

**Delaware Emergency Nurses Association  
Meeting Minutes February 4, 2014**

**Location:** KGH

**Attendance:**

Patty Blair, Garry Collins, Pam Collins, Debbie Eberly, Janet Hammond, Laura Hannu-Eckrote, Angela Mitchell, Ruth Morse, Kelly O'Shaunessy-Green, Susan Palmer, Kara Streets, Anita Symonds, Terry Thorley

**Guests:** None

**Excused:** Deena Brecher, Susan Ebaugh

Meeting called to order by Pam Collins at 1840 hrs. Quorum present so meeting may proceed.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for January 2014. Correction: Tamikya Whittle not Whettie.

**Motion:** Accept with correction. Seconded.

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

**President's Report (P. Collins):**

Membership is encouraged to start thinking about being a delegate to the national convention in October. Will be held in Indianapolis IN. Tentatively Delaware will have 6 delegates and 2 alternates.

Membership is also encouraged to consider writing a resolution, by-law or amendment to be presented at national. If you write one, it must be submitted to the national committee not later than 1 March 2014.

Nominations for national ENA awards need to be submitted not later than 31 March 2014 to ENA.

Presidents' call was today however, Pam was not able to attend.

The Day on the Hill has moved to 6-7 May. The evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> will be training with visits to Congress on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ellie Encapera, our ENA Board of Director Liaison, will be attending our annual conference in November. She would also like to be a speaker.

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

Checking: \$34,530.00

CD: \$6,700.00

Gift suggestions for Emergency Nurses Week were presented to membership.

**Motion:** Accept. Seconded.

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

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

Currently budget for one person to attend Day on the Hill. Discussion was held about possibly sending two members to this function.

ENA published a notification that there is a national shortage of Normal Saline IV fluid.

National government approved the funding for the Poison Control Centers.

### **Education Committee (Symonds):**

Discussion was held regarding possible speakers for the annual conference. Charles Knuckle was mentioned. In the past, his fees have been rather high. Anita Symonds will contact him and explain that our honorarium for speakers is \$150.00. We would love to have him but that is all we can afford to pay.

Amy Whalen and Chris Ross have a talk about Soap Pods and pediatric poisoning. Adam Ringle has a lecture about Active Shooters.

A call for speakers will be put on the DENA website. Kara Streets will develop a speaker application form. Potential speakers need to submit the

completed form not later than 20 May 2014 for review by the membership at the June meeting.

Again, poster presentations will be encouraged. Discussion was held that prize for winning poster would be conference fee for 2015 conference would be paid.

In order to facilitate higher return of evaluation forms, this year the certificate of attendance will be attached to a survey monkey. The participants will be required to complete the evaluation form prior to printing their certificate. Anita will confer with Susan Ebaugh regarding the process, etc.

Suggestions for gifts at the conference include a re-usable bag and a beach towel. Susan Palmer is researching the products and pricing.

A copy of the criteria for State Award nominations has been sent to all members. A reminder for nominations will be sent with the monthly email to all members.

Pam and Garry Collins will be pursuing vendors. Any and all assistance is most welcomed.

### **Membership Committee (Morse):**

255 current members.

Membership drive is in progress. All ED nurse managers will be receiving an email detailing the process to include \$10 discount per year membership on one year memberships. Once 5 new members are recruited, all existing members can receive the discount on a one year renewal. In order to take advantage of this, all membership applications must be sent in at the same time along with the special letter provided by ENA. This drive will end with all checks and paperwork to Ruth Morse by not later than 1 April 2014.

### **TNCC (Thorley):**

7<sup>th</sup> Edition of TNCC will be out beginning of 2014 with full implementation moved to June 30, 2014. The provider book cost has revised to \$68.00 and there will be no change to the indirect fee. There will be no one day re-certification course. All TNCC courses after 30 June 2014 will be the 7<sup>th</sup> edition.

**ENPC (Ebaugh):**

Up-coming ENPC courses:  
KGH 26-27 Feb 2014

**IQSIP (P. Collins):**

Up-coming Injury Prevention venues include:

New Castle County Safe Kids Day April

Suggestion made to partnership with the state level Injury Prevention Coalition.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Open Discussion:**

**(Blair)** Patty inquired about membership fee for nursing students – fee is \$50.00/year.

**(Streets)** Kara has volunteered to chair the Publicity committee in keeping with her web master responsibilities. Members are reminded to look on the website [www.de-ena.org](http://www.de-ena.org) information including the State Awards program, meetings, regional education opportunities, meeting minutes and a Google Calendar. Members were advised to email her with anything else that may be appropriate to post.

**(Mitchell)** DENA booth at the Delaware Trauma Symposium.

**Motion:** To have vendor booth at Delaware Trauma Symposium.  
Seconded.

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

**Adjournment:** 1941 hrs.

**Motion:** To adjourn meeting. Seconded.

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

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at CCHS Middletown Campus. Education meeting at 1800 followed by the business meeting at 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thorley, Secretary