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## President's Message. . .

**Hello Everyone!** National ENA published 'ENA Procedures' in September 2008. The State Council and Chapters must maintain certain requirements according to these procedures.

All of the Michigan Chapters were asked to review the requirements to determine if they had the time and personnel to comply with these procedures. Three Chapters concluded that they were unable to comply and requested to be dissolved: #149 Pacesetters, #426 Downriver and #452 Central Michigan. Members of these Chapters will be receiving an email to see if they would like to transfer to the remaining Chapters or remain as 'No Chapter' members. The Council is investigating how to incorporate these members into ENA activities in a way that would be helpful for them. If you would like to be part of that discussion, contact Kathy Clarke at [kathleendarke19@comcast.net](mailto:kathleendarke19@comcast.net). The remaining Michigan Chapters are: #145 Huron Valley, #151 S.W. Michigan, #153 West Michigan, #345 Little Traverse Bay, and #449 Upper Peninsula. These Chapters will continue to function and offer educational opportunities throughout the year. Their 2010 meeting dates will be posted on the website [www.michiganena.org](http://www.michiganena.org).

Several of the Chapters have just completed elections. I want to congratulate and welcome the new Presidents to their role: Mikki

Favor, Huron Valley, Eileen Negri, S.W. Michigan, Deb Wodarek, West Michigan, and Barb Davis, U.P. Little Traverse Bay Chapter is conducting elections this month; results will be on the [michiganena.org](http://michiganena.org) website when they are complete. A list of Chapter Officers is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. I'm sure they would welcome any ideas or suggestions.

We also want to welcome the new Chairpersons for Membership and Professional Practice Committees, Vicky Alverson, [valverson@chs-mi.com](mailto:valverson@chs-mi.com) and Jodi Smale, [jsmale@hillsanddales.com](mailto:jsmale@hillsanddales.com) will jointly share the chair role of the Membership Committee and Barb Davis assumes the Chair position for the Professional Practice Committee.

I would like to invite each of you to attend the 2010 Michigan ENA Annual Spring Conference on May 5, 2010 at the Soaring Eagle Resort and Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, MI. As many of you already know, this conference is a favorite for Michigan emergency nurses with close to 300 people attending last year. It is a time to reconnect with other nurses and attend lectures from distinguished faculty from Michigan and National ENA. Diane Gurney, 2010 ENA National President, AnnMarie Papa, Michigan Board Liaison and 2011 ENA President-Elect and Jason Moretz, ENA Board member are some of the featured speakers. There is lower pricing this year and also a membership special. Be sure to check it out at [www.michiganena.org](http://www.michiganena.org).

The call for nominations for the Nurse Excellence and EN CARE awards will be open from January 24 through March 15, 2010; voting will commence on March 17<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>. Consider nominating someone you know who exemplifies emergency nursing and injury prevention. Nominations can be for ENA members who are employed as staff, manager or advanced practice level nursing. Award recipients will be announced at the Awards Ceremony of the Michigan ENA Annual Spring Conference in Mt. Pleasant on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The 2010 ENA Leadership Conference will be held in Chicago on February 17-21, 2010. It is a bargain for us Michiganders, as travel expenses will be low compared to other sites. The Michigan State Council is taking advantage of this and sending 10 members to the State and Chapter Leaders sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. Members will be traveling by Amtrak for about \$70.00 roundtrip. We encourage you to join us for learning, networking and enjoy special events planned to inspire, re-energize, and provide ideas for emergency nurse leaders. Registration and more information are available at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org).

That's all for now. See you in Mt. Pleasant!

## 2010 EN Care Award

Who do you know that has spent many hours providing injury prevention information this past year?

Would you like them to receive the recognition that they deserve?

Criteria for nominations for the EN CARE Injury Prevention Award are that the nominee should be an EN CARE provider that has shown dedication to

injury prevention by promoting alcohol awareness, CPS safety, or Gun Safety Program throughout 2010.

Please submit a letter or e-mail explaining the nominee's contribution to the Michigan EN CARE. Include contact information: name, address, telephone number, work address, and immediate supervisor.

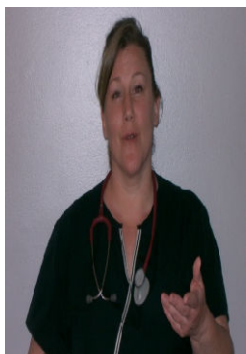
Send nominations to:

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Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2010. No late entries will be accepted. Award will be presented at the awards banquet on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at the Soaring Eagle Conference Center.

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*"Nominate an emergency nurse you know for the 2010 EN Care or 2010 Nurse Excellency Award!"*



## 2010 Emergency Nurse Excellence Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 Michigan Emergency Nurse Excellence Award.

Please think seriously about nominating one of your special peers for this award.

Criteria for nominees: Must currently practice in the field of emergency care. (Examples, Flight nursing, ED staff, Educator, Manager and Advanced Practice). Must be a current member of ENA and a R.N.

Please write us a letter that includes contact information for the nominee and specific information and examples of how this person demonstrates excellence in emergency nursing.

Name and contact information of the nominator must be included. This is a great way to recognize some of the many excellent providers of emergency care in this state.

Nominations must be received no later than **March 12, 2010. No late entries will be accepted.**

The nominees (and the letter of recommendation) will be listed on the web site after March 15, 2010, so all members will have the opportunity to vote. Voting will occur between March 15, and April 19, 2010. Go to [www.michiganena.org](http://www.michiganena.org) to see the nominees and how to vote!

The winner will be announced at the evening awards reception on Tuesday 05/04/2010 at the Soaring Eagle Resort and Conference Center.

Nominees will receive free registration to the May 5, 2010 Spring Conference.

Please send nominations to:

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# Emergency Nurses and Public Policy – Ever wondered how to get involved? Ever wondered why you should?



*Good questions!*

The answer is that advocacy and government affairs go hand in hand.

If you want to see more money for some aspect of emergency services, or safe staffing ratios, or know that your emergency department/hospital will be paid for the services you give, then you need to “lobby” your elected representative for what you want to see happen.

First, you are paying your elected representatives salary via your taxes and after all he/she is representing you, so you have every right to “lobby” them.

Are you afraid you don’t know enough about it to do a good job? Do you need

some pointers and maybe some practice. Then I’m inviting every emergency nurse, actually every nurse and student nurse, to join the Michigan Nurses Association NURSES MARCH on March 24, 2010, at the Lansing Center in Lansing.

There will be some sessions during the morning to talk about how to talk to your state representatives about your issues. Then after those sessions, you go with a few others to speak to your representative and/or their aides.

The keynote speaker will be **Suzanne Gordon**, who is an award-winning journalist and author/editor of twelve books including Safety in Numbers-Nurse to Patient Ratios and The Future of Health Care.

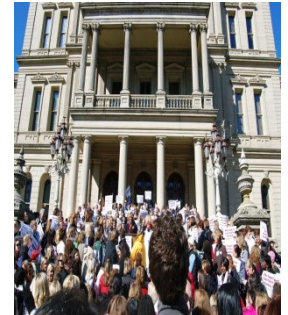
For registrations information and a brochure go to [www.minurses.org](http://www.minurses.org).

I recommend the NURSES MARCH as a good introduction to “government affairs.”

Should you find you have an interest in government affairs or public policy, then, I would invite you to become active with the MENA Government Affairs Committee.

If your interest continues to a higher level, then you might consider attending the National ENA Government Affairs Workshop in Arlington, Virginia.

*By: Barb Davis*



**MNA – Nurses March:**  
Mark your calendars for  
March 24 in Lansing,  
Michigan.

*Get involved – be there!*



## ENA - 40 Years!

2010 marks a significant milestone in ENA's history – 40 years of being the voice of emergency nursing.

To celebrate, ENA will conduct its biggest recruitment drive to date and our goal is to reach 40,000 members strong by December 31.

When you recruit new members, you get a chance to be randomly selected to receive the monthly gift. Go to [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) for more information!

Celebrate  
THE VOICE OF 40!



## Michigan ENA Members – 1005 Strong, and growing!

We currently have approximately 1005 Michigan ENA Members as of January 2010! Renew your membership and save \$10.00 by going to [www.michiganena.org](http://www.michiganena.org) and renewing online today!

Don't delay – renew today!

## ENA - Leadership – 2010: Chicago

Join the foremost national conference for emergency nurse leaders – ENA Leadership 2010. Leadership will be held February 17 – 21, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Registration with is open on the ENA Web site at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org).

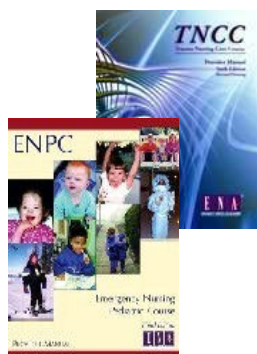
This conference is designed for to maximize your professional development dollars and to provide you with tools and information to help you:

- Develop valuable leadership techniques, and increase your knowledge in six key education focus areas
- Network with peers, and learn best practices for solving common challenges
- Facilitate your emergency department needs with innovative products and services in the exhibit hall

Inspirational speakers and top nurse leaders will provide cutting-edge nurse leadership education; vendors will demonstrate new products and services in the exhibit hall and guest rooms will be conveniently located— all within the hotel.

The Hyatt has indoor connections to close-by buildings with additional amenities. With the upcoming changes in health care, you will return to your organization with new knowledge and skills for *Leading Into the Future*.





## TNCC, ENPC and PALS

Is one of your certifications due to expire soon? Never been certified in TNCC or ENPC?

Well have we got news for you! You can easily find a current listing of ENPC, TNCC and PALS courses being offered around the State – just by going to the Michigan Emergency

Nurses Association Website.

There are over 20 offerings for TNCC and over 20 offerings for ENPC courses listed from February through June! Too many to list here – so please see the website for details!

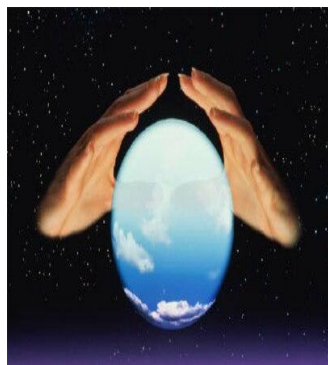
Go to website at [www.michiganena.org](http://www.michiganena.org), click on the “Education” dropdown menu and select the type of course you are looking for.

Courses for 2010 are listed with the date, location and contact person is listed for your convenience.

*TNCC or ENPC Certification need to be renewed?*

*We can help! Just visit <http://www.michiganena.org> to find out the dates and times of the offerings nearest you!*

## Advanced Practice Nurses (APN) in Emergency Care – What does the future hold?



We all know they are out there. . . those APNs (both the CNS and the NP) that work in the emergency departments across the country under the title of “mid-level provider” along with physician assistants.

There are some institutions that prefer not to hire APNs in emergency care, often indicating that there has been no formal competencies provided that outline the training and outcomes of education and preparation for practice for the APN in that setting.

Most practicing APNs in the emergency setting obtained graduate education as either a Clinical Nurse Specialist

or Nurse Practitioner prior to embarking on a career in providing care in the emergency setting. There are many schools that offer masters programs that offer specialized education in the emergency nurse practitioner role, but this tends to be the exception.

The ENA has issued a position in support of advanced practice nurses functioning in the emergency setting, and in support of this position, has identified a need to formulate competencies for this role.

The ENA has established the “Clinical Nurse Specialists in Emergency Care Settings Work Team” in order to

determine competencies for Clinical Nurse Specialists practicing in emergency care. This team is currently conducting a literature review to explore issues affecting the validation of competencies for emergency CNSs and will identify an initial list of competencies.

The ENA anticipates this study and initial competency identification will be completed sometime in 2010 and plans to disseminate results through the ENA Web site and both ENA and external publications.

So keep your eyes open – and watch the future unfold for advanced nursing practice in emergency care!

*ENA in process of developing competencies for Clinical Nurse Specialists in the emergency care setting – watch for them in 2010.*

*For more info go to: [www.ena.org/Research/studies](http://www.ena.org/Research/studies)*



## 2010 Michigan ENA State Council Meeting Dates:

All ENA members are welcome to attend State Council Meetings:

**Put the next MENA meeting on your calendar!**

Committee Meetings start at 10 a.m.

Council Meeting Starts at 11 a.m.

January 15, 2010, MCEP office

March 19, 2010, MCEP office

May 4, 2010 - at Soaring Eagle Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant

September 17, 2010, MCEP office

Strategic Planning Meeting – October 9, 2010, Location TBD

November 12, 2010, MCEP office

MCEP office: 6647 West St. Highway, Lansing, MI

For driving directions, please go to [www.mcep.org](http://www.mcep.org).

We're on the Web!

*Come and see us at:*

[www.michiganena.org](http://www.michiganena.org)