# Delaware Emergency Nurses Association Meeting Minutes May 7, 2013

Location: St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington DE

#### **Attendance:**

Deena Brecher, Garry Collins, Pam Collins, Meriam Dennie, Susan Ebaugh, Pat Eckenrode, Mary Beth Holland, Angela Mitchell, Ruth Morse, Kara Streets, Anita Symonds, Terry Thorley

**Guests:** Jessica Bas

Meeting called to order by Kara Streets at 1900 hrs. Quorum present so meeting may proceed.

### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Corrections:** The president does not have a vote expect in incidents of ties therefore, all motions to accept in April minutes should read "9".

Motion: Accept minutes with corrections. Seconded.

11 yes 0 no 0 abstained. **Motion passed.** 

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

Bylaws: will be emailed to members for review

The National ENA elections will be held from May 15 through Noon Central Time June 12. The candidates' bios are available online at www.ENA.org

Day on the Hill is May 14-15. Angela Mitchell will be going. Last day to register is today.

Motion: DENA will pay for Angela's hotel room. Seconded.

11 yes 0 no 0 abstained. **Motion passed.** 

The two topics that ENA is lobbying for at the national level are Title 8 funding and to continue funding of the Poison Control Centers.

Time to consider delegates for the General Assembly in September. Terry Thorley will send out an email to all members soliciting letters of intention for those interested in being a delegate. The letters will be reviewed at the June meeting. Remember, it is a requirement for delegates from the state of Delaware to accomplish the online delegate training from ENA (DE By-laws). There is also a PowerPoint on the ENA website that discusses the responsibilities of delegates. The handbook will be available online in mid-July. There will also be electrical outlets available at the assembly for power to personal computers. No web access. At this time, there are 13 by-laws and one resolution up for consideration.

Brandywine 100 Fire Company has invited us to set up a display at their annual celebration. Information given to Pam Collins IQSIP committee chair.

DNA has invited us to join them on a lobbying trip to Capitol Hill on 27 June. A bus will be leaving from Christiana Mall at 6 am and from the Dover Kmart parking lot at 7 am. The cost for DNA members is \$65 and for all others is \$75. If you are interested in participating, please go on the DNA website to register at <a href="https://www.denurses.org">www.denurses.org</a>

Delaware State Council gave \$250.00 to the ENAF and another \$1000.00 in memory of Judy Kelleher.

Several states use the official ENA logo with the state listed below. Membership was solicited regarding their thoughts on remaining with our present DENA logo or changing to the ENA logo. All members present stated to stay with our current DENA logo.

Advocacy grants are available from National. Forms and instructors are available on the <a href="https://www.ena.org">www.ena.org</a> site for anyone interested in applying.

Members are encouraged to complete the Pediatric Readiness survey sent from National. These results are used to compile a database assessing the readiness of health care systems in the United States for the care of the pediatric patient.

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

No report at this time.

### **Government Affairs Committee (Mitchell):**

No report

#### **Education Committee (Dennie):**

11th Annual DENA Conference on Wednesday, October 30, 2013:

The agenda was discussed with each speaker presenting a 60 minute lecture on their topic. Speakers planned include: Matt Powers-Case Studies; Kris Starr-Social Media; Doug Poore-Suicide; Dr. Satti-Neuro topic; Anita Symond-Nonfatal Strangulation; Melanie Chichester-Problems After Pregnancy. Various members of the committee have been assigned to notify speakers of their time slot and request specific information for inclusion on the brochures.

Ruth has been in contact with CCHS Marketing and they have agreed to produce our brochures. The information from the speakers is needed NLT 21 May to expedite printing. Vendors are being recruited by Pam Collins; 3 have confirmed attendance.

Speakers will be given \$150.00 honorarium with \$0.55/mile travel pay. The only speaker from out of area that may need a hotel room is Matt Powers.

The breakfast and lunch will be a buffet. Snack bags will be included in the conference attendee bags. The evaluation will be done electronically via Survey Monkey. There will be raffle for two free conference registrations for 2014.

DENA Conference will include poster presentations. Kara has put submission information on the DENA website. Abstract submissions are to be mailed to Meriam Dennie <a href="mailto:mdennie@christianacare.org">mdennie@christianacare.org</a>

# **Membership Committee (Morse):**

Currently 242 members. 17 memberships are due to expire.

## **TNCC** (Thorley):

There are 7 new TNCC instructors in the state of Delaware.

TNCC provider course at KGH 25-26 April.

TNCC provider course will be at CCHS on 3-4 June.

There is a conference call for the TNCC/ENPC chairs on Wednesday, 8 May.

## **ENPC** (Ebaugh):

ENPC Provider Course to be held at Bayhealth-Kent General 8/28-8/29.

## **IQSIP (P. Collins):**

Apr 20 Safe Kids Day New Castle County at Belleview Park. Pam and Garry went. There was a bike rodeo.

Jun 15 Safe Kids Day Kent County at Brecknock Park in Dover

Jul 23 Kids Day at the Delaware State Fair

May 15 Family Resources Fair, New Castle County

The Safety Town organization does not usually have other organization participate in their events.

Suggestion was made by member that information on Dog Safety be included in the displays at Safe Kids events.

(**Eckenrode**) Pat offered a carnival wheel for events that could be used to entice participants to the DENA table displays.

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

None.

## **Open Discussion:**

(Morse) HAPPY NURSES WEEK!

(**Brecher**) There are 78 registered for the Day on the Hill – most ever! Both co-chairs of nursing advocates will be there.

(**Brecher**) Work Place Safety Conference is scheduled for 1 June. Topics will be about safe work environment and safe patient care.

(**Brecher**) ENA is looking at partnership with IFN and ACEP as well as other nursing organizations. Delaware State Council may want to consider flexing the budget to support attendance at various other conferences that have the same goals as ENA to foster collaboration.

(**Brecher**) Please complete the Pediatric Readiness Survey PedsReadi.org when you receive it. Was re-sent by National on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Adjournment**: 2028 hrs.

Motion: To adjourn meeting. Seconded.

11 yes 0 no 0 abstained. **Motion passed.** 

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday June 4th, at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, in the Board Room. Education committee meets at 1800 hours with the business meeting at 1900 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thorley, Secretary