

**Delaware Emergency Nurses Association  
Meeting Minutes February 5, 2013**

**Location:** Kent General Hospital

**Attendance:**

Deena Brecher, Garry Collins, Pam Collins, Meriam Dennie, Susan Ebaugh, Ruth Morse, Jody Novack, Sue Palmer, Kara Streets, Terry Thorley

**Excused:** Karen Rollo

**Guest:** None

Meeting called to order by Kara Streets at 1913 hrs. Quorum present so meeting may proceed.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of 8 January 2013. Need to change Donna (AI Dupont) to Donna Matwiejewicz.

**Motion:** Accept minutes with above change.

Ebaugh

2<sup>nd</sup> P. Dennie 8 yes 0 no 1 abstained. **Motion passed.**

**President's Report (Streets):**

Reminder to all members that there are FREE CEUs available on the ENA website.

Presidents' conference call was held last week. Position statements are up for renewal. They will be posted on the ENA website for membership comment.

State Achievement Award – requesting input from membership – where should we go with this award.

The ENA National Candidates Election Form will be live. This session will also be taped so that members can view on the ENA website.

Washington DC lobbying activity is currently at a standstill. The Title 9 Funding is forecast to be cut.

Rich Bounds of the ACEP would like to collaborate with DENA on state legislative issues. One issue being addressed is the opioid prescriptions in the ED. The prevailing thought is that there will be no renewal of any opioid prescriptions and those prescriptions that are written will be only the amount needed until the patient can see their private physician. Delaware ED Opioid Prescribing Guidelines.

Angela Mitchell is working on reviewing the Bylaws. Will table discussion on this until the March meeting.

**Treasurer's Report (Palmer):**

Checking \$34,650.00

CD \$6,780.00

Bags and portfolios were purchased for Emergency Nurses' Day and bags for the conference were also purchased along with pink pens and mechanical pencils.

**Motion:** To accept Treasurer's report.

Thorley

2<sup>nd</sup> Morse 9 yes 0 no 0 abstained. **Motion passed**

**Government Affairs Committee (Dennie/Rollo):**

Talking points:

Gun control

Access to Mental Health

ENA will be working up policy statements regarding these issues. Not position statements.

**Education Committee (Dennie):**

Discussion regarding the change in how CEUs are awarded was held. Roberta Elwood has agreed to be our point of contact for obtaining CEU certification for our annual conference.

Kris Starr has expressed interest in presenting on Social Media. The NCSBN position paper on Social Media will be sent to him. Sue Palmer will follow up with him.

Susan Ebaugh will follow up with Doug Poore about presenting on suicide prevention.

Meriam Dennie will follow up with Dr. Albani or Teresa Hills about presenting a new subject.

Matt Powers, who is our National Board Liaison, will be attending our conference. He is also a Fire Fighter and the group discussed approaching him about presenting at the conference on a pre-hospital topic.

Other topics discussed as possible presentations were geriatrics and pediatrics. Group consensus was they would like more clinical based presentations.

The group discussed the meal. It was felt that the plated meal, although less expensive, did not go as well last year. Service seemed slow and the lecture schedule was adversely impacted. Sue Palmer will look into the cost of buffet service for the noon meal.

The decision was made to offer \$150 honorarium for the 1 hour speakers and \$75 for the ½ hour speakers. There was discussion that hotel rooms would not be covered for speakers who lived within 75 miles of Dover. It is advised that the presenter contracts be very specific regarding what we would and would not reimburse/pay for the presenters.

Meriam reminded the membership that our bylaws state that we will hold two educational opportunities beside the annual conference each year. Deena Brecher offered to present at our next meeting. Membership was asked to look for a second offering.

**Membership Committee (Morse):**

Currently 233 members. 6 members are due to expire.

**TNCC (Thorley):**

TNCC/ENPC Chair conference call scheduled for 6 February.

TNCC Instructor course is scheduled for April at CCHS.

**ENPC (Ebaugh):**

The replacement instructor manuals have been distributed.

The second class of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition was held at KGH and all participants passed.

**IQSIP (P. Collins):**

Pam reports that she is in the process of finding out event dates for the year.

She is still looking into holding a Safe Kids Day event in the Middletown-Odessa-Townsend area.

**Old Business:**

**(Streets)** The May meeting will be held at St. Francis Hospital and the June meeting will be held at Nanticoke Hospital in order to embrace all our colleagues throughout the state.

**New Business:**

None

**Open Discussion:**

**(Palmer)** Wilmington Emergency Department is planning a ENA membership drive in February.

**(Streets)** AI DuPont received Magnet Status. Congratulations!

**(Palmer)** Proposed

**Motion:** that DENA give a plaque and “tangible item” to the new stand along emergency care centers (Smyrna and Middletown).

Palmer

2<sup>nd</sup> Morse 9 yes 0 no 0 abstained. **Motion passed**

Sue Palmer will present list of possible “tangible items” at the next meeting.

**(Brecher)** ENA leadership is collecting memories of Judy Kelleher in preparation for making a memorial to one of our founders. If you knew Judy or have any memories of her, please forward them to National.

**(Ebaugh)** Mary Sue Jones of Kent County is looking for someone to chair the Kent County chapter of Safe Kids Inc.

**Adjournment:** 2004 hrs.

**Motion:** To adjourn meeting.

Dennie

2<sup>nd</sup> Ebaugh 9 yes 0 no 0 abstained. **Motion passed.**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday March 5th at Christiana Hospital. Education committee meets at 1800 hours with the business meeting at 1900 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thorley, Secretary