



Virginia State Council

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Friday/16/June/2023

Board Members present: Teri Diloy, President; Lauren Plaine, President-Elect; Chris Parker, Treasurer; Melissa Lynch, Secretary; Lisa Scott, Immediate Past President; Lisa Jamerson, Director; Kristal Sullivan, Director

Members and Guests: Tanya Barr, Cheryl Blicharz, Kathie Carlson, Pam Carlson, Sara Chaplin, Autumn Davis, Britney Ewers, Austin Howlett, Kathy Ingersoll, Thomas Jordan, Amy Krupa, Marian Mattis-Francis, Elizabeth Marquardt, Mary Vanessa McCain Johnson, Janice McKay, Elizabeth Moser, Ashleigh Lovelady, Valerie Quick, Bryanna Rhodes, Kelley Rumsey, Kelly Schmidt, Amy Stewart, Donna Talbot, Michele Thorp

1. Call to Order

a. Establish Quorum

Discussion/Summary: Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM EST; Members present, quorum established. A moment of silence was held for the recent Richmond graduation shooting.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action necessary.

b. Welcome/Introductions

Discussion/Summary: Members self-introduced by current position and past/current roles.

Motion: No motion made

Action: No action carried.

c. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Discussion/Summary: Meeting agenda sent out to membership for review.

Motion: Motion made to adopt meeting agenda as presented.

Action: Motion carried; motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of Minutes

Discussion/Summary: April 2023 meeting minutes were sent out to membership for review. Recommended changes were made.

Motion: Approve the April 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Action: Motion carried; motion passed unanimously.

e. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Discussion/Summary: No conflict to disclose.

Motion: No disclosures.

Action: No action carried.

2. President's Report

Discussion/Summary: An action alert was sent out to all ENA members asking for support of the Improving Mental Health Access for the Emergency Department Act. Please contact your local



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legislators and ask for their support. The number of cosponsors has increased to 82 following ENA's Day on the Hill for the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act. Be sure to check out the latest edition of the Journal of Emergency Nursing. All the articles are related to workplace violence. ENA has sent out a position statement for review. The statement is "Violence and the Impact on the ED Nurse." Please submit your comments/reviews by June 26th. Early bird registration for Emergency Nursing 23 ends on July 19th. Be sure to register as soon as possible. ENA's General Assembly is September 20-21st in San Diego. If you are interested in being a Virginia delegate for GA, please submit your application by July 7th. There is an Emerging Professional Social Hour scheduled for June 28th. There is a morning and evening session. You do not have to be a member to attend. ENA is currently updating their membership portal. This may affect your access to your profile during the update. ENA Advantage now has an app for quick access to discounts on travel, dining, and more. ENA University is now offering a CEN Review class. It has shown to increase pass rates to 70% compared to BCEN's review having a 50% pass rate. ENA University now has a Nurse Residency Program for new grad nurses and new-to-ED nurses. Residency programs have shown to increase recruitment and retention of nurses.

Motion: No motion necessary

Action: No action carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Discussion/Summary: Main account \$191,660.94. Debit account: \$1,858.76. Chapters: \$160,547.55 as of 5/31/23. As a resolution to the recent fraudulent charges made to the VENA debit account, Parker now receives text message alerts for any credit card usage. Chapter account closures and the transfer of funds to the VENA Bank of America umbrella accounts are underway. The goal is to have all chapter accounts closed and all funds transferred by July 15, 2023. An email was sent out to Chapter Treasurers on June 8th outlining the process to close chapter accounts and move funds to the new Bank of America accounts. Chapter Treasurers will either write a check for the remaining balance of accounts, or transfer funds electronically to the new accounts. Once the funds have cleared, chapter treasurers will need to close accounts and send any remaining statement and account closure paperwork to the VENA Treasurer. Membership assessments were already transitioned to the new accounts in April. Reimbursements will now be handled at the state level. A DocuSign account has been created to submit reimbursement forms. A new travel reimbursement form will go into effect on July 1, 2023. This form mirrors the National ENA reimbursement form that most state councils are using. All donations made by the chapters for the ENStrong State Challenge were submitted by the May deadline. Total raised on the VENA ENStrong page was \$6,665.00.

Motion: No motion necessary.

Action: No action carried.



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4. Chapter Report Highlights

Discussion/Summary:

1. Central VA (**Ingersoll**) See report. The last meeting was April 18th. Topic was the Gender Expansive and Transgender patient in the ED. Next meeting is June 20th and will cover Stop the Bleed. Kathy Ingersoll recently received a Daisy Award for her educational work.
2. Lord Fairfax (**Fitzpatrick**) See Report. The last meetings were February 20th and June 14th.
3. Northern VA (**Richardson**) No report submitted.
4. Roanoke (**Meadows**) No report submitted.
5. Shenandoah (**Rosson**) No report submitted.
6. Tidewater (**Munoz**) See report. The last meetings were May 18th and June 15th. The June meeting covered Stop the Bleed. Chapter Board members Recently held booths at SESS, TEMS Healthcare expo, and the CHKD Pediatric Trauma Conference. A booth was held at Riverside RMC on June 2nd advocating for gun violence awareness. Chapter President Sara Munoz attended a Gun Violence awareness community picnic in Newport News on June 3rd. Board members and chapter members participated in a Gun Violence awareness walk in Newport News on June 7th. Board members, Sara Munoz and Teri Diloy were interviewed on a podcast while at the TEMS Healthcare Expo. Britney Ewers, Chapter President-Elect, recently received her TCRN certification and a certificate in Healthcare Ops Management from Cornell University. Chapter member, Karen Coleman, received a Nurse Excellence Award at Sentara Careplex. Chapter member and VENA Secretary, Melissa Lynch, received a Nurse Excellence Award at Sentara Princess Anne Hospital. Chapter member, Cassie Herman, organized a successful Trauma Symposium. Chapter Treasurer and VENA President, Teri Diloy, received the 2023 ENA Nursing Education Award.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

5. Committee Reports

Discussion/Summary:

1. Membership Committee (**O'Donnell**) See report. As of June 9th, we have 1469 members (slight decrease). There were 19 new members in April and 14 new members in May. Welcome letters have been sent to these new members. Chapter leaders, please reach out to them as well. Membership discount code for \$10 off is available until June 19th. (use code: Q223GRRE). Renew your membership now before the July 1st pricing increase.
2. Government Affairs Committee (**Blicharz**) See report. ENA held a very successful Day on the Hill in May. Virginia had 7 attendees who were able to meet with the offices of Mark Warner and Morgan Griffith. Senator Tim Kaine has signed on to the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act. As a direct effect of DOTH, over 60 new co-sponsors signed on to this act. What we do really matters and makes a difference. Rear Admiral Denise Hinton gave a wonderful speech at DOTH.



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ENA is also advocating for the Improving Mental Health Access for the Emergency Department Act. This has not been introduced in the House of Representatives yet.

3. Injury Prevention Committee (**Stewart**) See report. The last meeting was held in May and had 18 attendees. June is Gun Safety Awareness month. Stewart is assisting chapters with Stop the Bleed training at all the June meetings. Tidewater held their Stop the Bleed training this week and Central VA is holding their training next week. Please reach out to Amy Stewart if you are interested in having a Stop the Bleed Training. Sara Munoz, Tidewater Chapter President, and Gun Safety Workgroup Chair, recently coordinated with other ENA members to attend a Gun Violence Awareness walk in Newport News. October is Burn Awareness month. The next Injury Prevention Committee meeting will be August 2nd at 3PM EST to discuss plans for October. Recent CarFit events were very successful. More events are scheduled for later in the year. Youth of Virginia Speaks Out (YOVASO) is looking for speakers for drunk driving education in local schools throughout the state.
4. Pediatric/ENPC Committee (**Jamerson**) No report submitted. Instructor meeting today following this meeting. The meeting will be highlighting the changes in the new 6th edition.
5. Trauma/TNCC Committee (**Sullivan**) See report. Instructor meeting today following this meeting. Instructor update for the 9th edition will roll out in July. Instructors will be emailed a link to order a new book. The test will cover the instructor update as well as the book, so please be sure to buy your new book. Indirect fees are increasing to \$95. Price for book will be increasing to \$80. The student fee will be staying at \$110. The last day to teach the 8th edition will be October 28th. You will not be allowed to teach the 9th edition until you complete the instructor update. Please reach out to Kristal Sullivan if you need any help with this transition.
6. Fundraising Committee (**Thorp**) See report. We are currently accepting designs for our T-shirt design contest until August 1st. Please email your designs to Michelle Thorp. Designs must be a .ai or .png file. Please be sure your designs are not copyrighted. The winner will be announced at the August 11th meeting.
7. Awards and Scholarships Committee (**Johnson**) No report submitted. The current awards have been revamped by the committee. Award categories now include Emerging Professional, Educator, Clinical Expertise, Bob Shumate award, and the Sponsorship awards. We did not receive any applications last year. Hopefully there will be renewed interest now that the awards have been updated. An online application was created (Google Forms). Application window will be July 1st until the end of August. Winners will be announced at the Recognition banquet on October 19th.
8. Student Nurse Representative (**Talbot**) See report. Free Student Nursing memberships are available now. Flyer shared in Zoom Chat. Please encourage nursing students to attend Chapter and state council meetings. The National Student Nurse Association Conference will be held in San Diego in November.



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9. Education Committee (**Sullivan**) See report. The Nurse Planning Education packet is completed for the Annual VENA Conference and is scheduled to go to peer review. Will be using RegFox again for conference registration. Pre-registration will open soon. Pricing will be the same as last year for attendees and vendors. Recognition dinner is scheduled for October 19th. Cindy Hearrell is working on securing a sponsor for this dinner. The conference will be held at the Place at Innsbrook on October 20th. Silent Auction will still be held. The suggestion was made to have sign-up sheets for VENA Committees to encourage attendees to join.
10. EMS Advisory Board Representative (**Smith**) No report submitted. Vice Chair, Valerie Quick, present for today's meeting. At the most recent Advisory Board meeting, there was a big discussion on EMS crew wait times in some Virginia EDs. Some EDs have had EMS crews wait with their patients for significant amounts of time either in the ambulances or inside in hallways. This violates several rules. A statement will be made soon regarding this problem.
11. Virginia EMSC (**Rasmussen**) See report.
12. Remembrance Committee (**Preuss**) No report submitted. Committee chair, Bonnie Preuss, recently lost her husband. VENA has sent her a card and flowers.
13. Ad Hoc Workgroup: State Restructuring (**Hearrell/Scott**) See report. The last meeting was held via Zoom on May 17th. There was a lot of discussion about the lack of chapter compliance and overall lack of engagement. Rappahannock chapter has officially been closed due to lack of compliance. Cindy Hearrell reached out to a few two-tier states, and all had very positive things to say about being a two-tier state. The Workgroup recommends that VENA make the switch to a two-tier structure and have chapters become Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The Workgroup will continue to meet to help with the transition process and to take a closer look at VENA procedures. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7th at 3PM EST. Everyone is welcome to attend.
14. Ad Hoc Workgroup: Gun Safety (**Munoz**) No report submitted.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

6. Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Summary: *ENAF State Challenge*. The deadline for donations was extended to June 15, 2023. VENA raised a total of \$6,665.00, which surpassed our goal of \$5,000. We raised enough money to have scholarships named after VENA next year. The national goal of \$425,000 was not met. A total of \$325,158 was raised which is still more than last year (\$312,000 was raised in 2022). The challenge has technically ended, but the website is still functioning at this time, and you can still make donations.

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7. New Business

Discussion/Summary: *State Restructuring.* Following the recommendations from the State Restructuring Workgroup, the VENA Board of Directors has made the decision to move the state to a two-tier status. Chris Parker abstained from this vote since he is currently sitting on the National Board of Directors. Prior to today's meeting, Teri Diloy spoke with all Chapter Presidents to make them aware of this decision. Per Teri, there is a general sense of relief from the presidents. Chapters will become Special Interest Groups (SIGs). This will allow for continued local leadership, but with less responsibility. Finances will be the responsibility of the state council. This change will also allow the state to consolidate our resources and put more time, effort, and resources into our committees. The State Restructuring Workgroup will continue to meet to advise and oversee the details of this change and write this into our procedures. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7th at 3PM EST.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: *VENA Scholarships.* The scholarship application was updated by the VENA Board and the window to submit applications is currently open. At this time only one application has been submitted.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: *General Assembly.* The window to apply to become a Virginia delegate for the 2023 ENA General Assembly is now open until June 23rd. Please submit your application as soon as possible. We want to fill every seat we have been given. VENA Board will decide on delegate shirt style and color today after this meeting. Please remember that delegates are required to attend the August VENA membership meeting (August 11th, 10am to 2pm).

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: *Elections.* VENA will begin the election process for the 2024 Board of Directors sooner than previous years. If you are interested in joining the 2024 Board of Directors, please submit a short biography and the position you want to run for to Teri Diloy, VENA President. Please stay tuned for more information.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: *Open Forum.* Please continue to watch out for phishing emails. Scam emails continue to be sent out from people claiming to be Teri Diloy or Chris Parker, demanding money. These emails are not real. Do not respond or send money to these people.



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Michelle Thorp asked if ENA or VENA reaches out to area hospitals after serious events, like mass shootings. Yes, ENA and VENA have both reached out to hospitals in the past after serious events. Cards and flowers are typically sent offering support and words of encouragement. Membership is requesting that the application window for conference scholarships be moved to earlier in the year in the future. This will allow recipients to take advantage of early bird pricing. As a reminder, you may receive a conference scholarship and still receive delegate reimbursement. You may only receive one scholarship, however (i.e. from local, state, or national level).

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

8. Meeting Adjourned 12:11 EST

Submitted by:

Melissa Lynch, BSN, RN, CEN (electronically signed)