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*EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER*

*President's Corner*

Happy Summer, Iowa Emergency Nurses! It is wonderful to see the warmer temperatures finally, despite the occasional May snow storm! This year has already been quite busy. We have had our regular state meetings where many important issues have been discussed; including revising our website, provide funding for education conferences, and increasing our statewide membership involvement. Our state ENA sent three representatives to Tampa, Florida in February to the National Leadership Conference. Thank you to Kara Greenlee, Sarah Pike and Jeff Jarding for attending and coming back with some great ideas to improve our state council.

Please keep in mind, that National ENA Elections are being held right now. Go to [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) to "meet the candidates" and make your selections. It is important that we get as many Iowa ENA members to vote as we possibly can. You may be asking yourself why I need to vote for these national members when I don't know them. ENA represents you, the Emergency Nurse. These are the people that are going the extra mile for the ER bedside nurse. These are the people that are going to Washington D.C. to Capitol Hill and are fighting for better legislation, better funding for poison centers, better funding for mental health issues for our patients and better education reimbursement for nurses. These are our representatives that help build policy that define our practice. So get involved and vote!

We are also gearing up for one of my personal favorite times of the year. The National General Assembly and Scientific Assembly. This year the conference is in

Nashville, Tennessee on September 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Delegates will be chosen on our association's point system application. I included an application with the May 2<sup>nd</sup> email that was sent to all Iowa ENA Members. Applications are due by June 15<sup>th</sup>, and delegates will be notified by June 24<sup>th</sup>. I encourage all members to apply. Please read the applications thoroughly and good luck. It really is a fantastic opportunity that opens your eyes to what ENA has to offer and it is a rejuvenating experience for an emergency room nurse. And I think Nashville may have one or two things to do.

As I write this, there is another year of National EMS Week coming to an end. Please remember to thank all those hospital personnel that do their best every day to help those patients that they bring to our emergency departments. EMS holds a vital role on treatment of our medical and trauma patients. These colleagues are our patients' first contact and we rely on them to make quick assessments in a very short period of time. Thank you.

***Thank you,  
Sarah Tripp,  
R.N., C.E.N.,  
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## MEMBERSHIP

The state of Iowa currently has 417 members. A membership drive was held at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Des Moines on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This allowed us to have new members join and the current members renew for \$90 per year instead of the usual \$100 per year. There were 5 free 1 year memberships given away at the conference. Those lucky winners were: Phillip Campbell, Danyl Vonnahme, Alicia Fischer, Heather Mills, and Kristen Stump. Congratulations!!

Keep in mind besides the great benefits of free resources, subscriptions to ENA Connection and the Journal of Emergency Nursing, peer networking, ENA Foundation grants and scholarships there are discounts on education and free CE's. One of the greatest savings is on the CEN exam. The cost to take the CEN exam is \$360 for a non-ENA member but only \$220 for an ENA member. So the annual cost of \$100 for your membership just paid for itself and then some if you are planning on taking the CEN exam.

I encourage you to check out the ENA website at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) to see what all ENA has to offer you and don't forget to check out the Iowa ENA website at [www.iowaena.org](http://www.iowaena.org) this will give you the latest information on the meeting dates and times as well as educational offerings around the state.

Lynn Tschiggfrie

2013 Iowa ENA Membership Chair

On May 17<sup>th</sup> Iowa ENA sponsored a "CEN Exam Cram" course. Seventy five nurses from across the state attended the conference which was held at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. The course was a fast-paced question driven program using patient scenarios. One participant's evaluation said "*Michael Gooch (Med-Ed) is an excellent teacher/public speaker! Subject material was current and relevant to every ED nurses practice.*" The program used an interactive key pad system that allowed participants to answer sample CEN test questions. The speaker then reviewed the correct answer with supporting pathophysiology and ED nursing standards. If you would like more information about becoming a CEN, contact the Board of Certification for Emergency Nurses at [bcen@bcencertifications.org](mailto:bcen@bcencertifications.org) or call 1-877-302-BCEN (2236).



Michael Moon, member of ENA National Board of Directors and liaison to Iowa ENA State Council attended the "CEN Exam Cram" and the State Council meeting that was held the evening before. Pictured are Michael with Sarah Tripp, Iowa ENA President.

## 2013 ENA GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE APPLICATION

You must have been a member for at least 2 years and remain a member through 2013 and you must have attended at least 50% of the state council meetings between May 2012 - June 2013.

Number of state meetings attended 2013 \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ENA # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Place a "X" by all that apply:** ( Number points in the parenthesis are max amts. for each topic)  
( **Documentation for proof of points earned must accompany your form**)

CEN(5) _____	IP Provider course (5) _____
CFRN (5) _____	IP Event presented in 2012 or 2013(5) _____
CPEN (5) _____	IP Faculty 2012 or 2013 (5) _____
ENPC Provider (5) _____	National Office (specify) 2013 (15) _____
ENPC Instructor (5) _____	2012 (15) _____
ENPC Faculty 2012 or 2013 (5) _____	2012 (15) _____
TNCC Provider (5) _____	National committee chair (specify) 2013 (10) _____
TNCC Instructor (5) _____	2012 (10) _____
TNCC Faculty 2012 or 2013 (5) _____	2012 (10) _____
State office (specify) 2013 (15) _____	National committee member (specify) 2013 (5) _____
2012 (15) _____	2012 (5) _____
State Committee Chair (specify) 2013 (10) _____	Service as delegate or alternate to General Assembly 2012 (5) _____
2012 (10) _____	2011 (5) _____

Articles for state, or National ENA publication (specify) (only 5 pts. total for each year)

2013(5) \_\_\_\_\_

2012(5) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points : \_\_\_\_\_

Service as delegate includes: Attendance at the delegate orientation meeting, attendance at all delegate sessions at the General Assembly, submission of an article for the newsletter upon return from the convention.

### **DEADLINE for return:**

Forms must be returned to Sarah Tripp 925 12<sup>th</sup> Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

OR e-mail to [STripp@mercydesmoines.org](mailto:STripp@mercydesmoines.org) by the end of day 6-15-13.

Delegates will be notified by e-mail or phone by 6-24-13.