Over 4000 Emergency nurses attended Emergency Nursing 19 in Austin, Texas for education, networking, and fun!

Before the conference started, 700+ nurses joined together for General Assembly to vote on bylaws and resolutions. Resolution topics included: climate change impacts on health, sickle cell best practice, reviewing staffing models, and dedicated resources towards nurse suicide.

The opening session was full of energy as we heard stories from individual nurses and the exciting nurse movie project that will be released next spring.

Next, we headed out to lectures and the huge exhibit hall. There were lectures inside the exhibit hall, lots of new equipment to check out, and the ENA store.

Monday night we went to the Weird Fest with fabulous music, food, drinks, goats, burros, spin art, and fun!!! We danced the night away with new friends we had met during the day.

Tuesday offered more classes and experiences in the exhibit hall and advanced practice skill labs using cadavers. There were also excellent poster presentations.

On Wednesday, we woke up early for the BCEN breakfast to hear from a fun and engaging speaker. Other nurses attended a lecture given by nurses who worked at the Feather River Hospital during the Paradise Fire.

After the Closing session it was time to head home feeling energized and excited to return to the work for which we all share a passion!

Sutter Roseville achieved the Lantern Award from ENA for their excellence in Emergency Care.

Sutter Roseville’s Emergency Department strives to provide an excellent environment for both patients and employees. Highlights of their achievements include a staff-driven redesign of the Stroke Alert; the design and implementation of Code Critical, an overhead activation similar to Trauma and Stroke Alerts for other critically ill patients; a robust Emergency Preparedness program that works closely with local and federal agencies, which included the “Black Hawk Down” preparedness event in June; and incentives for nursing certification that have resulted in a record number of registered nurses obtaining a BCEN (Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing) advanced emergency nursing certification.
The Sacramento and East Bay chapters joined to create a Sim Wars team to compete in the exhibit hall. This was a great chance to practice our teamwork and communication skills on a complex patient scenario. We made it to the finals and placed high in the rankings against other teams who came from hospitals and work together everyday. This was a great experience!

Our own chapter member, Andrea Perry from Sutter Roseville ED spoke about “Using old school technology in New Ways”. Her lecture included TEG, REBOA, and ECMO uses in Trauma cases in the ED. Her lecture was chosen to have a drawing done by the conference artist and this was sold at auction!

**Academy of Emergency Nursing**

The Academy inducted eight new Fellows this year who demonstrated exemplary work in their professional emergency nursing careers. They were celebrated with a dinner gala. The AEN business meeting was the next day and the current focus is about diversity and inclusivity in the association. The body of work left by AEN Fellows goes well beyond being an outstanding nurse and a devoted ENA member. To date, more than 160 extraordinary emergency nurses have been inducted into the AEN and proudly list FAEN as one of their professional credentials.

"Vegas has it all – incredible restaurants, world-class entertainment and scenic natural landscape. It's also the perfect location to bring together thousands of emergency nurses from across the globe to learn, network and celebrate ENA’s 50th anniversary," said ENA President Patti Kunz Howard, PhD, RN, CEN, CPEN, TCRN, NE-BC, FAEN, FAAN. "While the saying goes 'What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas,' our members will leave Vegas with new clinical knowledge and cutting-edge skills they'll want to talk about in their emergency departments back home."