

**Arizona Emergency Nurses Association
State Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 15, 2010
6 PM – 8:30 PM
UMC, Tucson**

Attendees:

Nancy Hicks-Arsenault	President	Rita Anderson	Government Affairs Co-Chair
Charlann Staab	President-Elect	Ginny Orcutt	Government Affairs Co-Chair
Sandy Michie	Treasurer	Paulette Osborne	Membership Chair
Lori Vandersloot	Secretary, Practice Chair	Bettie McCarter	PEDS/ENPC Chair
Tomi St. Mars	Past-President, Newsletter	Sherry Palmer	Southern AZ SIG President
Joanne Navaroli	Education Chair	Karen Zittergruen	Trauma/TNCC Chair
Tracy Fejt	Injury Prevention	James Ramsey	Mercy Gilbert
Patricia Baird	Tucson Heart	Patty Ohmart	Scottsdale Healthcare
Charlotte Schnakenberg	Scottsdale Healthcare	Shari Overland	U of A Campus Health
Victoria Duran	Northwest Medical Center	Karen Graham	St. Joseph's Carondelet
Carol Lyn Schmeidel	GRHC, Sacaton	Barb Bray	Northwest Medical Center
Wendy Cartier	Northwest Medical Center	Susan Kinkade	UMC
Maureen O'Reilly Creegan	RWBAHC-WHAC, Ft. Huachuca	Deborah Neufeldt	UMC
Megan Ramsey	Banner Gateway		

Guests:

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Call to Order	-Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm by Nancy.	
Review of Minutes	-No State Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2009 unavailable. Meeting was during lunch and Board did introductions and reports from chairs only. -It was moved and approved by members to accept the agenda of the November meeting as the minutes.	
President's Report	-Opportunity to promote ourselves and our expertise with the many changes in healthcare today. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHCCCS-decreasing reimbursement. May cause some hospitals to close beds or make other cuts to budget to make up for loss of revenue. • Workman's Compensation-increasing costs by \$50/employee. • Legislation-read and keep up with changes at legislative level. Sign up with Rita Anderson to get on the legislative tree and receive e-mails on proposed changes in Arizona. Share your expert opinion with your legislators and your communities. -Focus on safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury prevention-educate your patients and your communities. • Workplace safety-educate your administrators, your peers, especially on stopping workplace violence. -Psychiatric patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues to be a challenge in providing care to patients who present with psychiatric complaints. • Increase in number of patients presenting with psychiatric complaints due to economical changes and layoffs -National Disasters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster preparedness, prepare for disasters such as earthquake in Haiti -Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZ ENA members need to focus and support our education committee. • Market our organization and our profession and encourage nurses to sign-up and attend ENPC, TNCC, CEN Review, and Hot Topics. Tell others of the benefits and the opportunities to increase assessment skills. 	

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	<p>-Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage others to get involved. We need their voices. <p>-Tomi informed members that more budget cuts will be coming at the State level. It appears that Behavior Health Services will see additional cuts. Tomi encouraged members to invite their legislators to visit their emergency departments and inform them of the concerns with psychiatric patients.</p> <p>-Charlann informed members that the Arizona Hospital Association spoke of GME monies for residency programs being taken back by the Federal government.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>-See treasurer's report.</p> <p>-Sandy informed members that we do use a CPA, file taxes, and ask instructors to complete 1099's. She also explained about our bond with J.P. Morgan. She anticipates a 13% increase in our bond by year end.</p> <p>- It was moved and approved by members to accept the treasurer's report.</p>	
New Business	<p>-Arizona Nurses Association Lobby Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 9, 2010 at State Capitol. Rita explained that this is an opportunity to meet legislators. • Rita stated costs to attend of \$68 for ANA members and \$95 for non-members. • Rita encouraged members to attend. Rita would like to have at least 10 members attend so we could have an ENA table. There is a separate Lobby day for APN's on February 23, 2010. • Information regarding Lobby Day available at www.aznurse.org. <p>-Arizona State Council Bylaw change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne discussed Bylaw proposal change. Would like to make change so we can have a webmaster. <p>Article VII, Committees B. The AZ ENA will attempt to maintain the following standing committees: Education, ENCARE/Injury Prevention, Government Affairs, Membership, Newsletter, Nursing Practice, Pediatrics/ENPC, Trauma/TNCC, and website design/management (webmaster).</p> <p>Rationale: To allow webmaster to be a voting member of the Board of Directors per Article V: Board of Directors, B. Other voting members of the Board of Directors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Michie shared with members that she is support of this change. She stated 	

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	<p>that having a webmaster that is a nurse and also computer technology savvy is a must if our organization wishes to keep up with the changes we would like to make.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the bylaw change is passed then the BOD would assign James Ramsey, RN to this position. James is an emergency nurse who also works in clinical informatics and has knowledge of web design. <p>- It was moved and approved by members to accept the Bylaw change.</p>	<p>Board appointed James Ramsey a Webmaster.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>-See attached report.</p> <p>-Hot Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherry reported that we barely made minimum registrars before deadline. We did have positive reviews from attendees. • Moving conference to Scottsdale Healthcare Shea so we can have a Friday conference. Hope to increase attendance by having on Friday. Banner Desert cannot allow us to use space on Friday. We appreciated Banner's support of Hot Topics. • Date for conference is November 5, 2010. Tentative ENA member rate for conference \$75. • Joanne stated that the Executive Board would like to "go Green" and it was suggested that thumb drives be given to registrars instead of workbooks. • Maureen explained about new AACN CEU credit process. 1 CEU=1 hour, and only hour increments for "track" programs like Hot Topics. CEUs are for total hours on all day programs such as the CEN Review (16 hours = 16 CEUs). Maureen also suggested that speakers send their PowerPoint in PDF format so they cannot be altered. • Rita announced that they were able to obtain Terry Foster, a national speaker, for conference. It was suggested by Sherry that he close since he engages the audience with his humorous presentations. • Karen Graham informed us that Dr. Herrera is also willing to speak on Pediatric topic again this year. • Joanne encouraged members to talk up Nurse of the Year so we get more applicants. <p>-CEN Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Michie reported we made profit from these courses. 	<p>Education Comm to set-up dates ar</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joanne stated the Education Committee would like to hold 2 courses this year. One in the Spring and one in the Fall. <p>-Joanne encouraged members interested in joining Education Committee to contact her.</p>	venues for CEN Review courses.
Government Affairs (GA)	<p>-See report.</p> <p>-AZ Nurse's Association Lobby Day is February 9th. Rita encourages members to attend and to encourage other nurses to attend.</p> <p>-Rita explained that only those registered as lobbyists can speak for AZ ENA. Otherwise you can only speak as an emergency nurse. Currently Rita, Ginny Orcutt, and Board of Directors are registered lobbyists.</p> <p>-Members are able to register at a kiosk at the Capitol and then would be able to go online and testify in favor or against bills.</p> <p>-National GA Workshop is January 29-February 2nd. Nancy and Ginny will be attending this workshop. It will be Nancy's first time attending and Ginny's second time.</p> <p>-Focus this year for AZ ENA will be Booster seat legislation, Senate Bill 1010. This is spearheaded by AAA and AZ ENA and is sponsored by Senator Linda Gray. We expect SB 1010 to go to the Rules Committee next week. The primary issue of SB 1010 is to define who should be in booster seats versus seatbelts based on size, not age.</p> <p>-Rita encouraged members to join her active GA e-mail tree. She sends out e-mails at least monthly.</p>	
ENCARE/Injury Prevention	<p>-See report.</p> <p>Tracey updated members on ENA National's ENCARE/Injury Prevention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community component will remain with some adjustments. Are we replicating services available by another organization (i.e. Safe Kids vs. Child Passenger Safety) Focus will shift to hospital education on Injury Prevention STOP (Strategic Thinking on Prevention of Injuries), previously an 8 hour program, has been reduced to a 4 hour program, and is available on CD, and can be ordered on the ENA website. <p>-Injury Prevention Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracey would like to start a committee with other members who do Injury Prevention or are interested in Injury Prevention. The committee would assist in reporting activities to national. Currently, we are not giving Arizona the credit it deserves for all the injury prevention activities we do. 	

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Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -See report -Current membership is 895. Our goal is 1,000 members by 12/31/2010. -National is starting a Ruby Anniversary Campaign for their 40th year. Goal to reach 40,000 members by 12/31/2010. Plans for random drawings and possibly a state competition. Paulette Osborne will send out information to members as she receives it from National. -Encourage members to take the members' needs assessment via the AZ ENA link on Facebook. Deadline is March 1st. Survey can also be reached through Surveymonkey website. 	
Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Deadline for Spring newsletter is April 1st. -Tomi reported that 113 fans of AZ ENA are on Facebook thus far. Tomi adds updates to site 2-4 times a month. 	
Northern Arizona SIG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -See report. -Linda Yee has handed off re-establishment of the SIG to Sandra Espinoza. 	
Nursing Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -See report. -Three questions related to psychiatric patients in emergency rooms are on the members' needs assessment survey. Deadline March 1st. -Seeking candidates for the Practice Chair position which is vacant. -Committee will work with GA to do a presentation on the topic of best practice for caring for the psychiatric patients in the emergency department. 	
Pediatrics/ENPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -See report. -There are 12 courses scheduled thus far for 2010. -The course for Tucson in march has been canceled. Only 4 persons registered. Needed minimum of 12. -Only 3 spots left for March course at St. Josephs in Phoenix. -There were 9 ENPC courses in 2009 with 166 participants. -ENPC Instructor will probably be in April 2010. -National provided \$2,000 grant money to ENPC. ENPC will use these monies to provide course to 10 Fort Defiance nurses. 	
Southern Arizona SIG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -See report. -Sherry reported that Maureen is SIG Secretary, Susan Kinkade is Injury Prevention Chair, Wendy and Barb are membership Co-Chairs, and all members are involved on the Education Committee. 	

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<p>Trauma/TNCC</p>	<p>-See report.</p> <p>-Karen Z. reported that 12 classes are scheduled thus far for 2010.</p> <p>-TNNC Instructor course is scheduled for January 23, 2010.</p> <p>-First TNCC reverification class is scheduled for February 27, 2010 at Air Evac in Phoenix. Must have current TNCC card to attend this course.</p> <p>-There were 19 courses in 2009, 11 in Phoenix area, 2 in Tucson, and 6 in other areas of the State. There were 367 participants.</p> <p>-There has been a reduction in participants in Tucson. This is attributed to hospitals not paying to attend course. Generally, we have 20-24 participants in Phoenix area courses, 12 in Showlow course, and only 6 in Tucson courses.</p> <p>-Several members shared that only a few hospital now pay for TNCC, ENPC, etc. Most only pay if it is required for your job. Nurses need to be encouraged to take the courses for their own benefit and to improve their assessment skills.</p> <p>-Tomi reminded members to submit the cost of their ENPC or PALS course to their regional AEMS Council. These councils received \$9000 each to pay for Pediatric education for PALS and ENPC for EMTS, paramedics, and nurses. They do not reimburse for TNCC. Please send an e-mail to Tomi if you are not reimbursed by AEMS.</p>	
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>-Lifesavers Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori explained that Tracey Fejt, Injury Prevention Chair, had submitted a request and a proposed budget for her and up to 3 others to attend the Lifesavers Conference in April in Philadelphia. • Tracey explained to members what she and others would get from attending the conference. • It was moved and approved by members to accept Tracey’s submitted budget request. <p>-Pediatric Designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomi informed members that there was consensus from the Pediatric Designation Committee that Pediatric Designation for State would move forward. • Committee will set criteria for 3-level system based on criteria from ACEP and AAEP. As an example, an Advanced Center would need to have a physician director and an advanced practice nurse for designation. • Tomi reported that there are already a few hospitals contacting the committee for 	

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	<p>information on designation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomi informed us that there would also be a fee to be designated and a peer review process. <p>-ED Educator Listserv</p> <p>Maureen informed members that they can share information with other members on the listserv. Currently, she is working with National teams on CEN and PCEN Review courses.</p>	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.	
Next Meeting	April 30, 2010 at Mercy Gilbert Hospital.	

Respectfully Submitted,
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AZ ENA Secretary

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