Welcome to the October Edition of The Monitor. Many things are happening. We just returned from Minneapolis, MN as the largest delegation in National ENA history with our growing membership of 3117 members. We entertained 64 delegates and 1 alternate (32 first time delegates) at General Assembly representing our views and opinions on ENA’s mission statement, term limits, national nominations committee resolutions and a landslide win for the Loma Prieta Chapter Resolution asking ENA to develop a workgroup on the use of capnography in Procedural Sedation (the only direct patient care resolution this year).

CONGRATULATIONS to the authors, Karen Kosmala and Diane St. Denis. A special thank you to Philips Medical for sponsoring our first Cal ENA Welcome Reception for all Cal ENA members attending Scientific Assembly. There were 82 total attendees at this venue. We networked and let our hair down while congratulating Cal ENA’s accomplishments and successes due to YOU, OUR MEMBERS.

Election results can be found on the inside front cover. A special thank you to Anna Valdez, RN, PhD, for her dedication and exemplary performance as Director-at-Large 2007-2008.

The brochure announcing our second year in collaboration with the CFEDWest Conference is on page 8. In conjunction with CFEDWest in beautiful Palm Springs in May, 2009, we will hold our State Council Meeting.

As 2008 wraps up, I would like to thank the board of directors, chapter leaders, committee chairs, my employers, family and you, our membership for instilling your faith in my leadership abilities as your two-term (2007-2008) Cal ENA President. To quote Kenneth Blanchard, “The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.” Your 2008 Board of Directors worked together as a team with the 2008 vision of doing what is right for our patients by facilitating ideas and recommendations from you, our members. Above all our accomplishments during my term, the most memorable will be the people I have met over the years at our various venues.

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

Leadership Conference
There will be an orientation session for new chapter leaders (and continuing ones who want to meet the new leaders) from 1400-1600 prior to the Board Meeting on November 2 in Monterey. Be sure to come if you are assuming a leadership in your chapter. You will be shown what is expected of chapter presidents, secretaries and treasurers. Also, it will be a great time to ask questions and meet your state leaders.

Congratulations . . .

To Dr. Anna Valdez on finishing her PhD with help she received as recipient of the Dan Kelleher scholarship.

Congrats to Garrett Chan on his induction as a Fellow of the Academy of Emergency Nursing in Minneapolis.

We also want to recognize the Sacramento chapter for winning the grand prize in the national Member-Get-a-Member Campaign. With the help of Judy Scott, they recruited more members than any other chapter in the nation!
Contact all Cal ENA leaders at: CalENA.us

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**December 3:** Modesto, Michelle V Davis  
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**December 4:** Fresno, Deborah M Lemaster  
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**CEN Review Classes**

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**Important Dates**

**2008-09 Board and State Council meetings**

**November 6-7:** Monterey  
with Cal ENA Leadership Event

**January 8-9:** San Francisco  
Sheraton at Fisherman’s Wharf

**May 11-12:** Palm Springs  
Wyndham with CFEDWest

**Aug 13-14:** Universal City  
Hilton

**Nov 12-13:** San Diego  
TBA

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:** November 15
These are the most current totals for our 12 active Chapters and overall total for the California Council as of August 2008. Our state membership numbers fluctuate month to month but continue to grow. We broke the 3,100 mark in June. The national office has a new membership database system, assigning all new members to local chapters by their mailing address zipcode.

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Our membership numbers continue to grow thanks to the efforts of our chapter and state leaders. Due to their diligence, all 100 free one-year membership awards were distributed prior to our annual delegate allotments were announced in June. We arrived with the largest CalENA Delegation ever in Minneapolis this fall as we support our current 2008 national ENA President, Denise King.

Regarding “unassigned members”: When someone joins ENA for the first time they are assigned to a chapter based on their mailing address and zipcode location. Any member may change their chapter affiliation. Just log on to www.ena.org and under the Members Only section, update your personal profile.

If you’re sponsoring a new member, tell them what chapter number to write on their application according to their address or personal chapter choice.

To receive timely communications and optimal membership services, we encourage all members to keep email & mailing addresses current with the National office. Only the individual member may make address, email and chapter preference requests.

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

Delegate Highlights
Another successful ENA General Assembly and Annual Meeting were held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in September. California members were proudly represented by the largest and strongest delegation in ENA history. We seated 64 Delegates and 1 Alternate representing 3117 California members, the largest membership total of any state in the union. And more importantly, 19 first timers joined our delegation again this year. Following a brief orientation meeting, we soon made new acquaintances and fast friends, learning the General Assembly process and current issues up for discussion, debate and decision. Everyone was engaged and proud to step up and speak at the microphones in support or opposition of a proposal. The experienced veterans buddied up with a new member to educate and guide them through the experience. All in all we enjoyed the lively debates and were left with a sense of pride in our strength, influence and deciding votes designed to strengthen our association. Here are the names and chapter locations for the entire California delegation. We hope to see them again next year! Thank you one and all for your commitment and serve to Cal ENA.

Ellie Encapera, RN
Cal ENA Membership Chair
Government Affairs

As of this writing a budget deal has been announced and will be voted on and signed by the Governor the week of September 22. The budget includes continuing Medi-Cal cuts to providers. The 10 percent Medi-Cal cut for hospitals will extend from July 1, 2008 to March 1, 2009; rural hospitals will experience the 10 percent cut from July 1, 2008 to November 1, 2008; outpatient cuts will be partially restored to equal a 1 percent cut – this would include EDs.

Bills of interest to CalENA are as follows:

AB 211 (Jones) would require every defined health care provider to implement appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy of a patient’s medical information and to safeguard such information from unauthorized or unlawful access, use or disclosure. Establishes the Office of Health Information Integrity and the Health Information Quality Improvement Account for deposit of penalty funds. Authorizes further investigation of potential licensee violation. Requires the office to be funded through non General Fund sources.
CalENA: watch

AB 1900 (Nava) would extend the repeal date of a provision of existing law which provides, for purposes of supporting emergency medical services in Santa Barbara County, that a specified penalty shall be imposed on every fine, penalty, or forfeiture collected for all criminal offenses including offenses involving a violation of the Vehicle Code. Provides that the penalty assessment shall only apply to certain Vehicle Code violations involving alcohol or drugs. Revises the penalty assessment distribution procedure.
CalENA: watch

AB 2707 (Nunez) Requires distribution of a specified percentage of the balance in the Maddy Emergency Medical Service Fund, for emergency medical services provided by physicians and surgeons, except those employed in county hospitals, in general acute care hospitals that provide basic, comprehensive, or standby emergency medical services pursuant to prescribed provisions in certain small and rural hospitals located in Los Angeles County that meet certain requirements. would repeal a provision governing penalty fund spending
CalENA: watch

AB 2917 (Torrico) Requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to establish and maintain a centralized system for monitoring and tracing EMT-I and EMT-II certification status and EMT-P licensure status to be used by local certifying entities. Requires specified fees. Requires the authority to adopt regulations on fingerprint submission and to establish certification and disciplinary guidelines. Authorizes an employer to investigate those employees who commit specified acts. Relates to investigation and discipline.
CalENA: watch

AB 3000 (Wolk) would redefine a request to forgo resuscitative measures as a request regarding measures which would be a specified written document signed by an individual with capacity or a legal health care decisionmaker. Requires a health care provider to treat an individual in accordance with physicians orders for life sustaining treatment. Permits a physician to conduct an evaluation of the individual and issue any needed new order. Relates to the modification of an order. Makes the most recent order effective.
Chaptered
CalENA: Support.

SB 541 (Alquist) would provide for an increase in the administrative penalties for deficiencies by licensed health care facilities which constitute an immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of a patient and requires a plan of action. Requires specified health facilities an agencies to prevent unlawful access to, or use, or disclosure of, a patient’s medical information. Authorizes the assessment of a administrative fine for violations. Requires related reports.
CalENA: watch

SB 997 (Ridley-Thomas) would amend the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act. Defines an EMT-I with the additional training in limited advanced life support as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician or Advanced EMT. Revises the membership of the Commission on Emergency Medical Services.
CalENA: watch

SB 1236 (Padilla) Relates to existing law that authorizes a county board of supervisors to elect to levy an additional penalty in a certain amount upon fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected for criminal offenses, and requires a percentage of the funds to be expended for pediatric trauma centers. Extends the repeal date. Chaptered.
CalENA: Support

SB 1401 (Simiitian) would require the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist an eligible member or veteran in obtaining an appropriate health screening for traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder. Provides that a member or veteran would be eligible to receive assistance when they return to this state after service in combat zones. Requires the Secretary to develop a plan for outreach to eligible members and veterans. Requires a plan for outreach to guard members who remain on active duty.
CalENA: Support

Debby Rogers
**Trauma: The 6th Edition TNCC**

As we approach the end of the year (already!) the Trauma Committee thought it might be helpful to review the TNCC’s progress since its release last October! A phenomenal job was done by the cadre of state roll-out instructors who managed to update all of the 300+ instructors in a timely manner, sometimes in classes of only 2-3, others times in groups of up to 20. Feedback showed that the instructors liked the new format and guidelines. In addition they appreciated the emphasis that ENA has placed on maintaining the integrity of not only the course itself but its guidelines for course management at the local, state and national levels. This ensures a tighter oversight of quality assurance issues and individual qualifications. Please remember that now we are all responsible for checking the ENA website to make sure your Administrative Guidelines are the most current edition, which is dated October 2007. Also, please remember that you are responsible for keeping up to date via the online instructor newsletter, *Course-Bytes*. It is on the national website at **www.ena.org**.

It’s the best way to stay current on any changes that are made to the course or related procedures. With ENA’s new database coming online this year, the plan was to issue each instructor a new TNCC number. Ultimately these numbers were issued at the end of September. Each individual TNCC instructor should have received a card by now, and the number should coincide with your membership number. If you are not a member, a number was assigned to you. Please be sure to use these numbers on any course paperwork that is sent to national ENA. In addition, instructors need only supply the last 4 digits of their SS number instead of the full number. Students as well only need to fill in the last 4 digits of the SS number on their Scantron forms. Eventually the Scantron form will be developed to accommodate this new method. A great new addition has been the way ENA notifies us of course approval. Instead of receiving a postcard, the course director receives an email notification with the assigned course number. This makes life much easier. The State Trauma chair also receives this same notification of courses being offered throughout the state. You will also notice that the course number assigned has now been shortened and no longer includes the number of students at the end. The new TNCC Pocket Study Guide has just been released and is now available at the Marketplace online at ENA. Please be sure to check it out and consider adding it to your course resources. The cost is $22 for members and $35 for non-members.

And finally, a thought on issues that have unfortunately arisen around the state: if you become aware of courses being taught in a manner inconsistent with ENA Guidelines and protocols, please contact the chair of the Trauma Committee, Anita Ruiz-Contreras, or one of the regional directors: Angela Hackenschmidt – North; Robert Toman – Central; or Gail Dodge – South. As TNCC Instructors and Course Directors, we are all responsible for helping to guide appropriate dissemination of the course. It is our professionalism that is at risk if we fail to step in and intervene. Identifying and responding to such situations helps maintain the integrity of the courses that ENA provides.

*Gail Dodge, RN, MSN, CEN*

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**Cal ENA Sets the Bar Higher**

This was my second time to attend both General Assembly and Scientific Assembly and it was quite interesting to watch as CAL ENA set the stage for excellence both in leadership and the clinical arena. I was proud to be a delegate from the San Francisco chapter. Not only were we (Cal ENA) the largest delegation, but Ellie Encapera was front and center with numerous resolutions, including Loma Prieta’s ONLY Clinical, Evidence-Based resolution regarding Capnography in Procedural Sedation. After networking with other Emergency Nurses I felt very impassioned about this hot topic and for the first time I spoke in front of the entire Assembly. Talk about being nervous! Then our President, Matt Powers, spoke on behalf of this resolution and it was overwhelmingly passed. Texas challenged all of us to come up with more clinical resolutions for Baltimore. I hope we are up to the challenge.

It was wonderful to see Dr Garret Chan act as a Cal ENA leader during General Assembly, be inducted into the FAEN Academy and then to speak very passionately about Palliative care. Truly CAL ENA sets the bar higher and higher.

Though exhausting, it was a wonderful time to work, to learn and to be challenged. *Mike Pasley, RN, CEN*
Our national Scientific Assembly in Minneapolis proved that ENA has mastered the ability to put together a first rate conference. While the general sessions delivered motivational topics and bolstered enthusiasm for embracing the challenges of our ever changing healthcare environments, practice updates and continuing education delivered the clinical knowledge our patients need from ED clinicians. In addition to the knowledge and skill development during the day, after hours activities facilitated balancing work and pleasure with networking and socializing extending well into the night.

Our national president, Denise King, RN, MSN, CEN demonstrated exceptional leadership and composure under the stress of live-time technical challenges during the General Assembly voting process. Some of the more controversial topics addressed by the delegates included procedures and qualifications surrounding nationally elected positions. When the voting came to closure, these term limit related proposed amendments narrowly missed the 2/3rds majority necessary for ratification. The assembly proceedings demonstrated that we have an organization governed with sound processes for debate and are administered under the exceptional leadership of talented individuals.

The concept of utilizing a medical provider in parallel with nursing assessment upon initial patient contact at triage appears to be gaining well deserved acceptance. This process change was initially introduced on the ENA Leadership Conference national stage by nursing members of California Emergency Physicians (now known as CEP AMERICA, an ED physician management organization) under their trademark name of “Rapid Medical Examination” (RME). The key components of the process were presented at this year’s clinical conference with an estimated 500+ members in attendance bringing excellent discussion post presentation. Permutations of this process change also known as “Provider in Triage” is demonstrating significant value in emergency departments within Catholic Healthcare West and elsewhere across the nation. The benefits include improving quality and efficiency outcomes during a period when boarding of admitted patients is on the rise, ED volumes climbed 32% and 5% of our nations EDs have closed. President-elect Bill Briggs, RN, MSN, CEN, FAEN announced his keen interest in addressing “boarding” by requesting members share their related experiences with him via email (wbriggs266@aol.com). With Bill’s vision and creative solutions from ENA members, the battle over ED crowding may be taking a turn in the favor of quality. Many other clinical lectures were noted to be a huge success, illustrated by completely filled lecture halls and rave reviews in hallway discussions. The “Trauma Triad of Death” (Jeff Solheim) continues to sell out despite presentation in the largest venues. Other topics such as “Death by Poison” (Laura Criddle) and “Too Tight: Abdominal Compartment Syndrome” (Michael Frakes) were also presented in packed auditoriums.

The benefits of attendance of such well designed conferences should not be missed. With the leadership conference in Reno, NV in March 2009 followed by the 2009 Scientific Assembly in Portland, OR, we look forward to filling the seats with many from our west coast.

Aaron Wolff, RN, BSN, CEN
Manager of Performance Improvement
Catholic Healthcare West

State Challenge Scholarship
Once again, California raised the $5,000 required by ENAF to name a scholarship. This year we will name it in honor of Denise King, a former Cal ENA state president and now national ENA president for 2008. Our treasurer is asking for donations from chapters to help offset the $2600 that the State paid to achieve the challenge.
The **California Emergency Nurses Association Conference** is developed through a collaboration of leading California physicians, nurses, paramedics, business professionals, disaster medical managers, and response authorities. It provides a dynamic forum for the delivery of high value emergency medicine educational content to the West Coast-based nurse, clinician, planner, and manager.

Whether you work in a hospital, for a government agency, a transport company, in private industry, or are just interested in the medical response or planning, the **Cal ENA Conference** has educational topics that will enlighten you and challenge your thinking about emergency nursing.

As Cal ENA is a strategic partner in this multidisciplinary conference (CFEDWest 2009) offering an emergency nursing track. Registrants may also find interest and move freely between the fire, EMS, disaster/public health, and terrorism tracks.

When the status-quo isn’t the answer, look to the **Cal ENA Conference** to give you information that helps fill the gaps and bridge the boundaries brought about by merging new ideas with age old routines. Please join us for a dynamic, one-of-a-kind, educational event

**May 13-15, 2009**, at the **Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, CA**.

**Also join one day before on Tuesday, May 12, and attend our Cal ENA State Council Meeting where colleague networking will motivate those for the profession you have chosen.** Refer to [www.calena.us](http://www.calena.us) for more specific Cal ENA information.

**CONFERENCE VENUE/HOTELS**

The **Cal ENA Conference** will be conducted at the **Palm Springs Convention Center**, **May 13-15, 2009, in Palm Springs, CA**. This conference will be co-located with the **CFEDWest Conference & Expo May 13-15, 2009**.

To reserve your discounted hotel room contact the following hotels:

- **Wyndham Resort** — 888 East Tahquitz Canyon Ave| Palm Springs, CA. 92262. Phone: (877) 999-3223, block ID# “CFED” for discounted $119/night room price;
- **Palm Springs Hilton** — 400 East Tahquitz Canyon Ave| Palm Springs, CA. 92262. Phone: (800) 522-6900, block ID# “CFED” for discounted $124/night;
- **Spa Resort & Casino** — 401 East Amado Road| Palm Springs, CA. 92262. Phone: (888) 999-1995, block ID# “CFED” for discounted $124/night price.

**SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT**

On behalf of the conference organizing committee, we’re pleased to extend the following entertainment opportunities for your consideration:

- **May 13, 2009**, **FireHouse Life Poolside BBQ & Party** with featured entertainer, street magician **Blake Applegate** of Mercy Air.
- **May 13, 2009**, **Police vs. Fire, Last Man Standing, Ultimate Submission Championship**. Five great fights, featuring the best lawmen and firemen in their quest to bring home a $500 purse and the distinction of being California’s best. Co-organized with LAPRAAC — proceeds to be donated to fallen fire and police charities.

[Click here to download the full brochure and registration form.](http://www.sfena.us/monitor.html)
Loma Prieta Resolution on Capnography Passes at the General Assembly

By a resounding 87.2% of the delegates at the General Assembly, the resolution that the Loma Prieta Chapter submitted regarding capnography in Procedural Sedation (PS) passed, with minimal revisions. The journey started when Karen Kosmala, the principle author, did a presentation on the benefits of capnography during Procedural Sedation at one of the monthly LPENA meetings. It occurred to us that this was something that was going to become a Standard of Care sooner, rather than later. ENA had just released the consensus statement on Procedural Sedation that did not mention capnography, and the ENA Position Statement that was written several years ago, also omitted it.

The reason that this is such an important topic was highlighted by a short video in Karen’s presentation that showed dramatic changes on the capnography waveform and changes in the End Tidal CO₂ (EtCO₂), while the oxygen saturation (SAO₂) never changed from 100%, even when Karen held her breath and changed breathing patterns. It takes approximately 6 minutes for the SAO₂ to drop to 90%. This could cause an adverse outcome or sentinel event.

The week before I left for Minneapolis to present this, I had my own experience with PS. My patient stopped breathing, but I was documenting, the MD was watching the residents, and the RT was trying to hold the patient’s face mask on while keeping the airway open. No one initially noticed the patient’s apnea. Her SAO₂ remained at 100% during the entire episode, and luckily, the patient was fine after the procedure, but it drove home to me the need for all of us to expect our staff to be well-educated in PS, maintaining competency in PS, and advocating for patient safety. All of these points were brought up in our resolution.

I am including only the resolved clauses that passed, as the entire resolution is quite lengthy. I hope that more California chapters or ENA members will consider putting together a resolution for next year. We turned in our first draft in less than 3 weeks, and did the entire resolution by email. Many chapter members contributed to the final draft for submission, from finding spelling/grammar errors, to making suggestions for additions or corrections of materials.

This year there were 7 by-laws changes and only 1 resolution submitted and accepted. Please consider writing a resolution for something you feel passionate about.

Resolution 08-08: Improving the Assessment and Care of Patients during Procedural Sedation

RESOLVED, That the Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee be charged with the investigation of the latest evidence-based research concerning the use of procedural sedation and the use of capnography, to include age-specific considerations in the emergency setting; and,

RESOLVED, That the Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee provide recommendations for evidence-based resources that would support the education and credentialing of emergency nurses who provide procedural sedation; and,

RESOLVED, That this workgroup suggest possible changes to the ENA Procedural Sedation Position Statement to the ENA Board of Directors

The fact that this passed with such a wide margin is an indication that this is a national hot topic. All but 2 or 3 of the comments from the microphones were favorable to our resolution, and many stories were told supporting the need for capnography to become commonplace. If you would like a copy of the complete resolution, you can email me at diane_stdenis@calena.us.

I want to thank Karen Kosmala for doing the bulk of the work on the resolution. She was unable to join us at General Assembly due to her husband’s sudden illness, but I am happy to report that he is home recovering. They will be back on their yacht in no time!!

Diane St. Denis, BSN, RN
President, 2008

Loma Prieta Chapter
When Prevention Isn’t Always Enough…
The Donna Everett Story

Injury prevention is defined as efforts taken to prevent or reduce the incidence and severity of injuries caused by external forces of energy. The field of injury prevention has allowed emergency nursing professionals the opportunity to reduce preventable injuries through personal example, education, professional trainings, and legislative advocacy. This is the story of such a professional, Donna Everett, who despite “practicing what she preached” finds herself suffering from a traumatic brain injury.

Donna, an ED nurse at O’Connor in San Jose, was in an unwitnessed motorcycle crash on her way to work to cover a shift for a coworker who went into preterm labor. Yes, she was wearing a helmet, but was found with one of the tires from her bike on her head. To be sure, she was NOT a motorcycle “cowboy”, commented one of her Loma Prieta Chapter colleagues, when I sought to learn more about Donna for this article.

From the crash scene, Donna was transported to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (VMC), a Level 1 Trauma Center. Her injuries consisted of a clot on the left side of her brain, a fractured right orbit and fractured finger. Donna spend the first couple of post crash weeks in the ICU, then time in the Neuro Observation Unit, and finally, was transferred to the Head Injury Rehab Unit, where she remains.

Having worked at VMC, I can assure you, she is being care for in one of the finest trauma centers in the State. At this time, Donna has a tracheostomy and PEG. She is now sitting up for hours at a time in a wheelchair and appears to be processing thoughts, responding to questions with YES and NO nods.

Prior to the crash, Donna was a traveling nurse, who worked in many EDs across the county. Home is not here in California but Hobbsville, North Carolina. As good as the care is at VMC, Donna’s family and friends cannot be there to participate in her recuperation.

The Loma Prieta Chapter has started a Bring Donna Home campaign. Bright pink Donna’s favorite color) buttons with the Bring Donna Home slogan, were worn at the recent ENA National conference by California and North Carolina nurses in an effort to raise funds to fly Donna home. Contributions should be made out to: Garrett Chan (contribution for Donna Everett) and mailed to:

Garrett Chan, RN, PhD
c/o Stanford Hospitals and Clinic Nursing Administration, Rm H0105
300 Pasteur Drive
Stanford, CA  94305-5221

END-OF-LIFE
NURSING EDUCATION CONSORTIUM
ELNEC-Critical Care
Train-the-Trainer Program
January 30—31, 2009
Pasadena, CA

An Archstone Foundation grant will provide free registration for the first 100 eligible California nurses!

See ELNEC website for details and registration form.
http://www.aacn.nche.edu/elnec

ELNEC-Critical Care Features 8 Modules:
- Overview of Palliative Care
- Pain Management
- Symptom Management
- Communication
- Ethical/Legal Issues
- Loss, Grief, and Bereavement
- Achieving Quality Palliative Care
- Final Hours
East Bay is trying to increase membership by rotating their monthly meetings. Their August meeting was in Walnut Creek with a presentation on Pain Management.

Greater LA had a meeting in Whittier with a presentation on Infection Control. They are also planning their EDAP Conference for later in the year.

Mid Valley had a meeting on Sept 20. The topic was Safe Kids and car seat updates. They are planning their annual ED Nurses Awards Banquet during ED Nurses Week, to be held this year at the Hitachi Palace Casino. At another casino last year, one of the attendees won $62,000 in a nickel slot jackpot!

Orange Coast’s August 26 meeting was held at St. Joseph’s with a talk on Pediatrics. They are planning a CEN Review course.

San Diego had a meeting on Sept 10 where they heard about the success of their recent 911 Conference. They had 120 in attendance. Now they are planning an Overcrowding Summit.

San Francisco had a low turnout for their last meeting. They plan to make use of the $300 the state is granting for ED Nurses Week events. They will meet that week in October and elect new officers while everyone is in a celebratory mood.

Channel Islands has plans for a meeting and celebration in October.

Loma Prieta’s August meeting was at Stanford with a presentation on Fast Exam with portable ultrasound machine. They put together a resolution on Procedural Sedation urging the use of End Tidal CO₂.

Inland Empire met on August 21. Their next meeting will be at Desert Regional Hospital in Palm Springs for a Peds Educational event.

Sacramento held a CEN Review in conjunction with their last meeting that really stimulated interest among non-members. Judy Scott was responsible for signing up 50 new members! This is how they won the national Member-Get-a-Member Campaign.

Superior had a meeting on Sept 12 in Turtle Bay with a lecture on Sepsis by a physician.

Kern County met in August and is working on getting new members.

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4. Be able to discuss bills of interest to Cal ENA.
5. Be familiar with chapter activities.

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1. Name two 2 ways Cal ENA was successful during the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.
2. Name 2 big upcoming educational events.
3. Is capnography required during Procedural Sedation?
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