

President's Corner



ENA Colleagues – I would like to send out a very special “Thank you” to all that made the time to attend our Annual State Conference on May 11th. It was a very successful conference. I also appreciate the feedback that was given. We, as a state membership, are very lucky to have such a dedicated education committee. They worked very hard to make this a valuable conference. And it most definitely was

just that. I would also like to formally thank all of the speakers, as I know I went away with new applicable information from their talks. It is always exciting to learn something new. Please remember that our conference is roughly the same time of the year, and encourage your nursing and EMS colleagues to attend.

I would also like to say thank you for the generous support and donations that went to our National ENA Foundation. It is a worthy cause, which I hope all will investigate and take advantage of. Please spend some time on www.ena.org.

Also, take a look at the national election results. Thank you to all that voted. These are our representative on a national level. This is how our emergency nurse voices are heard on a national stage.

Iowa was allotted 8 delegates and 1 alternate delegate for the General Assembly scheduled for September in San Diego. Delegates are selected using a point system based on ENA involvement. Congratulations to this years delegates:

Sarah Trip (President)
 Sarah Pike (Secretary)
 Jeff Jarding (Treasurer)
 Kathy Bainbridge
 Jeri Babb
 Lynn Tschiggfrie
 Joni Thornton
 Jennifer Platz
 Alternate – Heather Mills

Lastly... in case you haven't heard it lately, I appreciate you as an ER nurse. This is not an easy job. If it were, none of us

would be doing it. Thank you for the care you give. The summer months do not bring a slow down. You are appreciated. Thank you for all you do and thank you for your continued commitment to emergency nursing.

Sarah Tripp, R.N., C.E.N., EMT-B
Iowa President

Memberships

At the beginning of May the Iowa ENA membership stood at 405 members, with the National reporting over 40,000 members. During our membership drive at the annual ENA conference on May 11th in Des Moines we had 10 new members and 20 current members take advantage of the one day membership discount. The Iowa ENA state council gave away 5 of those one year membership, thank-you very much to the council for their support. I thought it was fantastic that many of you stopped by my booth to pick up membership materials and applications for your co-workers who could not make it to the conference, it is your continued enthusiasm that encourages our fellow ER nurses to join their professional organization.

Lynn Tschiggfrie RN, CEN
Iowa Emergency Nurses Association
2012 Membership Chair

July 25th Meeting Recap

- ❖ Please check your email for the minutes for July 25th and/or iowaena.org
- ❖ Electronic copy of the IA Child Death Review Report will be sent to members with the minutes.
- ❖ Everyone come to the September 5th meeting with your written ideas on how to spend funds to best serve our membership.



JoAnn Lazarus, 2012 National ENA President – Elect and Sarah Tripp, Iowa ENA President. JoAnn presented “Emergency Nursing Update From a National ENA Perspective”.



Conference Presenters Robert and Renee Denton from Joplin, Missouri. Both Nursing Directors at Freeman Health System Hospitals, they shared what it was like when the F5 tornado hit Joplin.



Winners of ENA memberships (left to right) Diane Tenhause from Mason City, IA, Staci Worley from Fairfield, IA, Melody Abell from Knoxville, IA, Peggy Clausen from Colo, IA, and Linda Chrismore from Newton, IA



“Networking” after the conference – Joni Thornton, Eric Christensen (Conference Presenter), Sarah Tripp and Sarah Pike. Eric presented “Don’t Believe Everything You See: What is your monitor really telling you?”

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sept. 5th - Iowa ENA Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
Mercy Medical Center – West Lakes
Cownie Conference Room
- Sept. 11th-15th General Assembly – San Diego, CA
- Sept. 22nd Fall Awareness Day
- Sep. 27th-28th CEN Preparation Course - Ames, Iowa
- Dec. 5th – Iowa ENA Meeting