

# Illinois State Council Emergency Nurses Association

Meeting Summary  
October 18, 2008

## ***Celebrating successes:***

- Barb Weintraub is the new Director of the Emergency Department at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights.
- Sue Harrison is the new ED Nurse Manager at St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford.
- Roseanne Niese received the Nursing Spectrum award for management.
- Thelma Kuska was inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing.
- Rebecca Steinmann announced that Edward Hospital received an honorary award from National ENA. In addition, Edward Hospital conducted a presentation at a recent Magnet Conference.
- Cheryl Vinikoor published a "Summer Emergencies" article in the Chicago Dentistry magazine.
- Elisabeth Weber attended a conference in Las Vegas regarding budgetary issues.

## ***Updates:***

- Illinois State Council membership is at an all-time high of 1308.
- At this year's General Assembly, there were 27 Illinois delegates.
- Illinois State Council is "Going Green". Various ideas were discussed regarding how to decrease use of paper and use more electronic means of communication and sharing of information.
- Sue Pritscher and Vicki Goeddeke volunteered to take over as Co-Chairs of the Education Committee.
- Thelma Kuska reported that National ENA will be rolling out state score cards reviewing injury prevention laws within each state. These score cards will provide nurses within each state with information that they can use to talk with their legislators about strengths and weaknesses in their state injury prevention laws.
- Save the Date cards for the 2009 Spring Symposium are being mailed out.
- Please forward any CounterShock Newsletter articles or information for the featured hospitals section of the newsletter to Julie Bracken.
- Written committee and SIG reports were reviewed.

## ***Educational Presentation:***

*Deaf Patients in the Emergency Department* was presented by Gary Kaufman, MD, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Chicago.

## ***Next Meeting:***

The next meeting is scheduled on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood.