.missouriena.org/Ozark%20Chapter.htm)



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“Notice a Nurse”

*submitted by Donna Pond, RN, BS, CEN
Clinical Supervisor, Emergency Services*

The Central Missouri ENA chapter would like to put the spot light on Staci Walters RN, BSN. Staci is the assistant manager of the Emergency Center at University of Missouri Healthcare, a level one trauma center. Her career has covered varied settings from small rural ERs with only two beds to a busy emergency center. Working in an academic setting, she has served as a mentor to many students and new graduates. She continues to serve as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and maintains an active role in our ENA chapter. Her staff have a deep appreciation for the many times they will find her working side by side with them on a busy Saturday night shift. She successfully balances her demanding career with her role as Mom. She is often answering her cell phone and fielding a question while at one of her daughters soccer or basketball games. Staci is quite proud of her husband, Sergeant Major James Walters of the United States Army National Guard, who is currently serving in Afghanistan. Staci and her daughters, Morgan 12 and Mason 10 keep everyone’s spirits up by staying in close contact with Dad via email, instant messaging, web cam, and by phone. We are proud to shine a light on Staci Walters, a role model of an excellent emergency nurse.

2008 MISSOURI STATE ENA AWARD WINNERS!

ER Nurse of the Year – Tony McNeese - St. Louis University Hospital, St. Louis, MO

ER Leadership Award – Jeff Eye, St. Luke’s Northland Hospital , KC, MO

ER Educator of the Year – Shawn Andreason, Lake Regional, Osage Beach, MO

Nurse Manager of the Year - Julie Nash, Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO

Paramedic of the Year - Monroe Yancey, St. Louis City EMS

NOMINATE YOUR PEERS IN 2009! THEY ARE WORTH IT!



Missouri State Council Meetings 2009

Saturday, May 16, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. 10:30am

Thursday, August 13, At Combined Clinical Conference, Tantara, 4pm

Friday, November 6, Strategic Planning Session, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. 10:30am

Saturday, November 7, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. 10:30am



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2009 Missouri ENA Annual Awards
Nomination Form

Nominator's Name:

Home Telephone:

Work Telephone:

Nominee's Name:

Category: (Circle One)

- 1) Clinical Practice 2) Leadership 3) Community Service 4) Educator 5) Rookie
6) Nurse of the Year 7) ER Physician 8) Forensic 9) Advance Practice Nurse
10) Paramedic /EMT

Nominee's Employer & Position: _____

Name/Phone Number of Supervisor: _____

Please share why you are nominating this person for an award: (Attach additional pages as needed)

Does this individual know they have been nominated? Yes: _____ No: _____

You will be notified prior to the ceremony if the nominee has been selected.
Will you be able to assure the nominee's attendance at the awards ceremony?
Yes: _____ No: _____

Please make additional copies of this form as needed.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than midnight, July 15, 2009.

Mail to: Virginia Myerscough 307 Calvert Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

Awards will be presented at the Thursday, August 13, 2009 Annual Emergency Nurses General Meeting at Tan-Tar-A.



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