

March 2004



Next Meeting:

June 7 @ 4 pm



Did you know that in order to be on SD's Board of Nursing, you have to be appointed by the governor?



Kathy Robinson
(immediate Past President) is our new board liason! Welcome!!!



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SOUTH DAKOTA



EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

President's Note

On February 8-10, I attended Nurse's Day at the Legislature. It was very interesting and informative. There were nurses and students there from all over SD. I met Darcy Sherman-Justice South Dakota Nurse's Association President and several board members from the SDNA. I met Brett Koenecke-SDNA's lobbyist. I met several members of SD Board of Nursing. I met many students from all over the state and instructors from many schools and campuses. I met with legislators from my county as well as many others. I thank SDENA for supporting me. I would encourage you to attend next year or whenever you can.

We as nurses can become politically active and make a difference on the legislation that not only impacts our state, but our lives and our professions. Darcy Linke (Government Relations Committee Chair for SDNA) gave a presentation on becoming a politically active nurse. She states there are three ways to accomplish this: 1) **The Nurse Citizen** brings her perspective to health care in the voting booth, public forums advocating health and human services and involvement in community activities. 2) **The Nurse Activist** takes a more active role than the nurse citizen. (Cont. on page 3)

For All Your 2004 Election Information, Go to the ENA Legislative Action Center

ENA's Legislative Action Center now contains a comprehensive resource specifically designed to meet all your election 2004 needs. From detailed candidate bios to voter registration services, from information about specific ballot initiatives to help in locating polling sites, all this can be found on the Action Center located at <www.ena.org>.



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- Candidate Biographical and Contact Information;
- Candidate Position Statements;
- Links to candidate Meetups;
- Statewide Ballot Initiative Information;
- Voter Guide information including key dates and deadlines, ID needed at the polls, and links to voting machine descriptions and polling locations; and
- Voter Registration Forms.

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Trauma: Clara Johnson
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Six year old Angie and her four year old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're 'hushers'."



SD Legislature Facts

The South Dakota Legislature is established by Article III of the Constitution of South Dakota as a bicameral legislative body.

Sessions:

Regular Sessions:

- ◆ Odd-numbered years: Begin on the second Tuesday in January for 40 legislative days.
- ◆ Even numbered years: Begin on the second Tuesday in January for 35 legislative days.

Special Sessions:

- ◆ May be called by the Governor or two-thirds of both houses of the Legislature.

Membership:

The Senate: 35 Senators (In 2004 there are 26 Republicans and 9 Democrats) elected from 35 districts. The Constitution provides for not fewer than 25 or more than 35 members.

The House: 70 Representative (In 2004 there are 49 Republicans and 21 Democrats) elected from 35 districts. The Constitution provides for not fewer than 50 or more than 75 members. District 28 has been subdivided into two House districts to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

Term of Office is two years. Members of Legislature are elected in November of even numbered years. There are 13 committees with a chairperson from both the Senate and House residing.

For more information visit the Legislature On-Line at <http://legis.state.sd.us>

This information was directly taken from The South Dakota Legislature pamphlet.

those that know, do. those that understand, teach.
— aristotle

President's note

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Activeness often arises from an issue that directly affects the nurse's professional or healthcare values. The nurse activist may participate in Political Action Committees (PAC) or Government Relation Committee (GRC), she may contact public officials thru letters, email or telephone calls. She may work in a campaign or donate money to a campaign. She may provide testimony before the legislature. 3) The **Nurse Politician** chooses to develop legislation rather than influence it. The public places a high value on nurses. Because of this, nurse politicians can be trusted. The nurse activist may run for elected office, seek appointment to regulatory agency and/or use nursing experience as a front-line policy maker who can enhance health care and the health care profession.

If you would like more information regarding Darcy Linke's presentation you may contact her at dlinkern@santel.net or you may contact me at dsdohman@nvc.net and I can forward you further contact information.

Another way to be politically active is to join your professional organization and be active. Whatever you decide, your voice, attention and action does make a difference.

Thank you,

Tammy Dohman-SDENA President

Dates & Times to Remember

March: 16-22: National Inhalants and Poison Awareness Week

April: Alcohol Awareness Month
National Child Abuse Prevention Month
26-27: Walk America Week

May: National Bike Safety Month
National Trauma Awareness Month
19-26: Buckle Up America Week

June: No events listed

July: TNCCI: exact date TBA

20 & 23 TNCC @ Avera St. Luke's. 7:30-5:00 both days. Contact Vicki @ 622-5588. Registration deadline July 5.



BRC II

The Blue Ribbon Commission II is currently rewriting the bylaws of the ENA. The BRC II presented the bylaw changes and revisions at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The bylaw revisions and changes are also available on ENA's website www.ena.org. You must have your password and ID number available as this information is in the Members Only section. Recently, ENA held a conference call with state leaders to discuss concerns, questions and to receive input on the bylaw revisions and changes. Many issues were discussed and a few are highlighted here. There is still much discussion and concern regarding the reorganization of management regarding 3 tier states. BRC II revisions propose that states may still retain chapters but that National ENA will no longer manage the chapters. The states who currently have chapters would then be responsible for the management of chapters. Currently National ENA sends reimbursements directly to the chapters and states. National ENA, under the new bylaws, would send all financial correspondence to the state organization and it would be disbursed from there. Other issues discussed were international councils-members have taken a stand and it appears that there will be no international council options written into the bylaws. International members would still be welcome. The BRC II is still currently fine tuning the Nominations Committee guidelines. It appears that members will remain as registered nurses. There was some discussion on allowing LPN's and students to join. The BRC II will present the finished bylaws in September at the Annual Meeting. The BRC II will diligently try to have all bylaws and revisions completed by this time, but will present to the membership what has been finished. If you have questions or concerns about the bylaw revisions or changes, you may log onto www.ena.org. There is a section for you to voice your opinion.