

Minutes from the South Dakota ENA Meeting
June 1, 1999
Telemedicine Video Conference

The June 1, 1999 meeting of the South Dakota Emergency Nurses Association was called to order 4 PM in Sioux Falls, SD, with transmission to Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Watertown.

The following members were present: Aberdeen: Cheryl Hairgrove, Watertown: Lila Schaefer, Rapid City: Nancy DeVries, Sioux Falls: Roine Klausen, Clara Johnson, Jill Wiesner, Paulette Kirby, Tom Berg, Bette Gustafson, and Paula Vogelsang.

Minutes were approved from the February 2, 1999, meeting with no corrections. Motion was made to accept by Clara Johnson and seconded by Jill Wiesner. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Review of current balance and recent expenses were provided by Jill Wiesner. Recent expenses have been TNCC instructor manuals: \$13.00 and the CATN course for \$1158.55. Recent income was from the TNCC instructor course: \$50.00. Our current balance on May 31, 1999 was \$9,174.98. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Governmental Affairs: Lila Schaefer

Lila highlighted some information that has been published in the recent issues of the Washington Update. The ENA has lent it's support to the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act. ENA President Jean Proehl stated that "ENA is a strong proponent of handgun control and firmly believes that society should hold adults responsible whether they are gun owners or sellers for injuries sustained from a minor using a firearm". A bill that would allow up to 500 nurses from foreign countries to take jobs in severely short staffed U.S. hospitals over the next four years was considered and approved by the House Judiciary Committee. Only hospitals that have a serious shortage of nurses and a significant number of Medicare and Medicaid patients would be eligible to participate in the program. Recently a Chicago hospital agreed to pay \$40,000 to settle a federal complaint prompted by the allegation that the hospital did nothing to help a gunshot victim dying just outside it's doors. ENA has come out in support of the Access to Emergency Medical Services Act of 1999. ENA feels this bill is an important step toward ensuring that a patient's symptoms and not the final diagnosis is the basis on which health plans cover emerging care. President Clinton announced a new federal ruling requiring automobile manufactures to adopt a universal system to attach children's car seats. Under the rule, all new vehicles must have the attachments by September 2, 2000. There is going to be ENA Day on the Hill this fall and all members are invited to join their colleagues in state teams and participate. Bette also shared she had received a mailing in regard to multi-state licensing that would eliminate the need for individual state licensing.

Injury Prevention: Tom Berg

A four day training session in Child Seat Safety was completed in April in Sioux Falls. Pat Sortland and Nancy DeVries from Rapid City attended the course. There were

two people from South Dakota that became instructors at this session. ENA took part in Safe Kids Day this spring. Over 1,000 third graders came to learn about car seat safety. This is the third year ENA has participated in this group. Tom discussed the possibility of next year pairing up with the South Dakota Highway Patrol and having them bring in a simulator for roll overs and crashes. Safe Kids is continuing to work on funding for an events trailer. Tom asked if ENA would consider any funding for this or possibly a piece of equipment for this. Clara Johnson stated that it would be important that all areas in South Dakota should have access to this if there are funds contributed by ENA. Tom will keep us posted on the fund-raising process for this.

Pediatric Committee: Paulette Kirby

The updated materials and books for the ENPC course are currently available. There was an ENPC course held May 5 and 6, with sixteen participants. It was felt the course went well with the new format. Paulette reports she is still waiting to see what the needs are for an ENPC instructor course. Consideration is being given for a fall date. Discussion was had about the feasibility of having ^{one} ENPC-I course per year. There was discussion of setting a standard of having a spring TNCC-I course and a fall ENPC-I course in our state. There will be further investigation into this concept.

Trauma Committee: Clara Johnson

There was a CATN course held in Sioux Falls May 19 and 20, with nine participants. The fall dates for the CATN course are October 21 and 22, 1999. There is a commitment to have two of the courses per year in the state for instructors to maintain their status. There is a TNCC-I course this Friday, June 4, with five people participating. There was discussion had in regard to the fees for the CATN course, currently it is \$140.00 for ENA members and \$160.00 for non-ENA members. This fee includes class materials and lunch. There is some concern that the cost of the course may be the reason for limited participation in the course. Clara asked for any feedback from other facilities as to what they feel would increase CATN course participation. Clara also said she would be receptive to discussion about having a CATN course in Rapid City.

Newsletter

There were numerous compliments to Cheryl Hairgrove for her first newsletter publication. She will update her address list. There were some members who didn't receive a copy. Any information that anyone would like to contribute for the next newsletter should be sent to Cheryl by June 18, 1999. Cheryl's E-mail address is hairgrovecher@hotmail.com.

Old Business

There were draft copies of three operating guidelines/procedures that have been developed, sent out with the last mailing of the minutes. They are: Nomination/Election Process, General Nomination/Election Process procedure addresses some time lines and the process of electing officers. The General Assembly Delegation procedure ensures we have a consistent process for selecting participants. There will be a delegate selection application along with the Operational Procedure for General Assembly Delegates mailed this month. The Emergency Nurses Day guidelines give an overview of the types of things that are needed to organize this event. There was a motion to accept the Nomination/Election Process Procedure by Roine Klausen and was seconded by Clara Johnson. Approved unanimously. There was a motion to accept the General Assembly

Delegation procedure by Tom Berg and was seconded by Paulette Kirby. Approved unanimously.

New Business

Time is approaching for the election of officers for January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001. Paulette Kirby is the president-elect. There will be a call for nomination of Secretary and Treasurer. Nomination forms will be mailed out this month. There was discussion of an Issues Forum being held prior to the General Assembly so the delegates could have some discussion with ENA members about the issues being presented. The date for the Issues Forum will be September 22, 1999 at 4 PM. (?where). Emergency Nurses Day is approaching in October. October 12, 1999, has been picked as the date so all of the sides can participate in this day. Members that will possibly be interested in planning for this day are Tom Berg, Jody Foster, Roine Klausen, Bonnie Murtha, and Pat Sortland. Sheri Lynn Alimeda will be considered as a speaker for that day. Two Black Hills gold Florence Nightingale pins will be sent to the Emergency Nurses Foundation silent auction to be held during the General Assembly. Jill Wiesner and Bette Gustafson will take care of ordering the pins.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula

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Secretary

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