

Dear Cheryl,

I would like to formally apply for the position of Director on the Illinois ENA board for 2010. I have been an Emergency Department Nurse for nine years, the last four in Illinois. I am currently the Trauma Coordinator at Children's Memorial Hospital and have a passion for promoting Injury Prevention in the community. I have been an active Illinois ENA member for the past four years with the last two serving as a member on the Symposium Committee and Pediatric Committee. I have recently been named as the Communication Committee Co-Chair.

I feel that I will bring a great deal of insight into the Director position based on my lessons learned in my career, work on the Spring Symposium Committee, CVENT, Communication Committee and networking at National. I am well versed in the Illinois State Council and National ENA bylaws and have been a delegate for the Illinois ENA at National in 2008 and 2009. I regularly attend the State Council and committee meetings. With my work on CVENT I have been able to communicate important information to the Illinois ENA members more frequently and efficiently than our chapter has in the past. I continue to strive to find ways to improve our communication with our members as we go forward with improving our networking systems and electronic avenues of communication delivery.

As the CVENT coordinator I interact frequently with committee chairs and SIGs in an effort to expand communication to our members and facilitate communication between committees. I have become familiar with many of the ED Nurse Managers/Departments in our state while collecting contact information to build our data base allowing us to send our information on upcoming educational programs, State Council Meetings and other vital information we send out to all Emergency Room Nurses.

With my work on the Spring Symposium Committee and recent work on the upcoming CPEN course I have been able to reach our bordering states and build a rapport with many of the members. I feel it is of equal importance that we network with members of our neighboring states throughout the year as our Emergency Room Careers expand and become increasing difficult facing new challenges more frequently.

I have worked closely with all members of the current and past State Council and have the utmost respect for all of them in their roles professionally and personally. I feel obligated in my current role to uphold and support all decisions made by our State Council and actively collaborate with the State Council to continue to move our ENA chapter forward reaching more Emergency Room nurses creating a network that helps to improve our profession.

If I were elected to the position of director it would be my intent to take my work and ENA experiences to further improve communication and networking to our ENA members and Emergency Department Nurses. I feel it is vitally important that we reach our members as well as non-members in every avenue available. As our Emergency Nurses become a generation of more technologically savvy nurses we need to reach them on the level they are at as well as continuing to use past methods of communication as deemed viable. At the same time I would help to make our State Council members more accessible to our members allowing us to gain more feedback and tailor our programs and events to our members. We are an active chapter and have much to offer our state as well as our neighboring states. We have much to learn from each other as we lift up the next generation of Emergency Room Nurses and face the current health care crisis continuing to provide safe, quality care to our patient populations. I feel obligated to help our Illinois ENA to meet the goals they have set.

Respectfully Submitted,

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