President’s Message
By Stephen Stapleton, PhD, RN, CEN

It’s been said that time flies when you are having fun. As I look back at the past two years, serving as the IENA President, it seems like it was only yesterday Cheryl Vinikoor, 2007-2008 President asked me what was I doing in my spare time these days? Soon after I was handed the IENA gavel from Rebecca Steinmann, 2009-2010 President! Now I am ready to hand over the gavel to Vicki Bacidore, who I am quite certain will be an excellent president and represent you, our members, well.

Now, let's look at what has happened over the past couple of months.

Last month 26 IENA members travelled to San Diego to represent all 1,528 members at the 2012 ENA General Assembly on Wednesday and Thursday, September 12 & 13, 2012. Per ENA Bylaws, IENA was allowed to seat 25 delegates and one alternate delegate. I am pleased to report we had 39 members apply for delegate status through our on-line application process. We utilized a point system based on active participation in IENA to make our final delegate selections and this year, we were able to seat five first time delegates! I encourage all IENA members to be actively involved in our organization and apply for delegate status next year. It really is an interesting experience where you learn more about ENA and have the chance to network with ED nurses throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

After introducing and debating the 16 bylaw amendments and resolutions during the first day of the General Assembly (GA), a ninth resolution titled “ENA Organizational Transparency” was introduced, but due to technical parliamentary issues was not successfully brought before the delegates. At the close of the first GA day, the respective authors worked for several hours to update their amendments and resolutions to address the General Assembly’s comments and suggestions. Then resolutions committee members and the parliamentarian drafted a consent agenda for the GA to vote on Thursday morning. The consent agenda consisted of bylaw amendments focused on updating the current bylaws to reflect current practices or re-arrangements to “read” better. Delegates had the opportunity to remove any consent agenda items, which did not happen, and the consent agenda passed overwhelmingly.

One bylaw amendment receiving a great deal of “heated” discussion was GA12-05 Bylaws and Officer Elections. The intent of this bylaw amendment was to change voting for board members and officers from the membership to the general assembly. After strong opposition from the General Assembly, the author graciously “postponed indefinitely” voting on this amendment. The second controversial bylaw was intended to give the resolutions committee authority to the submit bylaw amendments as an independent group. The current bylaws stipulate five ENA members are needed to submit a bylaw amendment. Currently there are five members on the resolutions committee and the GA felt this amendment was not necessary and it was vetoed.

There was some controversy with the resolutions, particularly the resolution addressing TNCC eligibility. The GA strongly felt this is a nursing course and would like to place the course into the IENA bylaw amendments.

Editor’s Note:
Consult the web site for up-to-date information at www.illinoisena.org. Canceled meeting notification is located there.

Recognize at the Scientific Assembly 2012
Advocate Good Shepherd ED Receives Lantern Recognition
By Karla Christianson, MS, RN, CEN

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington, IL, is very excited to have the honor of being recognized as an Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Lantern recipient and we would love to share our story with you. First, let me review what the Lantern award is about and what defines Lantern recognition. The ENA describes the Lantern award as follows:

“The Lantern Award is a recognition given to emergency departments that exemplify exceptional practice in one or more of the core areas of leadership, practice, education, and accomplishment in incorporating evidence-based practice and innovation in emergency care.”

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Welcome from the new Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago! On June 9th (just a few short months ago), we moved from our site in Lincoln Park to the downtown campus of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. We are now two blocks east of the shopping on Michigan Avenue and Water Tower Place (home of the American Girl Store among others).

Our new facility is 23 floors, 288 licensed individual patient/family rooms. Even the NICU has individual rooms (60 to be exact). The Kenneth & Anne Griffin Emergency Care Center is located on the 2nd floor. We have two dedicated elevators in the ambulance bay to transport only to and from the ED. There are three additional elevators that travel only from the 1st floor lobby to the area outside the emergency department. The ED has grown from a 25 bed to a 45 bed area. There are four triage rooms, four 10-bed pods, two trauma rooms accommodating two patients each, and a procedure room. Within the ED, we have two X-ray rooms and a CT scanner.

Every floor of our new facility collaborated with a community partner to help design/decorate public spaces. The Shedd Aquarium is our ED partner. What an awesome partnership! There is a coral reef in the public space outside the ED, a salt water aquarium in the waiting area, all the rooms are decorated with photos of aquatic animals and our CT scanner is decorated as a yellow submarine – a design developed by our Kids Advisory Board.

We began our submission writing the very beginning of January 2012 as the deadline for the application process was the end of February (ED nurses are known for producing better under stress). The questions were quantitative and qualitative in nature. There are several sections including leadership practice, leadership operations, education, advocacy (innovation) and research/practice. A team of writers from our ED were selected and wrote, re-wrote, edited and re-edited. The experience of the team writing for the Lantern application encouraged participation at the national ENA level to a degree one might not usually think. The amalgamation of the entire Lantern experience increased dialogue amongst our staff about the importance of nursing specialty organizations, the support ENA provides to our emergency department and emergency nurses and allowed our staff to appreciate the outcomes driven by their efforts through their written words. Our hearts were dedicated to show others the excellence we are so proud of in our department. We submitted the application electronically at the end of February and then the long wait began...

Early in July, we received a telephone call from the President of national ENA, Gail Lenehan, EdD, MSN, RN, FAEN, FAAN, informing us we were selected by a panel of judges as a 2012 Lantern recipient! The excitement was indescribable!

This year, the annual ENA conference was held in San Diego in September. On the last evening of the conference, the ENA hosted the 1st Annual Lantern Gala event and three of us from Good Shepherd had the privilege of attending to receive our Lantern award. We were one of eight emergency departments across the nation to receive this recognition for 2012. Attending the gala was absolutely dazzling and a very proud moment for everyone! There was not a minute that passed by where we did not realize if it were not for all the efforts and hard work of the ED bedside clinical staff, the evening would not have been possible. We represented and received the Lantern award on behalf of the incredible, hardworking staff in our emergency department!
**Illinois State Council ENA Officers for 2013**
By Rebecca Steinmann, APN, CEN, CPEN, CCRN, CCNS, FAEN

Congratulations to our newly elected 2013 Illinois State Council ENA Board members! The election process for our 2013 Officers and Board members was completed on August 15th, 2012. Thank you to all those members who exercised their opportunity to cast a ballot. And the results…….

- 2013-2014 President-Elect, Christine Chaput, RN, MSN, CEN
- 2013-2014 Secretary, Nicholas Nelson, MS, RN, CEN, CPEN, CPN, NREMT-P
- 2013-2014 Director, Teresa Gomez, RN, MSN, CPEN

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**TNCC/ENPC Reverification Courses**

Due to ANCC guidelines, ENA is not able to offer contact hours for Reverification courses after 12/31/12. The ENA Board of Directors voted in July 2012 to discontinue TNCC and ENPC Reverification courses after that date. Therefore, there is no ENPC 4th edition Reverification course being offered. There can be no 3rd edition ENPC Reverification courses, or 6th edition TNCC Reverification courses held after December 31, 2012.

ENA is exploring new ways to provide ongoing continuing education related to the courses, and has directed that no more than 4 years will lapse between each new version of the TNCC and ENPC courses. Participants will be able to continue to challenge the two day provider course, as allowed by each individual course director.

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**Upcoming TNCC Courses**

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**Upcoming Events**

**State Council Meetings**
For 2012 events, contact Stephen Stapleton at steve.stapleton@live.com.

For 2013 events, contact Vicki Bacidore at vbacido@lumc.edu.

**November 10, 2012 - Northwest Community Hospital**, 800 W. Central Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Educational presentation: What Else Goes to the Burn Unit by Kathy Supple, MSN, ACNP, CCRN, Loyola University Medical Center.

**Educational Opportunities**


**November 15-16, 2012 - Trauma 2012: Prepare for the Worst & Hope for the Best! 9th Annual Advocate Injury Institute Symposium**, Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, Lisle, IL. Contact GSAM-OutreachEducation@advocatehealth.com.


**April 11-12, 2013 - Illinois ENA 39th Annual Spring Symposium 2013**, Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, Lisle, IL. Contact Julie Bracken at juliebracken@msn.com.

**Networking Opportunities**

**April 11, 2013 - State Sponsored Networking Dinner**, Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, Lisle, IL. Contact Julie Bracken at juliebracken@msn.com.
Evidence Based Practice (Research) Committee
2013 Call for Abstracts/Posters
By Marites Gonzaga-Reardon, MSN, APN, CCNS, CEN

The Illinois ENA EBP Committee sponsors a poster session at the Illinois ENA Spring Symposium annually. The Committee seeks evidence-based practice abstracts addressing clinical, education, injury prevention, leadership, quality improvement, and safety issues in emergency care. The poster sessions are excellent opportunities to present your work and discuss the problems of, and solutions to, many of the pressing issues in today’s emergency health care environment with nurses, managers, leaders, researchers, and other participants; as well as dissemination of knowledge about emergency nursing and emergency care.

EBP Project:
• Prepare Evidence-Based Practice Project poster abstract headings (in bold). The headings must be in each section in the abstract and poster, so the 350 words will include the headings.
• Nature and scope of the project (introduction, problem identification, significance, project objectives)
• Synthesis and analysis of supporting and related literature. Describe the evidence-based solution? How was it developed and implemented? theoretical framework if applicable.
• Project implementation
• Evaluation criteria
• Predicted and actual outcomes: What were the outcomes of the project? How were the outcomes measured?
• Recommendations: What are the recommendations for clinical practice and policy based on the outcomes of the evidence-based practice project?
• Limitations of the Project
  • Are project limitations identified?
  • Are suggestions for future research identified?
• Implication to emergency care practice
• Submit a Literature Review summary (refer to Literature Review form)

The EBP abstracts and posters will be judged by the identified criteria. Best Abstract/Poster Awards: Abstracts with the highest review rating will be selected and judged according to the criteria listed above. It is suggested that authors refer to a published article on poster preparation or refer to the guidelines provided in your poster acceptance notification email. Award winners will be announced during the EBP session at the Illinois ENA Spring Symposium.

For each abstract being submitted, please provide author's name, email address and title of abstract to IL ENA EBP Committee Chair, Marites G. Reardon at maritesgonzaga@yahoo.com no later than November 30, 2012. This information is necessary to ensure author/presenter receive the submission information.

Injury Prevention Committee Participates in State Farm’s Celebrate My Drive
By Thelma Kuska, BSN, RN, CEN, FAEN

The Injury Prevention Committee participated in the Chicago event of State Farm’s Celebrate My Drive. It was held on September 15, 2012 at the Yorktown Mall in Lombard. It is one of seven sites for the nationwide debut of teen driver safety program called Celebrate My Drive. State Farm believes in a supportive and positive approach to teen driver safety in addition to education, awareness, legislation and enforcement, as well as parental engagement as key to keeping teens safe on the road.

Celebrate My Drive is State Farm’s way to supporting teens as they learn to drive and get ready for the road ahead. Many activities planned for the day included interactive driving simulators, seat belt convincers that simulate a low-impact 5-10 MPH vehicle collision to stress the importance of wearing a seat belt, numerous other informational booths such as the IL ENA booth and the Secretary of State booth. The teens were able to interact with Secretary of State Jesse White and celebrity guests.

One lucky teen won a brand new car and one lucky high school per site won $100,000 for their participation in State Farm’s Celebrate My Drive. Illinois ENA gave away car air fresheners to the teens and parents, a reminder to put cell phones away and concentrate on driving.
Delegates to ENA General Assembly

The ENA General Assembly was September 11 – 13, 2012 in San Diego, California. The Illinois delegation participated in the business of the national association, including many bylaw revisions and resolutions. Pictured are: Vicki Baciglione, Tibor Bajor, Julie Bracken, Regina Bracken, Mary Ellen Burfield, Gabrielle Campos, Christine Chaput, Karla Cristianson, Marcia Crawford, DeAnn Faragoi, Jan Gillespie*, Marites Gonzaga-Reardon, Harriet Hawkins, Vicki Keough, Thelma Kuska, Debra Lunt*, Patricia Madden, David Miller, Nicholas Nelson, Rosemarie Nolazzo*, MO Otting, Nancy Raschke-Deichstetter, Susan Remaly, Steve Stapleton, Rebecca Steinmann and Alternate Delegate Peter Giordano*.

* First time delegate.

Silent Auction Nets $1,917 for ENA Foundation
By Kathleen Richmond, RN, MS

Thanks to the generosity of members, families and friends of ENA, $1,917.00 was raised for the Emergency Nurses Association Foundation during this year’s Silent Auction on April 12th. This annual event is held at our Networking Dinner prior to Spring Symposium, and includes a 50/50 Raffle. Thanks to all of you who contributed items and/or bid at the auction.

Donations to the Emergency Nurses Association Foundation directly benefit emergency nurses, emergency patients, and the public through the support of: emergency nursing research, the promotion of public education regarding prevention of illness and injury, and the awarding of undergraduate, advanced practice and doctoral scholarships. As coordinator of the auction, I want to recognize those generous individuals who donated auction items, and are directly responsible for the huge success of this fundraising event.

Thank you to Illinois State Council members: Karin Buchanan, Harriet Hawkins, Tes Gonzaga, Julie Bracken, Regina Bracken, DeeAnn Faragoi, Thelma Kuska, Kathleen Richmond, Rebecca Steinmann, Heather Linehan, Bev Weaver, Barb Weintraub, and Vickie Goeddeke. Donated items included White Sox box seat tickets with parking, jewelry pieces by Swarovski and Victor Alfaro, Vera Bradley pieces, hand knit gift items, gift baskets of all sorts, wine and liquor, nursing collectibles, and specialty crafts.

Thank you to Central DuPage Hospital Emergency Department for the generous donation of “French Chocolates & Wines” basket.

Thank you to our Illinois State Council Trauma Committee for the special “After the Trauma” fun beach bucket of goodies, and to our Illinois State Council ENA Board for the fantastic “Springtime Treasures” Basket.

Thank you to Jones & Bartlett Publishing for donating two important emergency nursing texts, “Pediatric Acute Care” and “CPEN Review Manual”.

Thank you to “friends of ENA”, Sarah & Joe D’Amico, for items donated.

Lastly, it’s not too early to be thinking of next year’s Silent Auction event. Please contact me if you can help by donating an item, or if you know of a business or organization willing to contribute. My e-mail is RichmondK8@aol.com or you can phone me at 708-687-6044.

Spring Symposium Committee
By Julie Bracken, RN, MS, CEN

The 2013 Spring Symposium is planned for April 11 and 12, 2013, at the Wyndham Hotel in Lisle. Be sure to save the dates. This program includes topics specifically for ED nurses. This year leadership topics will be included again.

Thursday April 11, 2013, is the Advanced Clinical Program starting with a suture course in the morning. This Advanced Clinical Program is open to everyone and can be combined with the Friday program or attended separately. TNCC and ENPC Instructor Courses are offered on Thursday as well.

Friday April 12, 2013, opens with exhibitors and a keynote speaker, offers tracks from which to choose topics of interest including pediatrics and trauma. We hope these two days provide time to interact with peers from across the state facilitated by experts in emergency care.

Plan on attending the Networking Dinner sponsored by the Illinois ENA Board of Directors the evening of April 11 at the hotel, including a silent auction. The proceeds are donated to the ENAF (Emergency Nurses Association Foundation) for ED nurse scholarships.

The brochure and registration information will be arriving in your email soon. We are excited with our online services. You will be able to book your hotel when you register, and obtain the CEU certificate online after completing your course and program evaluations.

We look forward to meeting many of you next April. Please contact me with questions juliebracken@msn.com.
**Illinois State Council Meeting Highlights**

By Belkys Teresa Gomez, MSN, RN, CPEN

**April 28, 2012 Meeting Summary**

*Celebrating Successes:*
- Julie Bracken is retiring in July
- Nicholas Nelson is employed by EMS at Loyola University Medical Center as ECRN EMS Instructor

*Updates:*
- By Law Revisions- Update given by Steve on activity in updating the bylaw changes. Will have the lawyer review them and then follow the process for the state.
- Resolution Support- Julie Bracken motions that IL State Council ENA support the healthcare worker fatigue resolution from Tennessee and Utah. Jan Gillespie seconded the motion. Discussion included: IL ENA will support the resolution prior to general assembly once the title change is narrowed to the scope to ED nurses versus healthcare workers and the rest of the document with typos is fixed. The IL ENA is in agreement to support.
- By Law Support- Christine Chaput move to discuss to sign off changing the election process at the national level. Discussion included: members at meeting not feeling comfortable until they are able to read and formulate a decision for the bylaw change. Julie Bracken suggested tabling this motion until the IL ENA members have a chance to read the bylaw change through e-mail/Cvent. We are amending the motion to allow the members to read the bylaw change through survey monkey/e-mail with a deadline so the board can discuss the results to support or not support the bylaw. All in attendance agreed to support the motion to amend the motion.
- Explore Office/Storage- Vicki Bacidore motions to discuss obtaining an office space for the state council. Julie Bracken motions for the board to explore obtaining an office space for the state council including the financial implications. Nick Nelson seconds the motion. All in attendance agreed.
- ICEP /IAPA/ILENA collaborative 10/25 and 10/26 in Downers Grove.
- Jan Gillespie asked to discuss not having the TNCC/ENPC instructor classes aligned with the symposiums and making them independent. She will bring it back to the trauma committee.

**August 11, 2012 Meeting Summary**

*Celebrating Successes:*
- Good Shepherd is a recipient of the ENA Lantern Award
- Vicki Bacidore has a new job as full time faculty at Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing

*• Kathleen Richmond is now board certified in infection control
• Thelma Kuska published an article in JEN on hyperthermia for children in cars
• Julie D’Agostino is Director of Nursing at Harper College
• Karen Buchanan is published in *Journal of Emergency Medicine and Trauma*
• Vicki Goedeke is presenting at the Magnet conference in 2012

*Updates:*
- By Law Revisions- Update given by Steve on activity in updating the Illinois State Council bylaws; Each section reviewed; Line 47 clarified; Line 227 discussed because it’s a new item; Research done about election voting on-line with national- no response; Took out section on SIGs- explanation given by Steve; Line 338-339 discussed; Explanation of amending bylaws process given by Steve; Question on parliamentary procedure; Line 117 discussed; Line 122-123 discussed; Line 126 discussed; Line 211 discussed; Line 339 discussed; Other formatting issues given to Steve. Motion to accept bylaws with modifications by Julie D. and second by Nick N.
- General Assembly Bylaws and Resolutions- start on September 12th; shirts are ordered; Review of general assembly bylaws and resolutions occurred with discussion from members.
- Web site redesign- Notice received by webmaster he will no longer be able to manage council Web site. RFP presented to board and was sent out to potential webmasters. Four proposals received. Communications committee to discuss proposals. Evelyn asked for more guidance as far as a timeline. Motion to move forward on Web site redesign by Nick and seconded by Julie D.
- Event software RFP- Discussed Cvent and restricted use. RFP will be developed and presented to vendors. Nick will be actively involved in this process. Motion to move forward with investigation on new event software by Christine C and seconded by Karla.
- Thelma- sits on board for fundraising. Discussed if the State Council would like to donate a jewelry gift to the foundation. Topics given to Thelma to discuss with the national foundation. Motion to contribute this year only and discuss again next year and look for a piece of jewelry around $100 to the ENAF by Julie D. and seconded by Nick N. Karla will look for the piece of jewelry.

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**Communication Committee**

By Evelyn Lyons, RN, MPH

Initial steps have been taken to redesign the current Illinois ENA Web site. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released this summer to solicit proposals from Web site designers. The submitted proposals are undergoing review. The goal is to provide our membership with a Web site that is more user-friendly, easier to navigate, and has a fresher and more contemporary look. It is anticipated the Web site redesign will be completed in early 2013. Watch for further updates. Anyone interested in participating in the Communications Committee, please contact Evelyn at Evelyn.Lyons@illinois.gov.

**ENA Scholarship to Scientific Assembly**

By Julie Bracken, RN, MS, CEN

Peter Giordano, BSN, RN, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL, received an ENA scholarship to attend the Annual Conference in San Diego. Congratulations! Watch for the spring edition to apply for next year’s scholarship.
Finance Committee
By Nicholas Nelson, MS, RN, CEN, CPEN, CPN, NREMT-P

The Finance Committee met in September 2012. Two areas of focus for the remainder of this year include an update of the Illinois State Council Financial Policies and an audit. The Financial Policies were originally drafted and approved at the end of 2010 and became effective January 1, 2011. The proposed changes to the policies are to account for the State Council’s transition to Chase Bank (from 5/3 Bank), as well as nominal changes to ensure the policies and our practice are consistent. These proposed changes will be presented to the Board of Directors and the Illinois State Council membership on November 11, 2012 at the State Council Quarterly Meeting at Northwest Community Hospital. If accepted, these changes will become effective January 1, 2013. The current Financial Policies can be found online at www.illinoisena.org/files/FORM_FinancialPolicies2011.pdf.

Another project in progress by the Finance Committee is facilitating a financial audit of the State Council’s financial records. We are actively seeking appropriate auditing organizations experienced with small not-for-profits such as ourselves. This audit will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2013 in preparation for the Treasurer transition.

Janice Gillespie, RN, BA, TNS, 2012 Treasurer-Elect, becomes the 2013-2014 Treasurer beginning January 1, 2013, and I transition to the role of 2013 Immediate Past Treasurer. Effective January 1, all treasurer inquiries and requests should be sent to Jan. Updated Treasurer documents (Check/Debit Request Form, Credit Card Authorization Form, etc.) will be on the Illinois ENA Web site (www.illinoisena.org) by the end of the year. Jan’s contact information is located online at www.illinoisena.org/board.aspx; beginning New Year’s Day, she can be reached at treasurer@illinoisena.org.

The Finance Committee will meet at least once more during 2012. All meetings take place either by conference call or utilizing GoToMeeting, an online conferencing service. All members and committee chairs are welcome and encouraged to attend. Members should be familiar with financial principles and have some experience in budgeting and reading financial reports and documents. Contact Nicholas Nelson, current Illinois ENA Treasurer (treasurer@illinoisena.org), or Elizabeth Weber, Co-Chairperson of the Finance Committee (finance@illinoisena.org), if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Pediatric/ENPC Committee
By Harriet Hawkins, RN, CCRN, CPN, CPEN, FAEN

Happy Fall! Where did the year go? For a variety of reasons, the fall CPEN did not happen. After a long wait, we finally have the 4th Edition of ENPC. ENA plans to update both ENPC and TNCC on schedule with the AHA guidelines release every five years. Hopefully that will happen as it is very difficult to teach a course with outdated guidelines. Beginning March 1, 2013, only 4th Edition ENPC can be taught. We plan to have a 4th Edition ENPC Instructor Course as a pre-session along with our April Spring Symposium and I am contemplating a 4th Edition Instructor Course in either January or February.

ENPC Instructors: If you have taken a 3rd Edition Instructor Course you MUST be verified in a 3rd Edition Provider Course. Then you have to do the 4th Edition update. If you have not been verified yet, please take note of the February 28, 2013 deadline. If you wish to become a Course Director, you MUST be mentored by an experienced Course Director and mentoring paperwork must be completed and sent to ENA.

Pediatric Committee: The members of the Pediatric Committee are charged with monitoring the quality of ENPC in the state. Only members of the Pediatric Committee can verify Instructor Candidates. If you are interested in being on the Pediatric Committee and verifying and mentoring instructors, please send me an email with the subject “Pediatric Committee.” Please detail in the email the number of ENPC Courses you have taught in the past five years and whether or not you are a Course Director. You must be a member of Illinois State Council ENA to be a member of the Illinois ENA Pediatric Committee.

If you are from an area of Illinois not having regular ENPC classes, please let me know. It would be great to take courses to areas of the state needing them. No promises, but we will try. My email is hhwkins@luriechildrens.org.

Trauma/ TNCC Committee
By Karin Buchanan, RN, MSN, CEN

The Trauma Committee is preparing for the Fall TNCC Instructor Course. This fall, the Trauma Committee is using a new approach and is partnering with a hospital currently offering a TNCC courses. If this format is successful, we plan to continue in the future and hopefully be able to offer two instructor courses downstate and one upstate. As a reminder for Instructor Candidates: the first date listed for the Instructor Course is the testing day where candidates take the TNCC exam and test in one of the three TNP stations. In order to be eligible for the instructor course the following day, the Instructor Candidate must pass the written test with a score of 90% or greater and score 85% or greater on the TNP station. The Instructor Course itself is November 7 for those who successfully test on the 6th. As of February 21, we have two complete applications.

Just a reminder for all Course Directors: if you identify instructor potential candidates, please forward those names to Karin Buchanan at Karin.Buchanan@alexian.net. Please calculate the scores for TNP rather than putting “pass”—it makes it much easier to see those who scored 85% or greater.

The rumor is true. Due to changes in awarding CE hours from ANCC, ENA is dropping the TNCC Reverification Course. With the current fiscal environment of most of our hospitals, this is concerning. Course Directors and ED Director/Managers are encouraged to write/email/call national ENA course Operations with your concerns.

The next Trauma Committee meeting is December 11. All our meetings are conducted by telephone conference. While it doesn’t replace the valuable face to face meetings, it is a reality in today’s tight budget constraints. Meeting dates and times are the second Tuesday at 6 PM in March, June, September, and December. Meetings generally last about an hour depending on agenda items. Please contact myself, Karin Buchanan at Karin.Buchanan@alexian.net or the co-chair of the Trauma Committee, Karen Bosnyak, at Karen_Bosnyak@cdh.org if you are interested in joining.
Evidence Based Practice (Research) Committee

2012 Illinois ENA EBP Poster Winners

Congratulations to the 2012 EBP Poster Contest winners who presented their posters at the Illinois ENA 38th Annual Spring Symposium 2012 in April.

- Tourniquet Use: Time to Unravel the Misconceptions, Linda Dybows-ki, Loyola University Chicago, Maywood, IL
- Fall Awareness in the E.D.: Requires Different Approach, Debra Lunt, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL
- Protecting Patients’ Against CVC and PICU-related Infections: An ED Survey, Jessica Stults, BS, MSN, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL, Mary Kay Nuno, BSN, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

EMSC Update

By Evelyn Lyons, RN, MPH

National Pediatric Readiness Project – Have you heard about this national project? In 2013, the National EMSC program will roll-out this pediatric readiness project. This is a multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure emergency departments across the United States have the essential guidelines and resources in place to provide effective emergency care to children. The first phase of this project will be a national assessment of ED readiness to care for children, based on key elements outlined in the 2009 AAP/ACEP/ENA Joint Policy Statement: Guidelines for the Care of Children in the Emergency Department. This assessment will be conducted via an online survey, which will be rolled out to every state. Illinois hospitals are scheduled to participate in the assessment spring 2013. Findings from this assessment will provide baseline information on the nation’s capacity to provide care to children in the ED and also serve to establish national benchmarks. Please note in early 2013, Illinois EMSC will request each hospital to provide the name and contact information for a point person. This information will then be provided to the National EMSC program. They will provide hospitals with information regarding the National Pediatric Readiness project along with a link to the assessment survey. All Illinois hospitals are encouraged to participate in this assessment. Further information will be shared as updates are received from the National EMSC program.

Online Pediatric Educational Modules – Illinois EMSC completed development of the following two self-study pediatric educational modules. Through a partnership with the University of Illinois School of Public Health, these modules are available online at www.publichealthlearning.com. Free continuing education hours are provided after successful completion of the module post-test.

- Pediatric Seizures educational module – this module reviews the emergency care of pediatric patients who present with seizure activity. It focuses on appropriate assessment, management, prevention of complications, disposition, and patient/parent/caregiver education.
- Pediatric Hyperglycemia and Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) educational module – this module provides essential information on managing the pediatric patient who presents with hyperglycemia and/or DKA.

For more information and resources regarding pediatric emergency care, visit the Illinois EMSC Web site at www.luhs.org/emsc.

Membership Committee
Rebecca Steinmann, APN, CEN, CPEN, CCRN, CCNS, FAEN

As of October 2nd, the Illinois State Council ENA was 1,579 members strong. If anyone is interested in welcoming new members or contacting expiring members, please contact me at rsteinmann@ameritech.net.

Historical Nursing Heroines: Frances Slanger
By Kathleen Richmond, RN, MS

On October 21, 1944, at the age of 31, Lt. Frances Slanger, RN, died in Belgium, during a German artillery attack on her medical unit. She was the first American nurse to die in Europe after the D-Day landings in Normandy. Slanger was one of 18 nurses to wade ashore on Utah Beach just four days after D-Day in June 1944, the first American nurses to arrive in France.

Slanger’s relatively short life started in Lodz, Poland. At the age of seven, Frances arrived in the U.S. through Ellis Island. From early on, Slanger was intent on being a nurse. She wrote in her admissions letter to Boston City Hospital’s School of Nursing stating she wanted to serve those less fortunate than working in a factory, in February 1934 and later. She worked at for about three years, private home nurse-Army Nurse Corps in she joined, she was would disqualify her but Slanger vowed to the war front, where be needed. The severe the war overseas gave her the opportunity to serve.

On the night before she died, Slanger had written a letter to the Stars and Stripes military newspaper, on behalf of military nurses, praising American GIs and thanking the wounded for the privilege of easing their pain and sharing some of their hardships. Lt. Frances Slanger was never to realize the impact her words had made on those for whom she served. Featured in the newspaper’s editorial section, a box that only once before had been filled by someone other than a Stripes staff member, that being Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Slanger’s letter evoked responses from GIs all across northern Europe. Hundreds of GIs wrote in after Slanger’s letter was published, and again after word of her death, taking the time in the middle of a war to thank a woman they didn’t even know.

Frances was buried at the U.S. Military Cemetery at Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, only 20 miles from where she was killed. Two years after the war ended, her body was returned to the United States. Her final resting place is in West Roxbury, MA. The inscription on her stone is taken from her letter: The wounded do not cry. Their buddies come first.

In her honor, a cruise ship, refurbished as a U.S. Army hospital ship to return wounded American soldiers from Europe after the war, was commissioned as the Frances Y. Slanger. Recently, her story has been documented in the book, “American Nightingale: The Story of Frances Slanger, the Forgotten Heroine of Normandy,” by Bob Welch.
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only RNs may hold TNCC provider status. Through some parliamentary finagling, the three resolved clauses in contention were split and voted on separately with the resolution finally passing. The Palliative Care resolution, written to address palliative care practices in the ED, also caused some controversy. However, with some language revision, this resolution passed. If anyone is interested in reading through the bylaw changes and adopted resolutions, the information is available via the ENA Web site at www.ena.org then clicking on the “Membership” tab at the top, click on “General Assembly”.

Once the GA concluded, it was on to the Annual Conference where over 3,000 ED nurses from around the country came to “Refresh, Revitalize and Invigorate”. The welcome was delivered and the keynote address, “Drum Café” focused on harnessing the power of entertainment and team-building events. Soon after the educational sessions were in full swing and the vendor hall opened, giving participants opportunities to shop for new equipment, interact with leading vendors, buy a few books or some jewelry, and become reacquainted with friends and colleagues from around the country.

This year’s posters highlighting state of the art ED research and evidence based projects were displayed so attendees could peruse through the posters at their leisure.

This year’s Annual Conference was not “all work and no play”. There were plenty of opportunities to socialize. The opening party was a huge success and I saw many IENA attendees out dancing the night away. There were many restaurants with a variety of food choices within walking distance of the conference center and hotels. Coronado Island was a short ride from the main hotel, along with many military museums and war-ships to investigate in the harbor. The ENA Foundation fundraiser, “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” on Friday night gave ENA members the opportunity to watch the Padres and Rockies at Petco Park. The hot dogs were actually pretty good!

Early Saturday morning the BCEN Breakfast was held. There were several IENA members recognized as Exam Construction and Review Committee (ECRC) members, Rebecca Steinmann and me, and item writers. As I looked throughout the room I saw many IENA members who held BCEN Certifications enjoying breakfast, networking with colleagues and enjoying a very inspiring “southern belle” regaling us with many life stories.

The 1st Annual Awards Gala on Saturday night, a black-tie optional event, hosted by Terry Foster was attended by all the award recipients. Paula Tanabe, PhD, RN, 2000 IENA President, now an associate professor at Duke University, was inducted as a fellow in the Academy of Emergency Nurses. Members of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital were honored as recipients of the 2012 Lantern Award which is given in recognition of “emergency departments that exemplify exceptional practice and innovative performance in the core areas of leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research”.

Congratulations to Karla Christianson, 2012-2013 IENA Director, and her team on this prestigious award. As your president, I am proud to report to you. I would also like to thank the all the dedicated professionals at ENA headquarters – their support and guidance is invaluable. Last, and most important, I would like to thank all the IENA members who I have met face-to-face or corresponded with – your comments, suggestions and encouragement was greatly appreciated.

Email me and I’ll gladly forward them to you (steve.stapleton@live.com). To successfully update our bylaws, we require a two-thirds vote of the members attending the meeting, so please plan on attending and casting your vote.

There is planning and development going on within IENA. Members of the Board of Directors and Communications Committee are beginning the process of redesigning our Web site. We have sent out requests for proposals (RFP) and are currently evaluating the responses we received to select the vendor who best meet our Web site design needs. When we have selected the vendor we will then begin the process of selecting a vendor to handle our registration for our symposiums and other educational events.

Our Fall Symposium has a new location this year! The 4th Annual Fall Symposium will be held for at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel on Friday, November 9, 2012. The Fall Symposium Committee, chaired this year by Sarah Colclasure, has scheduled a variety of speakers with topics ranging from adult thoracic trauma, pediatric abdominal emergencies, recreational drug updates, an update on sexual assault documentation & legal tips and workplace violence. Our keynote speaker is Dolan Dalpos, CEO and President of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, who will provide a very entertaining presentation on healthcare from a small, rural hospital perspective.

Our Spring Symposium Committee, co-chaired by Julie Bracken and David Miller, is actively planning another successful event to be held in April, 2013. As details are arranged, we will post the information on the Web site. If anyone is interested in donating your time and talents to this or any other committee, please check out the Web site at www.illinoisena.org for more information. Or, please feel free to contact me anytime at steve.stapleton@live.com for more information.

Illinois ENA has joined with the Illinois College of Emergency Physicians and the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants to endorse several educational opportunities. On October 25 & 26, the Primary and Acute Care Conference will be held. Additionally, on Friday, November 2, the Emergent Procedures Simulation Skills Lab and on Thursday, November 29, the Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IVs class is scheduled. These sessions are open to advance practice RNs and ED RNs. Additional information is available in the Event Calendar on the Web site at www.illinoisena.org.

As busy as IENA was during 2012, we plan to just as busy in 2013. Plan on attending one or more educational offerings, plan on attending a state council meeting – become involved in your state-wide organization. The State Council Meeting dates and places will soon be posted, so put one or more on your calendar and come join us. If you are unable to join in person, e-mail a committee chairperson and volunteer your time and talents behind the scenes. Continue to be involved in IENA, rack up those points, and apply for delegate status next year!

Now, as my tenure as president draws to a close, it is time to pass on the leadership of IENA to a very capable group of ED nurses and leaders. Please join me in congratulating newly elected Christine Chaput, 2013-2014 President-Elect, Nicholas Nelson, 2013-2014 Secretary, and Teresa Gomez, 2013-2014 Director. They, along with Vicki Bacidoire, 2013-2014 President, Janice Gillespie 2013-2014 Treasurer, and Karla Christianson, 2012-2013 Director will continue to build our organization throughout their tenure and beyond.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs and members. I am awe of your dedication and hard work over the years. I hope you learned as much from me as I have from you. I would also like to thank all the dedicated professionals at ENA headquarters – their support and guidance is invaluable. Last, and most important, I would like to thank all the IENA members who I have met face-to-face or corresponded with – your comments, suggestions and encouragement was greatly appreciated.
**Don’t Text and Drive**

By Thelma Kuska, RN, BSN, CEN, FAEN

Did you know? Distracted driving is any activity that takes your attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger you, the driver, your passengers, and bystander’s safety. Distraction includes: texting, using a cell phone or smartphone, eating and drinking, talking to passengers, and grooming.

- Texting requires visual, manual and cognitive attention by the driver
- Manual: taking your eyes off the wheel
- Visual: taking eyes off the road
- Cognitive: taking your mind off driving
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.
- Text messaging increases a crash risk 23 times more than driving while not distracted.
- Cell phone use was reported in one in 20 distraction related deaths in America.
- Texting takes your eyes off the road for 4.6 seconds. At 55 MPH, that is like driving an entire football field blindfolded.
- Contrary to popular belief, headset cell phone use is not safer than handheld use.
- Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37%. This is because listening to a conversation draws significant mental resources away from driving and undermines driving performance even when the conversation does not require holding a phone.
- Engaging in cell phone conversations slows the driver reaction times to events happening outside of the car.
- Hands-free cell phone conversations create “in-attention blindness.”
- Almost 80% of all crashes and 65% of all near-crashes involved the driver looking away from the roadway just prior to the crash or event.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration