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President's Message. . .

Greetings fellow ENA

members! As we move into the hot, hazy days of summer, the Annual Spring Conference is now a fond memory. On May 14 317 ER nurses came together at Soaring Eagle Conference Center to learn, network and also, play a little. Thanks our 40 vendors who helped support the conference, and thank you to Mikki Favor, conference chairperson, and the Conference Committee for the outstanding work that pulled together one of the best conferences yet. Diane Gurney, National ENA President, arrived on Monday, attended the State Council meeting, and addressed the membership in the Opening Session of the conference. We thank Diane for supporting Michigan ENA.

Congratulations to Deb Gilmore, Nurse Excellence winner for 2010! Congratulations also to Ezio Fortuna and Kevin Throop, Nurse Excellence nominees. Michigan ENA is proud of all you do to support excellence in emergency nursing.

Due to a membership special held in conjunction with the conference, attendees were able to join or renew their ENA membership for only \$60.00 we received 65 renewals and 35 new memberships, for a total of 100 memberships! Jodi Thanks to Smale and Vicky Alverson, membership co-chairs, for assisting with this promotion.

The summer also brings elections. Don't forget to vote for our National leaders by June 15: go to ena.org to cast your ballot. Michigan voting in the national election was about 8% last year; let's try to get those numbers up by voting. Michigan ENA will also vote for Treasurer and Secretary starting in June. Marilyn Merkle, incumbent Treasurer, and Deb Wodarek, West Michigan Chapter President are running for these positions. Voting will be done online, beginning in June. More information and instructions for voting will be emailed to members in early June.

Michigan ENA filed the 990 IRS tax form on time this year! Because Michigan has Chapters, financial information from the Chapters is needed prior to filing the state form. Thank you to the Chapters Leaders who were able to provide the information that enabled Michigan ENA to file on-time. Thanks also to Marilyn Merkle, Treasurer, who coordinated this effort between the Chapters and our accountant. We appreciate all the work that was done on this project; this was a huge accomplishment for MI ENA. Future 990 filing will be easier because of the quarterly report process that was set up this year© As a reminder, the second quarter financial report is due to Marilyn by July 31. Let's keep up the good work!!

Did you know you can update your membership profile online? Real time updates of personal contact information, certifications,

areas of interest and more are available at ena.org, in the members' only section. Michigan ENA receives the email list from National, so in order to receive timely updates, make sure your information is current in the National database.

The 2010 ENA Annual Conference will be held from September 22-25, 2010 in San Antonio, TX. Michigan will have about 18 delegates attending the General Assembly portion of the conference. The conference is always energizing and exciting. Contact Gerri Muller, gerrimuller@prodigy.net for more information.

Mark your calendars for the MI ENA goal setting meeting on October 9, 2010 in Grand Rapids, MI. Michigan President-Elect Barb Smith and National President-Elect AnnMarie Papa will lead the group in identifying priorities and goals for the 2011-2013 years. Plan on joining us to help steer Michigan ENA's future. Contact Barb, boogiebarb@aol.com for more information.

The next State Council meeting is September 17, 2010 at the MCEP building in Lansing. We are always looking for new volunteers! If you are interested in attending or becoming more active, contact Barb Smith or Gerri Muller for more information.

Have a Safe Summer!

ENA Leadership Conference 2010- Chicago

***“Power shopping
was great too!”***



There were 9 Michigan members that attended the State and Chapter Leaders Conference, one of the largest groups there.

This Conference was just prior to the National Scientific Assembly. They had many different breakout sessions that allowed each member to choose what they needed to attend.

There were sessions on new leaders orientation, training delegates for General Assembly, and lots of Treasury information available. Our own state president, Gerri Muller, was one of the panelists for a breakout session.

National ENA's legal council spoke about the laws and how they affect non-profit organizations like ours. Gave us great

tips and suggestions to assist our treasury for our state council.

It was a great opportunity to meet and network with other members and leaders from around the country. We may seem like our situations are unique- but it is the same everywhere.

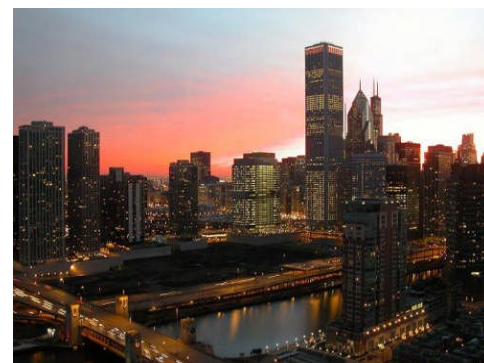
Michigan had 9 scholarships available for the Scientific Assembly registrations following the Leaders Conference. Any member in Michigan could apply for one of these. I was very lucky to be granted a registration to the conference.

National ENA's conferences get better every year. This year, there were many different topics that one could attend- not the same every year.

A couple of the speakers were so “funny” that the registrants in the next rooms couldn't hear their speakers. There was one session on Therapeutic Humor in the ED. We have POS's that we treat in our ED's. (Patient's of Size). Loved it! The general session brought us National speakers- “Never Fly Solo!”- “Ignite Your Life!”- and “You Don't Need a Title to Be a Leader: Leading at Every Level!”

I strongly urge any member to attend a National ENA Conference. A whole different experience- over 3,000 ED nurses attending. Next Conference is in San Antonio in September.

Marilyn Sprague
Immediate Past President
Michigan ENA



Michigan ENA Officer Elections – 2010!

Michigan ENA 2010 Elections are **open now through July 15** for the officer positions of Treasurer and Secretary. Please review the Officer-Candidate biographies below and be sure to cast your ballot by voting online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRVTVJK>

Treasurer

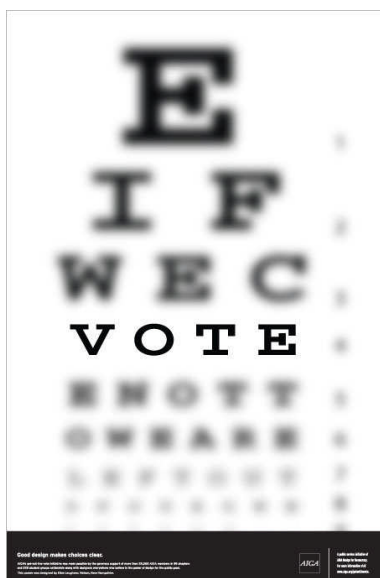


Marilyn Merkle, RN, MSN, CEN

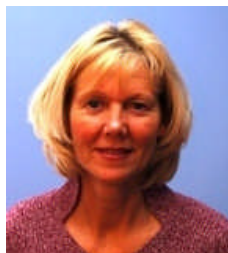
"I am Marilyn Merkle RN, MSN, CEN the current MENA treasurer, beginning my term in January 2009. I have been a nurse for 37 years, 20 years in the emergency department and the rest at a nurse educator. I live and work in Monroe MI.

I am running for a second term. My experience with handling finances include, the treasurer of the Sunday school of my local church for over 20 years, the treasurer of the Downriver chapter for 3 year, and treasurer for Merkle Enterprises from 2007-2008."

Marilyn Merkle



Secretary



Deborah A. Wodarek, MSN, RN, CEN

"I am currently am the West Michigan Chapter President and running for your State Secretary. I have been involved in Emergency Nursing in various roles and institutions for the 20 years. Those various roles have included staff nurse, quality improvement coordinator, pediatric Hematology / Oncology, flight nurse with Aero Med, InFlight and Air Care, and my current position as emergency department educator at MetroHealth Hospital in Wyoming, Michigan. I have seen our profession grow in strength, quality and professionalism. We still have many challenges ahead of us in Michigan with staffing shortages, reduced budgets, and strategies to improve patient safety along with our own staff safety.

I have been active at the state level thru conference committees, chapter representative and attending ENA Leadership Conferences which included leadership training. We, in Michigan, have a wonderful opportunity to share knowledge and experience in the areas of management, operations, government affairs, and education, along with personal and professional development thru our revitalized chapters. It's thru this strength that we can make changes at the local, state and national level. I look forward to being your voice thru our Triage Note publication and increasing Michigan presents in ENA Connection and further publications as your Secretary.

Deborah A. Wodarek MSN, RN, CEN



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.

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.

We're on the Web!

Come and see us at:

www.michiganena.org