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Message from Your 2011 Missouri State ENA Council President Tony Mitchell, RN, MBA, CCRN



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MOENA was well represented at the 2011 General Assembly! Missouri ENA sent 13 delegates and one alternate to Tampa, Florida to vote, for or against, 10 Bylaws and 12 Resolutions. Most of these passed after clarification and debate and topics from changing the fiscal year to dehydrated pediatric patients were presented. Hot topics, such as utilizing advertised wait times and having a site selection committee, were brought up and failed and passed, respectively. All in all, this was one of the most organized and productive General Assemblies I have attended and the kudos need to go to the out-going president, AnnMarie Papa; she kept everyone moving along and on time. If you have never attended one of these assemblies, I would highly encourage you to work on getting those points throughout the year and keeping track of them so you can become a delegate. It will give you a whole new perspective on the ENA and just what a "force" in healthcare we are.

Old man winter is just around the corner and with him comes a whole new set of challenges for your ER. 2012 will be another exciting year to be an ER nurse. Even with its frustrations and, "not you again" patients, this is one of the most exciting and rewarding careers in the world. Please attend your local ENA chapter's meetings and get involved in YOUR community!



Tony Mitchell with ENA President AnnMarie Papa at the ENA Scientific Assembly in Tampa, FL. Tony received recognition for his role as MOENA State Council President.

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ENA MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL 2011 MEETINGS

Friday November 4, 2011, 10:30 am

2012 Strategic Planning meeting

Lake Regional Hospital, Conference Room B

Saturday November 5, 2011, 10:30 am

Lake Regional Hospital, Conference Room B



ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

By Carol Pettit, RN, Chairperson

What was going on in the Missouri State Council in the 1970's, 1980's, etc? How have we grown? We are searching for anything you may have that will help trace our history. Please arrange all documents in chronological order for ease of entry.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

by Carol Pettit, RN, Chairperson

Emergency Department personnel are 5 times more likely to experience some form of violence, leading ENA to make this one of three strategic priorities for study.

Missouri is one of 26 states that has enacted felony legislation for assaulting emergency personnel. This is one step in improving safety in the ED. This doesn't necessarily serve as a deterrent until the public is made aware of the legislation. It has been suggested that the law be posted in the entrance to the ED so people are aware of the consequences.

COURSE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Chris Hoag-Apel, RN, TNS, SANE, Chairperson

The State Trauma/Pediatric Chair Conference Call was on the 10th of August from 3:00 – 4:00pm. The biggest revelation was that the new ENPC course would not be completed and out to membership until the 4th quarter of 2012. For some of us that is a great disappointment. Also they are working on the CATN replacement which is 18 months tentatively.

At present they have not come up with a catchy name for this course. It will be an Advanced Clinical Emergency Course and is expected to exceed CATN in all aspects.

National is working on an upcoming online course application process. This will allow Course Directors to apply for courses, create an invoice for indirect fees, report names of Instructors and the number of attendees.

Another option will be the ability to cancel and re-schedule courses plus book them one year in advance. The test version was at the annual meeting in Tampa on



Missouri Delegates at ENA General Assembly in Tampa, FL

Establishment of Workplace Violence Prevention programs would include training personnel to de-escalate situations, making departments safer with secured areas for agitated patients, including a reporting mechanism for all acts of violence, and ensuring administrative support to enforce these laws.

It is important for ED nurses to work diligently to meet these goals. Violence against ED personnel is not "part of the job".



Friday and Saturday in the exhibit hall. One more option will be access to instructor evaluation scores and missing course material.

Celebration: TNCC 25th Anniversary is this year. For those of us that have been teaching this course for that long, amazing! I took this course for the first time in 1986 when the course was introduced to Southwest Missouri. The knowledge it provided/offered was a Godsend to someone who had only worked in the ER for about 4 years at that time. To me this has always been my "special course" to teach.

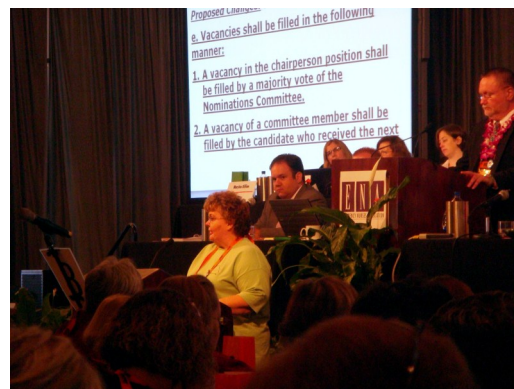
Current providers who want to be re-verified can challenge a provider course but cannot challenge a re-verification course. Also NO GRACE PERIOD for those providers who expire—it's called "plan ahead".



COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Gail Carroll RN, BSN, CEN, SANE , Chairperson

The compliance committee held an all day meeting on Saturday, October 15th at Lake Regional Hospital to review and write policies that National says we should have as a state council.



Gail Carroll at the ENA General Assembly in Tampa, FL. Gail is on the Nominations Committee and had to present some bylaw changes to the General Assembly.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Ginny Myerscough, Chairperson

In my May report, I expressed hope there would be lots of applications to be a Missouri delegate to the National General Assembly. I'm happy to report that Missouri was represented at the September General Assembly in Tampa by 14 delegates and one alternate. I encourage everyone to track your MOENA participation and committee work so you can apply for delegate status in 2012. You can review the application form on our web site at www.missouri.ena.org to get an idea of the point system. It's truly an honor to participate in the bylaws and resolution hearings and more importantly to be part of the decision making group representing emergency nursing in the U.S.

Our Missouri ENA membership numbers have decreased somewhat during the last six months. We currently have 712 members, with 4 new members and several in the process of renewing. I am excited to share that we have a new ENA chapter in Southeast Missouri, the Heartland Chapter. Officers have been elected and the president is Beth DeHaven. In addition, we are in the process of establishing a new chapter in the Hannibal area which will bring us to eight Missouri chapters.

Based on the additional new chapters, we are reviewing current chapter boundaries and will propose new ones to include both the Heartland and Hannibal area chapters.

For the first time this year, MOENA did not have an annual dinner cruise and award ceremony. The State Council unanimously felt it was important to support our emergency nursing colleagues in Joplin following the F-5 tornado that struck on May 22. \$5,000.00 was given to the Joplin Chapter to use at their discretion to support emergency nurses in the area. While not a huge amount, we hope it helped. We do plan to resume the awards recognition celebration in 2012.

You still have a short time to recruit new, first time, members so they can take advantage of the decreased registration cost related to the membership drive. Remember this opportunity applies to *first time* members only. Let's all continue working to add new emergency nurses to our ENA membership. If you have any questions please email me at myerscough@sbcglobal.net or call 314-968-0785.

OZARK CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by Jami Blackwell, President

We had 6 people, Larry Faulkner, Jami Blackwell, Pat Clutter, Lisa Gilmore, Mindy Laflin, and Gail Carroll, from our chapter attend the ENA Conference in Tampa, FL. Jami, Larry and Gail were delegates. Mindy won the drawing for her registration paid to the Scientific Assembly. We are planning an Emergency Nurses Day Dinner at Jimm's Steak House on Wednesday, October 12th for all Emergency Workers. We will be giving 8 awards.



Gail Carroll, Larry Faulkner, and Jami Blackwell at the General Assembly in Tampa, FL

CENTRAL MISSOURI CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by Carol Rodgers, RN

Central MO ENA is looking forward to our annual Emergency Nurses Day dinner, at CC Broilers, a great steak restaurant in Columbia. We will have a speaker on "Asthma Updates" and door prizes. Over 20 nurses from central Missouri have signed up.

We continue to meet monthly in Columbia, and we are excited to have the number in attendance steadily increasing. A special welcome to the nurses from Jefferson City who have been making the drive to Columbia.

To encourage involvement in outlying communities, we have a new policy that if a member gets 3 nurses and a speaker to commit we will have the monthly meeting at their hospital.

Our plans to have our meetings "live" "on line" continue. Hopefully this will be available by the new year. Planning for our 3rd "Updates on Emergency Nursing" conference continues. Mark your calendar for April 19, 2012.



Laura Kuensting, Joan Eberhardt and Tony Mitchell at ENA Scientific Assembly in Tampa, FL discussing Laura's Resolution on Care of the Pediatric Patient with Dehydration in the Emergency Care Setting. Congratulations to Laura (who is the resolution author), Joan, Tony & Gordon for all their work to get this passed!).

We have quite a few people in Missouri on National committee's. Pat Clutter is on the Academy of Emergency Nursing Board, Laura Kuensting is on the CPEN review manual work team, Joan Eberhardt is on the Course Administration Faculty (for TNCC & ENPC), Lisa Gilmore is on the Education Committee, Jeanne Fogarty is on the ED Workplace injury prevention work team, Jennifer William is on the Emergency Nursing Resources (ENR) Development Committee, Jeffrey Eye is on the Government Affairs Committee, Pat Clutter is on the 2012 Leadership Conference Committee, Gail Carroll is on the Nominations Committee, Lisa Gilmore is also the Facilitator for the Emergency Educators SIG (special interest group), and Gordon Rogers is on the national Resolutions Committee. Kudos to our fellow MOENA members for their dedication and hard work!



SEMO CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by Kristi Williams, RN, CEN, SANE-A, President

SEMO Chapter members met in August at the new Southeast Health Cancer Center and enjoyed an after-hours tour of the facility. Afterward, the group heard an excellent presentation given by Lavonna Wollard-Biddle, Southeast Health Oncology Nurse Manager, regarding care of neutropenic patients in the ED. Members had a wonderful opportunity to revisit information learned in nursing school, in addition to practicing formulas used to determine if a patient is neutropenic.

In August, SEMO Chapter awarded a scholarship for a one year membership to RN student Teresa Asher, LPN. The chapter was also able to award scholarships to Alicia Rhodes, Ashley Elkins, Kristi Williams and Carolyn Gerecke to attend the Scientific Assembly in Tampa, FL. We also awarded a CEN exam scholarship to Alicia Rhodes, RN. We are proud to report that Alicia has already taken and passed her CEN exam. Congratulations Alicia!



Carolyn Gerecke, Ashley Elkins, and Alicia Rhodes enjoying an evening out in Tampa while attending the ENA Scientific Assembly.

SEMO chapter met again in October at Celebrations in downtown Cape Girardeau. We had a record number of members (and nursing students) attend to hear an excellent presentation on bath salts given by Dr. David Meece, Southeast Health ED physician.

In October, we awarded a CEN exam scholarship to Chasity Foster, RN.

SEMO Chapter will hold TNCC class Nov. 8-9 St. and ENPC class Nov. 18-19 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

We also held 2012 elections at our October meeting, with the following results:

President – Chad Rollins, BSN, RN, CEN
President Elect – Nichole Cross, RN, CEN
Treasurer – Mark Lynch, RN, CEN, CPEN
Secretary – Julie Dale, MSN, RN, CEN
Delegates—Chad Rollins, Nichole Cross, and Julie Dale.

Alternate Delegates—Michelle Williams, BSN, RN
Lori Schaefer, BSN, RN

At special thanks to Southeast Health who has graciously sponsored all of our SEMO Chapter dinner meetings this year.



Above: SEMO Chapter August meeting.

Below: SEMO Chapter October meeting .



GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by **Stephanie Droppelmann, RN, BSN, CEN, President**

Greetings from Kansas City! I hope everyone finished out the summer safe and is back in the swing of things for the Fall. Since the last update we have elected a new President-Elect for the Greater Kansas City Chapter. Tasha Crawford, the Clinical Educator at Liberty Hospital, will be filling the vacant position on the board.



Staff from Children's Mercy Hospital hosted the August meeting.

In our August meeting, hosted by Children's Mercy Hospital, we had the privilege of a guest speaker. Mr. Kar Woo of "Artist Helping the Homeless" came and spoke with us about his "Be the Change" van, his mission and how it came about. Mr. Woo helps some of the inner city hospital Emergency Departments with the problem of getting the homeless and/or patients needing assistance with addiction a safe place to go instead of taking up a valuable bed in the ED. Per his data from a recent 17 month period, his organization provided 6,114 trips, and over 50,000 miles, for Kansas City's homeless. Mr. Woo estimates that for every \$1 of funding they receive, they can save the community \$5 and this has resulted in a savings of 1.3 million dollars in ambulance, hospital, police and judicial fees. The next step for Mr. Woo's mission involves opening an Emergency Intervention Center in midtown Kansas City. This Center would be utilized for those individuals that need detox or other assistance, yet a bed is not available for a day or two. By having this option, it would help keep patients that have already gone through medical detox having to go back to the street

because no bed is immediately available. Mr. Woo currently tries to avoid this and "houses" these individuals in hotels. AHH is partnering with area Nursing Schools, Bachelor and Master Programs, as well as Social Work Programs to help provide medical care at the Emergency Intervention Center. Of course, this endeavor requires funding. The Greater Kansas City Area Chapter would like to help give back to Mr. Woo as his mission ultimately helps the overcrowding of our Emergency Departments. We are still in the planning stages of hosting a springtime "Walk for Woo." More details to come when a date set!

We just completed hosting a CEN review in collaboration with Saint Luke's Health System. Once again, we had the privilege of Pat Clutter sharing her knowledge and instructing this review course. Forty-One area Emergency Room nurses were in attendance. Hopefully soon, all of those will sit for their Certification Boards!

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Mr. Kar Woo of "Artist Helping the Homeless" speaking at the August meeting.



GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER REPORT (continued)

The Annual Emergency Nurses Week Banquet is to be held on October 12 at North Kansas City Hospital. We had a record number of nominations for the 7 award categories this year. We received 44 nominations for 35 people. WOW! There are some great Emergency Room employees out there and I was glad that so many people took the time to recognize their fellow co-workers. With regulatory compliance and Medicare reimbursement issues, staff are constantly dealing with process changes, documentation scrutiny, and even working with less staff. It makes everyone's job that much harder and more stressful and we are looking forward to recognizing these individuals for their contributions to their organization. We also have had 64 RSVP for the banquet which is an increase from past years. This year we have a distinguished speaker, Colonel Sam Sanford, a U.S. Army Chaplain. He will be

speaking to us about Traumatic Stress and Self-Care. This year's Emergency Nurses theme of "Excellence in Action" demands that we engage in self-care and times of restoration. Hopefully, attendees will come away refreshed and encouraged.

Until next time, stay warm and safe as the holiday season approaches.

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary." [[Steve Job's Stanford commencement speech, June 2005](#)]

CRESCENT CHAPTER REPORT Submitted by Sharon Trumbly, Secretary

The Crescent's Chapter first meeting since the tornado was October 3, 2011. The August 2011 meeting was cancelled because all members were extremely busy working the aftermath effects of the May 22nd tornado that devastated Joplin. We are slowly finding our "new normal" and are starting to get back into some routines. We hosted the July 30th Missouri ENA meeting in Joplin. We appreciate the support extended to us and our community.

Chapter elections were held at the October 3, 2011 meeting. Results will be shared when they become available.

Joplin area courses for 2011:

TNCC

Nov. 16-17 Freeman

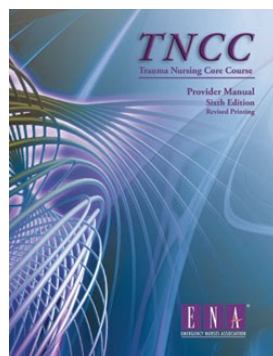
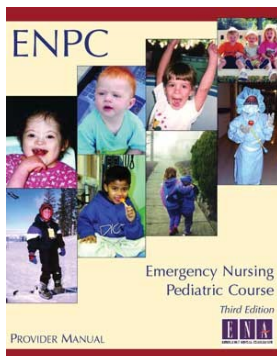
Dec. 7-8 Freeman

ENPC

Oct. 25-26 Freeman

We will also have a TNCC instructor course late this year. The date for the course has not been determined yet.

The next Crescent Chapter meeting will be November 21, 2011 at the Freeman cafeteria. Please call Chris at 417-347-6298 or Sharon at 417-347-3045 for more information.





Greater St. Louis Chapter Report Submitted by Joan Eberhardt, President



St. Louis Chapter ENA Awards Banquet. Pictured above are Helen Sandkuhl, Ginny Myerscough and Carol Pettit receiving their recognition awards.

The St. Louis Chapter ENA held their 16th Annual Emergency Nurse Awards banquet on October 12, 2011. The chapter proudly presented awards to 12 very deserving individuals including:

- EMT-P of the Year: Chaun Williams, EMT-P*
- EMS Educator: Joycelyn Hampton, RN, EMT-P*
- Physician of the Year: Dr. Steve Lorber*
- Rookie of the Year: Eva Luck, RN*
- Nursing Educator: Lori Schwalm, APN, RN*
- Nursing Clinical Practice: Chelsea Nolan, RN*
- Nursing Leadership: David Hoffman, RN*
- Emergency Nurse of the Year: Meaghan Evans, RN*
- Community Recognition Award: Michele Meyer, COO*

In addition three special recognition awards were presented to St. Louis ENA Chapter members for service to patients and colleagues:

- Virginia Myerscough, RN: 48 years of Nursing Practice*
- Carol Pettit, RN: 50 years of Nursing Practice*
- Helen Sandkuhl, RN, FAEN, Immediate Past President of the Missouri Emergency Nurses Association for two and a half years as president, 2008-2010*

We have two short and interesting anecdotes to share about two of our awardees.

The EMT-P of the year, Chaun William was off-duty when he became the unfortunate victim of a random shooting outside a laundromat in June, 2011. He was rushed to a

nearby hospital fighting for his life all the way. At one point he deteriorated to cardiac arrest, but was successfully resuscitated. Following multiple surgeries and four months of hospitalization and rehab, he was back to the business of taking care of others in the field in October.

The E.D. Physician of the Year, Dr. Steve Lorber was unable to attend the awards banquet because he had been deployed to Iraq. He sent the following message upon finding he had been presented the award. "WHAT A GREAT SUPRISE!!! Mary left a message for me the other day but I was unable to email until now... I am in the "sandbox" Kuwait "Tent City" awaiting final transport to my final base camp near Baghdad... Tell everyone I love and miss them and will have great stories and pics to share when I get back." Steve

Emergency Nurses Day Proclamations were received and read from Governor's Jay Nixon's office and Mayor Francis Slay's office. The St. Louis Chapter was very honored to have both a Gold and Silver sponsor for the banquet, EA Medical and Mindray.

The Chapter continues to be actively involved in providing TNCC and ENPC provider and instructor classes. Please contact Helen Sandkuhl at en.sandkuhl@tenethealth.com for information.

Our next CEN Review Course is scheduled for March 24 & 25, 2012 at De Paul Health Center in St. Louis. Presenting will be nationally known speaker, Jeff Solheim. Please contact Judy Marlow at clearmoon@att.net or Joan Eberhardt at joaneberhardt@yahoo.com for information or access the CEN brochure on Missouri ENA web site.

We are proud to report the Hockey for Life benefit to raise money for dash-cams for the St. Louis City Police Department vehicles has been a huge success. It could have never occurred without the wonderful partnership with the St. Louis Blues Alumni and the St. Louis Bandits. We hope to present the check in November.



“Notice a Nurse”

It is the goal of Missouri ENA to notice special Emergency Nurses in each of our newsletters. This recognition is rotated among each of our 6 chapters. If you are interested in recognizing special ER nurses, please contact the chapter president in your area. Contact information may be found on our website at

www.missouriena.org

Notice a Nurse

Greater St. Louis Chapter

Submitted by Joan Eberhardt, President



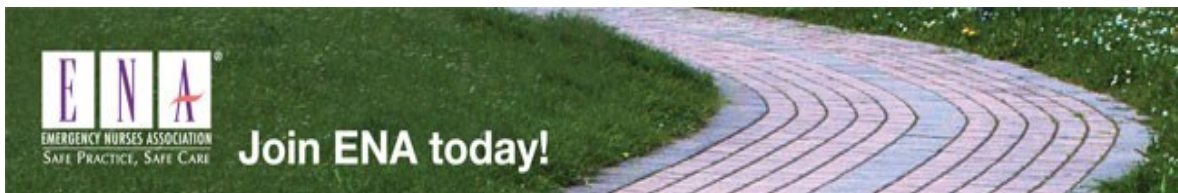
Keith Gebke has been a R.N. since 1993. During his 18 years as a nurse, he has worn many hats working in both rural and urban community hospitals. Keith currently works at St. Louis University Hospital where he is a charge nurse in the E.D. It's been noted on many occasions that his performance and quality of work exceed expectations. He has been awarded the hospital's highest level as a clinical nurse on the career ladder. He has trained many of the nurses who now work in the E.D. and report to him. Keith is also a relief house supervisor at SLUH.

One of Keith's most proud moments was when both his wife and son recently graduated from nursing school. Both have passed their state board exams and followed in Keith's footsteps by coming to join him as RN's who work at St. Louis University Hospital.

In his spare time, Keith teaches TNCC and ENPC with the St. Louis Chapter ENA. He is also very active with his church and spends annual vacation time building homes throughout the country for the less fortunate.

Working at a bi-state Level 1 trauma center “can certainly be challenging”, but Keith describes it as “rewarding and challenging”. When you think you have seen and heard it all.....well, there is always the next case that can top them all. Keith loves what he does and does it very well.

The St. Louis Chapter appreciates the opportunity to acknowledge this exceptional nurse.



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