

California Emergency Nurses Association

THE MONITOR

President's Message

It is great honor to serve all of you, once again, as your President in 2008. Cal ENA was recently notified that we will once again, for a second year, receive the prestigious ENA State Achievement Award at the ENA Annual Leadership Conference in Hawaii. This award represents documented achievements your State Council completed in 2007 which would not have been possible without input from your State Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and local Chapter Leaders.



Achievement categories include State Administration, Communication and Public Relations, Education, Membership and Government Affairs. I would like to recognize those who helped prepare this timely document: your 2007 Board of Directors and the following members - Ellie Encapera, Janet O'Leary, Jackie Magnuson, Debby Rogers, Anita Ruiz-Contreras (TNCC Rollout), Anna Valdez, Mark Wandro and our webmaster Jason Moretz. Their contribution is deeply appreciated. Most of all, this would not have been possible without you, our Cal ENA State members whom we represent, the largest membership in the country. National ENA is using California as a template for other states to follow and we

have been invited to speak at the State and Chapter Leaders Conference in Hawaii.

The January Cal ENA state meeting in Huntington Beach was very successful with over 50 attendees, many from Orange Coast and San Diego Chapters. As your President, we look forward to pride ourselves as year of the "patient". Who needs a warm blanket? Who needs a call bell answered and not ignored? Who treats our worried family members as part of patient-family centered care? All of us as emergency nurses! If we do not take care of our caregivers, who will take care of our patients and family? All of our committee

chairs will be focusing their strategic plan and goals to revolve around our patients and the reason we all entered into nursing. Let us not forget the patient's fright and perceived emergency, not our own perception of their medical complaint or reasons to seek us for care.

We are proud to announce a zero balanced budget, meaning all membership dues received went right back to your state operating budget, scholarships, grants, awards and funding for members to represent various committees and constituent groups for CalACEP, National Government Affairs, National Stroke Committee, State STEMI D2B Alliance and many of the Emergency Medical Services Authority sub-committees and task forces. Not to mention, increased reimbursement to our membership to move our state forward successfully.

Our 2008 Conference is in partnership this year with the California Fire Chiefs Association for a multidisciplinary approach to all the issues we face in emergency care from Fire EMS First Response EMS, our transport Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics through our Emergence Departments. Are we ready for Disaster Response in our EDs? One can learn more in our sponsored Disaster Track as well. Register and blog today at www.CFEDWest.com Cal ENA State and Chapter Awards and Scholarships are open. Please refer to page 10 for details.

Once again, thank you to each one of you for your involvement and membership in your professional emergency nursing organization. If at anytime you would like to reach any of our committee chairs, chapter leaders or state board of directors, please feel free to email us at:

www.calena.us

Best wishes,

*Matthew F. Powers, RN,
MS, CEN, MICP
Cal ENA President 2008*

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Email or Snail mail?
 In an effort to save mailing costs, we are considering sending the Monitor by email unless you request otherwise or do not have an email address on file. Please drop a note one way or the other to the editor. We will discuss this at the next State Council meeting.

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Angela Hackenschmidt, Jan Ogar, Patrice Christensen

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Education and Events

TNCC Dates: 2008

March 18: Carmichael -
Catherine Hesse
(916) 864-5686



April 21: Bakersfield -
Anne Bouldoukian (661) 326-2646

April 24: Greenbrae - Mary Martin-Boyd
(415) 925-7251

May 19: Salinas - Diana Lemke
(831) 757-4333 ext. 1180

CEN Review Classes

April 2-3: Pasadena - Paragon Education
(800) 997-9937

June 14-15: San Diego - Cathy McJannet
cathy.mcjannet@usa.net

Call one of these providers for their next class:

Selfridge, Sparger, Shea & Assoc.
(800) 270-2500
CME Associates (714) 998-2208
Paragon Education (800) 997-9937
(previously Randolph Associates)

ENPC Dates: 2008

March 3-4: San Francisco General Hospital,
John Fazio john.fazio@sfdph.org

March 14-15: San Diego, Marty Hay (619)464-8680



April 5: Bishop - Gail Dodge
(909) 982-6406
gdodgern@roadrunner.com

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(909) 982-6406
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May 17: Oceanside - Ann Ballas Sidney
(760) 940-7305 or sidneyar@tcmc.com

June 19-20: San Francisco General Hospital,
John Fazio john.fazio@sfdph.org

October 9-10: San Francisco General Hospital,
John Fazio john.fazio@sfdph.org

CATN Courses

May 29-30: San Francisco General Hospital,
John Fazio john.fazio@sfdph.org

October 23 & 30: San Francisco General Hospital,
John Fazio john.fazio@sfdph.org

Courses and Educational Events maybe added or cancelled after publication. Please confirm dates with course directors or at: www.calena.us and then go to Educational Opportunities for current course listings.

Important Dates

2008 Board and State Council meetings

March 6-7: Sacramento
with Cal ACEP's Legislative Conference March 5

August 14-15: Santa Barbara
Annual Business Meeting

September 24-27: Minneapolis, MN
General & Scientific Assemblies

November 6-7: Monterey
with Cal ENA Leadership Symposium &
Educational Event

Next Newsletter Deadline: April 15



Colleagues Corner

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www.ena.org and www.calena.us

In order to receive **election ballots, newsletters and current ENA information** we must have your current information registered through the national office. Go to www.ena.org Members' Only section, sign in and update your personal profile.

www.calena.us is the site where you can register your email address for news from Cal ENA. Be sure to **unblock your spyware and security systems** to allow these messages to come through to your computer.

We can send you timely information and educational opportunities faster and at a tremendous cost savings using online communication. You deserve to be informed as a benefit of your ENA membership. Of course, it is your choice if you do not want email messages.



*Ellie Encapera
Membership Chair*

Disclaimer: Be assured that we secure our ENA membership information and will not release your personal information to outside sources for recruitment purposes. These lists are intended for state and chapter leaders to easily disseminate timely information to you, regarding ENA business, meetings, educational/conference opportunities, newsletters, membership recruitment and retention issues,

elections and legislative updates and information regarding your practice.

Any questions, contact Kari Zick at:

kzick@ena.org



Message from the ENA National Government Affairs Committee

We are enlisting your support this year. There are many legislative issues that may impact all of us significantly. We as Emergency Nurses need to have a very strong voice. We all need to pay close attention to the goings on in Washington, DC, and around the country. We must let it be known that we are part of the decision making process.

The request is that you all access the National website @ www.ena.org and sign up for **E-mail alerts** from the Government Affairs Committee Chair, Kathi Ream.

In addition we are enlisting your support with the Government Affairs **411 Campaign**. Information can be accessed in the Government Affairs section of the National website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: janetoleary1@sbcglobal.net.

Please help us take a stand on decisions that will impact not only those caring for patients in the ED, but most importantly our patients.

*Janet O'Leary
President-elect, Cal ENA*



Next Generation Recruiting is in search of the following Emergency Department staff:

- * **RN, Director** of Emergency Services – San Francisco area
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- * **RN, Director** of Emergency Services – Denver, CO area
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Send Resume to jsward@nextgenerationrecruiting.com or **call Jamal:** 888-469-6858 x 14

Stories from the Front

It was an average day in the ED. One patient was getting an OCL splint from the tech while a new RN watched. The doc came by to remind them to splint that Colles beyond the joint above and below the fracture, so the splint should extend around the elbow and up into the hand. One of the other RNs was triaging a patient in the exam room down the hall (our triage room had been taken and turned into a handicapped workers' toilet per OSHA requirements for Xray to install that new PET scanner). I was checking equipment, putting the D&C machine back in storage and getting the wheelchairs away from the emergency exits. It was almost time to brew another pot of coffee, when the operator called to say that someone was having a heart attack out in front of the hospital. (That is down one floor and on the other side of the building from the ED.) No Code had been called, so I went down there with a tech and the Code Box to see what was going on. Sure enough, our two security guards were trying to pull the victim out of the driver's seat. She was awake and alert, had no pain, but could not move her right arm or leg. We got her into the chair and rushed her upstairs. We called a Stroke Alert at once (we are a Stroke Center). We undressed her, put her on oxygen, cardiac monitor, started an IV, drew her blood, took her vitals and did an EKG while we began the NIHSS Stroke Scale. She had slightly slurred speech, marked weakness in the right arm and a drift in the right leg. She scored a 6. We learned her symptoms had started almost 2.5 hours earlier while she was taking piano lessons. She couldn't really play, but amazingly, she was able to drive to the hospital for a scheduled Ultrasound. We knew she could be a candidate for TPA as she came in just under the three hour time frame, so we rushed her to CT for a brain scan within 15 minutes. The scan was read as negative shortly after we brought her back from CT, but amazingly, her repeat NIHSS score was only a 2. Her symptoms were resolving quickly and with another 15 minutes most of her weakness was gone. She was having a TIA, so TPA was not needed. We still had to admit her to TCU,

but since all the beds were full, we would have to keep awhile until someone got discharged.

This should have been time for a commercial break, but no, there was a strange lady peering into one of our exam rooms. I asked in my best AIDET fashion, "Can I help you?" When she turned around, I recognized her as head of the IT department (they are the ones who think up most of these acronyms). She was just seeing how we were doing and wanted to know if the PACS (computerized radiology films) system was working. I told her it was fine, but no one had ever told us how it worked as it was supposed to be just for the doctors. Our manager wanted to spare us another set of passwords, I guess. She said she would send someone to in-service us, but it hasn't happened. Then someone from Surgery wanted us to run a Troponin for them on our POC machine. Fine, as soon as I start the IV for the Cardiology patient getting a Dobutamine test.

Tip of the Day: Our new MD tells us to cut open a Colace cap, put a drop in the ear canal to help dissolve ear wax. Good when you can't find Debrox. Then someone from the union (CNA) came up and wanted to know if any of us could make it to the Bargaining Update. (We have been working without a contract since June and staged two short strikes.) It seems we still can't push through our need for Lift Teams or enough staff to take meal breaks. We'd also like to improve our health plan so we can take care of the back we injured because we don't have a Lift Team. Around it goes.

Oh, and Dr. Jones' office is closing so they are sending over the little old lady with the dark red diarrhea and panting respirations. "She's probably fine and won't need admission," they say.

There is always another story from the front.

Mark Wandro

Editorial note: The above article reflects the day-to-day activity of the staff nurse and his/her concerns, but is in no way meant to insult or offend management.



Committee News

Membership

These are the most current totals for our 12 active Chapters and overall total for the California Council as of December 2007.

Chapter # & Name	10/07	12/07
(223) East Bay	260	262
(224) Greater LA	435	446
(225) Mid-Valley	191	229
(226) Orange Coast	253	259
(228) San Diego	317	315
(230) San Francisco	212	219
(232) Loma Prieta	210	225
(253) Sacramento	305	312
(362) Inland Empire	248	244
(378) Channel Islands	107	109
(379) Superior	100	113
(442) Kern County	49	48
Totals	2705	2782

The national office is changing their membership database, assigning all members to local chapters by their mailing address zipcode. IF you wish to belong to a specific chapter, outside your assigned area, you can do so by updating your membership information at the national website: www.ena.org.

When someone joins ENA for the first time and does not indicate a chapter preference, they are assigned to a chapter based on geographical location. If you sponsor a new member, tell them what chapter number to write on their application. Remember that any member may choose to belong to any one chapter within a state (3 tiered) by special request, through the National office. See article on page 4.

The Board has directed me to purchase an additional 100 pre-paid membership awards for 2008's state **Membership Campaign: "UP for Grabs, Again"**. Chapter leaders will have the opportunity to claim a maximum of 8 awards initially and when those are gone, the rest will be "up for grabs."

Join the ENA Connection on line at www.ena.org providing members with information, professional development, networking opportunities and on-line shopping. The "members only" section is great so check it out and sign up today!

Membership packets are a great tool to recruit or welcome new members. Request information on how to obtain free ENA membership applications and benefit

brochures FREE from the national office for your recruitment needs. Market ENA at educational events and at your facilities.

Spread the word to educational coordinators that this committee prepares Cal ENA mailing labels for approved buyers. **Encourage them to advertise in your local and state newsletters.**

Chapters packets with membership information will be available to chapter representatives @ each State Council meeting.

Ellie Encapera

Pediatrics

The committee wrote a check to the state for \$9853 as per their current agreement for funds remaining at the end of the year. Also, they can support Safe Kids in Madera with up to \$2000 for a parking lot car seat program at a Walmart, where vouchers will be given out for partial payment of a new car seat, and fitting. They will also support support 4 nurses to attend the NHTSA car seat class. Up to \$250 per person will be allowed toward the cost of the course. Later this year, national is reinstating the one day ENPC recert program which should encourage nurses who have already They discussed the increase in the number of children injured each year by pulling TVs over, or climbing on dressers, etc where TVs have been placed.

Marty Hay

EMS/EMS Commissioner

Dan Smiley is once again the state Director of EMS. The commission is developing a diversion program for EMTs in trouble with substance abuse. The EMT Certification bill, AB1086 should be opposed unless amended. An Air Medical Conference is coming up and Kara Davis is the Cal ENA representative who will attend. If you want to be part of the first responders to an environmental disaster in California, you should join CalMat (formerly ESARVP). Check with Matt, Jan Ogar or come to the next meeting if you are interested.

Anna Valdez & Jan Ogar

ENA Foundation Report

National Scholarship applications are due by June 1 and will be awarded by August. Get the application at: www.ena.org. "Elvis in Hawaii" will be the fundraising event at the Leadership Conference in Honolulu in February. The State Challenge fundraiser will begin in March. Chapters and individuals are encouraged to contribute to help CalENA compete for this award. Thanks to the Orange Coast donation for the Give-away today. We raised \$222 for the Foundation.

Diane M. Schertz, "FUNdraiSer"

Committee News

Education Committee

With Matt's help, the committee reviewed its Strategic Plan for 2008. Plans and vendors for the May CFEDWest Conference were discussed.

Wayne Womack from CFED-West was there to encourage attendance. Next year, ENA will be charged with getting all the speakers and vendors for the Nursing track. Committee came up with more than enough suggestions for speakers. Now we just have to contact and confirm them. There was discussion of planning a State Leadership Day in conjunction with the November State Council meeting.



Anita Fligge

Government Affairs

Contact Debby to sign up for Legislative Visits just prior to the March State Council. Also, ask about her special Capitol Tour on March 6. You may remember we wanted to ask Cal ACEP to set up their planned Youth Violence program so more areas can take advantage of it. They want to stick with their original plans. Look for Health Care Reform to die, while a new bill on MRSA is being introduced. Hope to see you all in Sacramento.

Debby Rogers

Leadership in Practice

The committee's two broad goals for 2008 are to:

- Be a forum for member discussion of emergency clinical practice issues

- Disseminate ideas shared and other resources to support California emergency nurses

Each state council Leadership in Practice committee meeting will have a theme for discussion, as well as time allotted for an open forum to discuss pressing clinical practice issues. The discussion themes agreed upon for this year are the following:

January: ED Overcrowding

March: Patient safety

Example topics include error reduction/near-misses, procedural sedation (regulation and scope of practice), and ED nursing practice

guidelines.

August: Quality of emergency care

Example topics include evidence-based practice in the ED, cardiac care updates, special populations, and palliative care in ED.

November: Emergency nursing workforce practice issues

Discussion will include a presentation by Anna Valdez on her dissertation research related to educational priorities for emergency nurses.

Specific topics for each discussion theme will be chosen and posted on the calena.us website prior to each state council meeting.

During the January meeting the committee discussed ED overcrowding, including specific strategies that have been used in California. The committee will work with the state council to assist with making information and related resources available online.

The committee also discussed the fact that the negative impact and consequences of overcrowding have been widely publicized through the IOM report and various news and media sources. Positive examples of emergency nurses' strategies in daily practice that promote quality emergency care despite multiple barriers, such as overcrowding, have rarely been discussed. We are initiating a project to collect patient stories from emergency nurses in California that highlight creative actions ED RNs have taken in specific scenarios while facing overcrowding. The purpose of this is not only to describe the challenging reality of our practice environments, but also to articulate our emergency nursing practice in a positive way. We will publish selected stories in the Monitor and online, and continue this project throughout the year.

Angela Hackenschmidt

**** Tell us your patient story! Do you have a story that illustrates quality or creative emergency nursing care that positively impacted a patient, despite barriers such as overcrowding? It might be your own experience or that of a colleague. The example can be focused into a paragraph or two. Please email your story to: angela.hackenschmidt@sfdph.org.**

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Archive our History

Cal ENA is fortunate to have access to archiving services at University of California San Francisco through the efforts of our Historian, Liz Taylor. Records from as far back as the 70s reside in this collection at the Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz Library. Liz, with a keen eye for historical perspective, recognized the importance of maintaining a collection that would allow future generations to have access to the history and development of our organization. Her initial donation of 6 cartons of Cal ENA records from 1975-88, was followed by Anita Schafer's (Greater LA Chapter) contribution of 2 cartons from 1972-89, and Mark Wandro's (San Francisco Chapter) carton of records from 1985-89.

The role of archiving, as described by Lisa Mix, Archives Manager is to perpetuate the historical presence of organizations by maintaining and protecting records while also allowing research and study of these records by the general public. Once donated, all records become the property of the Library and may not be returned to the donor. They are catalogued and appropriately stored and are shared with anyone wishing access, however they may not be removed from the library. Cal ENA donates an annual gift to the Library for the storage of records and to support the work in the Archives.

Liz is particularly aware of the ongoing need to encourage Cal ENA chapters to be responsible caretakers of their records and history. She hopes to be able to arrange for one of the archivists to come to speak at a Cal ENA meeting to better educate us about the archiving process. She knows there are many boxes

of records in garages, closets and workplaces with good intentions to organize them and "do" something with them. The longer boxes of records sit and gather dust, the higher the chance that they will ultimately be discarded with a loss to everyone of their historical value.

In 2003, 4 cartons of records spanning 15 years of Cal ENA history were donated to the Archives, followed by a 2007 donation of 4 more cartons spanning 5 years of Cal ENA history and 12 years of Inland Empire chapter history. With some digging around in your garage and some thoughtful preparation, you could take advantage of our archiving capability. Drag out your boxes and go through them with a general view to removing anything that does not pertain to the ongoing historical background and development of your chapter (or state) and remove paperwork that reveals people's personal contact information. When that is done, call Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680 or email her at gdodgern@roadrunner.com to discuss the transfer of those boxes. One option is to bring them to one of our Cal ENA meetings. Gail is serving as a point person for these efforts on behalf of Liz. Gail will go through the records with a more detailed view, organize the records chronologically, and package them to go to the archives.

Take a little time to find your boxes, do a quick sort, and get ready to add them to the Cal ENA collection. You'll find a bit more space in your garage, closet or workspace and know that you contributed to our rich history!

Gail Dodge & Liz Taylor

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Trauma

So far, 200 instructors have been through the Roll Out class for the new version of TNCC. To continue to teach TNCC, you must have attended the Roll Out class by April. There are 150 instructors who still need to take the class.

Anita Ruiz-Contreras

Injury Prevention

First of all, I'm glad to back with Cal ENA and am happy to share my knowledge of Injury Prevention so we can get California more involved in this important area. EDs are required to have parents sign that they

will use a car seat. Be aware of this and get more staff at your facility trained. Thanks to the Pediatrics Com. for sending 4 RNs to the NHTSA program. Did you know you can look up the top injuries in your area on the web. Just Google [DHCS EPICenter](#). This will help you determine what the major injuries are in your area so you can design a program to help prevent them. Also, go to www.safetylit.org to get a good review of the literature on injuries.

Patrice Christensen



Chapter News

Channel Islands ENA reports they now have a President-elect as well as a Secretary/Treasurer for 2008. Their November meeting was sponsored by AMR. They are planning an educational event for next year.

East Bay ENA reports they have been alternating their meeting times in an attempt to increase attendance. They also offer CE at meetings.

Greater LA ENA is working on their Strategic Goals and redoing their chapter Bylaws to increase the officers time in office.

Inland Empire ENA reports they have four new members and they are planning a Timely Topics conference for October.

Mid Valley had their annual Nurse of the Year luncheon in November. The 2007 winner, Floyd Hammon, RN, gave a talk on Pandemic Flu.

Kern County ENA had a successful ENPC course in January. They hold monthly chapter meetings on the third Thursday.

Sacramento ENA says their goal this year is to do their Policies and Procedures and get a new web site up. They plan to meet in March just prior to the State Council meeting. They are planning a CEN Review course for July in Stockton.

Loma Prieta ENA held a meeting at Good Samaritan Hospital on February 21. They discussed how the various hospitals are handling their patient holds. On March 20th, our topic is capnography, at Kaiser Santa Teresa. On May 15th, we will hold our Annual Update, a full 6 hour CE day.

Orange Coast ENA is excited to have two new board members—Sharon Gibson from Hoag Hospital as our president-elect and Kent Lee from St Joseph Hospital as our secretary. Both have lots of leadership experience and promise to bring in new ideas to our chapter. Our first meeting was February 12th at Scotts Seafood in Costa Mesa. One CEU will be offered for the session on the ED nurse's role in adolescent obesity. We will be planning the

remainder of our meetings then and plan to have another educational offering/emergency nurse's day celebration in October with a grant from CalENA.

Save the Date!!

San Diego ENA
Annual 911 Conference
"Spring-ing into Action"

Friday April 18, 2008
7:30 AM-4:30 PM

Hilton San Diego/Del Mar
15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd.
Del Mar, CA

Join us for an exciting program featuring topics such as Surviving a Grizzly Bear Attack, Less-Lethal Weapons (Tazers, etc), Care of the Hemophiliac Patient in the ED, Project Heart Beat, and more!

Watch for a brochure on www.calena.us !

San Diego ENA is busy planning their year. They are planning their 911 Conference for April 18 in Del Mar. See the ad above.

San Francisco Bay Area ENA has three new enthusiastic officers. They plan to set up liaisons at all chapter hospitals, collaborate with East Bay chapter, get involved with Injury Prevention (esp TVs falling on kids) and improve their web site.

*Board at
Huntington
Beach*



Applications

Leadership Awards (Two Awards)

- 1) Each chapter may nominate one person for outstanding leadership for Chapter activities.
- 2) Each chapter may nominate one person for outstanding leadership for State Council activities.

Each chapter may submit only one nomination in each category. The written nominations must include a summary of the individual's activities involving their local chapter or State Council. The following criteria are considered:

- * Attendance at Chapter, State and National Meetings
- * Committee Chair or committee membership on State or Chapter level.
- * State and/or National Committee Service in an appointed or elected position at any level and Contributions to ENA.
- * The nominee must hold professional nursing licensure in the State of California and be a current national ENA member.

Scholarships

(Two Scholarships)

1) The Dan Kelleher Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$1000 to a qualified applicant who is seeking to further their nursing education to a baccalaureate degree or higher. This scholarship may be divided between two or more qualified applicants at the discretion of the State Council Board of Directors.

The written application must include:

- * Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- * Letter of intent, written by the applicant, to include how the profession of emergency nursing will benefit from further education
- * Involvement in ENA, including all offices or appointed positions held within the organization
- * Photocopy or other proof of enrollment or acceptance to a National League of Nursing accredited school.

2) The Entry Level Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$500 to a qualified applicant

who has been accepted to an entry-level registered nursing program. The scholarship also includes a one-year affiliate membership in the Emergency Nurses Association. This scholarship may be divided between two qualified applicants at the discretion of the State Council Board of Directors.

The written application must include:

- * Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- * Letter of intent written by the applicant, to include how nursing will benefit from your entry into the nursing profession
- * How the community will benefit from your nursing education
- * Photocopy or other proof of enrollment or acceptance to at National League of Nursing accredited school.

Nomination for awards and scholarships must be submitted to the California State Council President in one of the following methods: Email: jpaemsnorth@aol.com or mailed: Matthew F. Powers

Attn: Awards/Scholarships
2024 Oak Park Blvd
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

and must be postmarked no later than **Friday, May 9, 2008**. Please contact your chapter leaders with any questions.

Matthew F. Powers, 2008 CalENA State President



Be part of the dynamic Cal ENA Delegation in Minnesota this fall.

Applications are being accepted until the **June 5, 2008** deadline, for best position on the list. Late applications will be accepted and placed at the end of the list. With our continued growth in state membership totals, there may be as many as 60 slots to fill. Join us to two days of debate and decisions on vital ENA issues.

Instructions and electronic applications can be found on our state website: www.calena.us

Be sure to advise your chapter president of your intent to apply and send all copies of certifications via snail mail to Ellie Encapera as per the instructions.

No faxing is available this year...

Don't delay, get your delegate application in today!

Annual Fire, EMS Disaster & ED Nursing Conference

CAL ENA COSPONSORS CFEDWEST 2008

On behalf of the planning staff of CFEDWest (California's Fire, EMS & Disaster) conference and expo, we humbly request your participation at California's lone first responder conference, **CFEDWest 2008**, scheduled **May 19-23, 2008**.

Built by California's first responders, for California's first responders - **CFEDWest** was developed to provide an educational forum that would provide dynamic continuing education focal to the needs of the western based first responder, that would provide a milieu for collaboration and cohesion amongst California's various first responder stakeholders, and lastly, that would provide an California first responders with an event to call their own!

CFEDWest 2008 is a multi-disciplined educational event that was constructed through the commingled efforts of California's various first responder stakeholders. This combined approach provides for an empirical educational offering that is inclusive of all California's first responders. **Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics, Nurses, Physician Assistants, Disaster Managers, and Physicians** are all encouraged to attend California's newest state first responder trade-event. Our last event, drew over **750 attendees** and **71 exhibiting companies**. This year, we expect over 1,000 attendees!

CFEDWest 2008 will feature:

- Keynote presentations from FEMA Director David Paulison and Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman, Los Angeles County Fire department;
- Pre-conference "Fire Chiefs Summit," "EMS Executive Summit," EMS Leadership Academy," and "HIC's IV" course;
- Up to 30-hours of EMS and BRN continuing education;
- National & International Speakers;
- Fire, EMS, Nursing, and Disaster educational tracks;
- Complimentary nightly entertainment;
- over 100 exhibiting companies

Come join us for California's can't-miss state first responder conference!

Register **Now** and secure your place in history!

Download the **CFEDWest 2008 Conference Brochure** at cfedwest.com



You can earn one (1) CE, at no cost, for reading the Monitor. After reading the newsletter, complete the evaluation below and email or mail to:

Anita Fligge: fligster@sbcglobal.net
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Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

You will receive your CE certificate within 90 days by mail. Provider approved by the California BRN Provider #10609 for 1 contact hour.

Objectives:

After reading the Monitor the reader will be able to:

1. List groups Cal ENA collaborates.
2. Know educational opportunities.
3. Know ways to affect change in practice.
4. Be familiar with committee and chapter programs.
5. Know how to safeguard Cal ENA records.

Name _____ License# _____

Address _____

1. Name two major groups we collaborate with.
2. Where do you go to update your contact info?
3. Is a higher Stroke Scale # a sign of improvement?
4. Which Committees are concerned about falling TVs?
5. Where are Cal ENA records archived?
6. Which chapters have monthly meetings?



Next Meeting

**Board Meeting:
Thursday, March 6, 2008
4-7pm**

**State Council Meeting:
Friday, March 7, 2008
9am-3pm**

Hilton Sacramento Arden West
2200 Harvard St.
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 922-4700

From airport, take I-5 south to the Garden Highway exit, make left on the Garden Highway/Arden and follow 4 miles to Harvard Street. Make a left on Harvard Street and proceed to the hotel entrance. Super Shuttle is \$18 each way. There is no free hotel shuttle, but parking is free!

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