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Message from the President Elect

I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about some of the exciting changes that we have seen in the past few months. In June, the Sacramento Chapter held a CEN review course. The course was very successful and we are looking forward to utilizing the talents of Jeff Solheim again in the future. It is our hope that we can offer another review in 2008. The national TNCC revision process is complete and TNCC instructor updates are currently taking place across the state. Whether you are an instructor or provider, I believe that you will find the course revisions are excellent. Included in the changes that you can expect to see is the inclusion of disaster management as a course chapter and lecture and the addition of helmet removal to the skills stations. Last month the Sacramento chapter had four members attend the ENA National General Assembly. At the assembly, we were able to hear Denise King, 2008 ENA President share her vision for the upcoming year. Additionally, a number of our chapter members attended the Scientific Assembly. I hope that those of you who were able to attend had a great time. For those of you who could not attend, I hope you will join us next year!

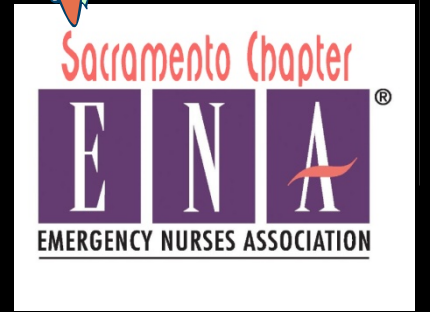
As we come to the end of the year I would like to thank two of our members for their unwavering commitment to the Sacramento Chapter and ENA. First, I would like to thank Judith Kelleher for co-founding the Emergency Nurses Association. Judy continues to live in our region and participate in chapter activities. In fact, I had the privilege of sharing a flight with her to the general assembly. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Diane Schertz, Immediate Past President for her long standing commitment to the chapter. Diane has carried us through many years and I am grateful for her ongoing support and mentoring.

I look forward to serving each of you in 2008. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or brilliant ideas! Warm Regards, *Anna*

Important Notice to Sacramento Chapter Members

One of the primary goals of the Sacramento Chapter leadership has been to increase communication with our members and facilitate new member participation in local ENA activities. The costs associated with printing, copying, and mailing paper newsletters and updates is substantial. After this mailing, all newsletters and updates will be sent via electronic mail. For those members who do not have e-mail or wish to keep their e-mail address private, copies of the chapter newsletter and all updates will be posted on the CalENA, Sacramento Chapter website located at: <http://www.calena.us/Sacramento%20Chapter.htm>.

Please take a moment to update your e-mail by logging in to the ENA member web site at: <http://www.ena.org/members> and completing the "Update my member record" form. This will ensure that the all of the chapter membership has access to current information about local, state and national news.



Draft Policies and Procedures



Watch the Sacramento Chapter web site for draft operating policies and procedures. Draft standard operating procedures should be posted to the web site at: <http://www.calena.us/Sacramento%20Chapter.htm> no later than November 15, 2007.

Policies will be posted for 30 day comments. Please submit any comments in writing to Anna Valdez at anna.valdez@calena.us

Message from the Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings to all. We are trying to save our funding for educational purposes by sponsoring events and giving scholarships to members to events. One easy saving is postage. The amount of money spent on postage each year is HIGH. It takes almost 80% of our income. Therefore, beginning with this newsletter, you will receive them by email. If you are receiving a paper copy by postal mail, we do not have your email address. Please send either a home or work email address to judy@jascottrn.com. We are also trying to send a copy to each hospital in the Sacramento chapter. If your hospital does not have a newsletter posted, ask you department manager if one was received. Let me know if you are not on our list.

Hope to see some of you at a state or local meetings. If your hospital would like to host a local meeting, please advise. The chapter would like to meet in areas other than Sacramento and Stockton. These two cities are the only areas offering to host a meeting.

2008 Chapter Officer Ballot

Candidates for President Elect:

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Please email, mail or fax ballot to by November 15, 2007:

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