

Sacramento Chapter Newsletter “The Pulse”

February 2011

Portland here we come

ENA members are starting to converge on Portland for the Leadership Conference. No official plans have been made for a Sacramento chapter of California reception. If something is planned at the last minute, an e-mail will be sent out in the same fashion as was for San Antonio. If you have any suggestions or just want to say “hi”, Heather Venezia and I (Kristen Connor) are here at the Doubletree. I can be reached by cell phone/text at 916-532-7516.

Legislative Day and State Council Meeting, March 9-10, 2011

This event, sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter, will begin with a brief overview session of the bills that are of particular interest to CalENA during the current legislative session from 9a-10a. We will then visit the offices of senators and assemblymen with hopes that a conversation will be initiated with a staffer or the legislator to discuss our issues from 10a-3p. Making appointments with the legislator of your home district beforehand is encouraged.

Last year the Sacramento chapter was able to leave summary sheets and/or visit every legislator’s office during leg day. Many law makers expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to be enlightened and educated as to our concerns regarding our practice and the needs of our patients. Opinions were changed and the course of several bills altered because of our efforts. The greater our participation, the greater impact we can have.

Please consider attending leg day on March 9 from 9a-3p. For questions and to register please send an e-mail to sacenaboard@ymail.com. Once registered, you will receive further information as to where we will meet in the morning prior to walking over to the capital.

State council board meeting on March 9 will begin following leg day; with the committees and general meeting on March 10. See www.calena.org for more information regarding the state meetings. All are welcome to attend.

If there is anyone who is interested in helping transport fellow ENA members from the airport to the hotel and meetings, please e-mail sacenaboard@ymail.com to let us know so we can coordinate the help. Thanks.

CEN Review

APRIL 7-8, 2011, Ukiah Valley Medical Center

Register today! The material being used was created by ENA members from around the country in 2010 and conforms to the most up-to-date standards of the CEN exam. This course will be taught by members of our chapter who are already CEN certified. The ENA CEN review manual will be available for purchase onsite in limited quantities, but can be purchased online with your registration.

This is the most economical CEN review class offered available. CEU will be provided. For additional information and to register, please visit the Sacramento chapter website at www.calena.org.

Tahoe Chapter Meeting a success!

February 5 chapter meeting update by Kristen Connor, Sacramento Chapter President

Our last chapter meeting was held at Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe. The meeting started with an introduction of Barton's telecommunication capabilities. I am really excited about this technology. It is far better and more reliable than Skype. There is definite potential to bridge the distance of our chapter boundaries and bring our members together in greater numbers.

The staff at Barton is enthusiastic about the future and their active participation in chapter activities. In addition to communication challenges, we discussed future meetings, educational seminars and social events with Tahoe as a venue. A continuing education event was proposed and planning is now under way for the spring of 2012.

Other items discussed included officer elections in a few months, open committee chair positions, legislative day, CEN review class and general assembly delegate opportunities in Tampa 2011.

2nd Annual Emergency Symposium call for instructors and/or lecture topics

Our 2nd Annual Emergency Symposium is being held October 18-19, 2011 in Sacramento. If you are interested in presenting a lecture or if you have any topics that you would like to see presented, please e-mail Heather Venezia at htheaux@hotmail.com as soon as possible. We would like to have all lecture spots secured and scheduled by the end of May at the latest. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Congratulations to Heather Venezia

Heather Venezia, Sacramento Education Committee Chairperson, starts her new position as Trauma Program Director of the NorthBay Health Care System immediately upon returning home after the ENA Leadership conference. She will continue to bring a high level of

excellence and professionalism to the NorthBay system as she works with a consultant to develop the trauma program and ultimately help NorthBay achieve trauma designation by the end of 2011.