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President's Message

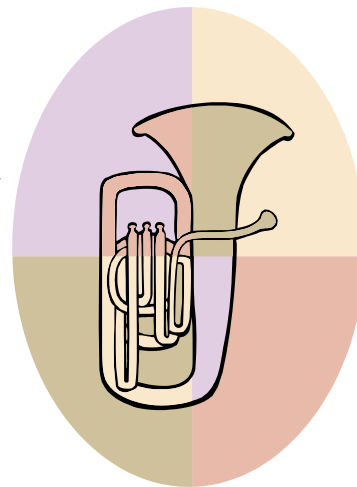
Bill Light

As fall settles in around us I want to take a minute to reflect on this year and all we have accomplished. The year started off with a bang as we kicked off a number of membership drives and incentive programs to help welcome more Oregon nurses into our professional organization. These efforts were extremely successful and exceeded our expectations. In fact, Oregon ENA saw such a dramatic growth that we have been nationally recognized for having a 21% increase in membership so far this year. We are currently ranked 3rd in the nation for the annual membership chal-



lenge. You deserve a big hand for the role each of you played in encouraging and welcoming our new members this year. Thank you!

As Spring rolled along, the Oregon State Council sponsored a CEN review course in Portland that received wildly successful feedback from participants. We were so proud to be able to bring this amazing review course to our members at a greatly reduced rate. This sort of benefit to our members is a very important and rewarding part of our



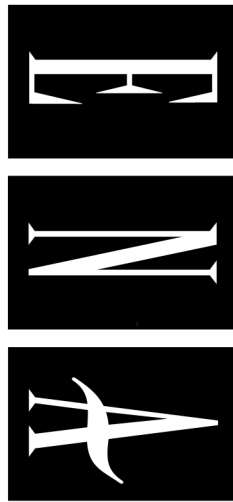
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President's Message

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service to you. I especially want to thank Jeff Solheim for offering his services to the Oregon members at such a reduced rate. I also want to sincerely thank Providence Health Systems for graciously donating the location and onsite services to us. We could not have provided such a wonderful conference without their help.

This summer found us busily selecting and preparing our Oregon state delegates for the 2010 National ENA General Assembly in San Antonio, Texas. After receiving many highly impressive applications from our membership, we selected 10 Oregon emergency nurses to represent our state at the national meeting. In Texas we worked hard to bring our state's voice to the national forum and helped shape the organization for the coming years.

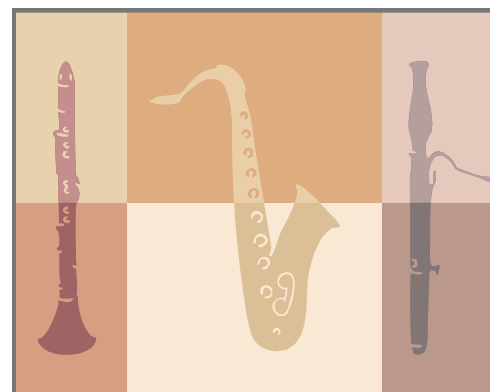
Earlier this month the state council honored our members during Emergency Nurses Week. We wanted to show our appreciation by providing each members with a personalized thumb drive containing a great deal of information regarding our organization, as well as useful information about the events of the coming year. This particular project was very important to me and I was personally thrilled to get the dozens of email, text messages, and phone calls from our members letting us know how pleased they were. It was truly our pleasure to offer you this thanks. Each of you has earned it 100 times over with your daily efforts and sacrifices you make as emergency nurses. Thank you.

This past week we completed our elections for 2011 Board Members. I am pleased to announce that your 2011 President for Oregon ENA is Jeff Solheim, the President-Elect for 2011 is Cassie Richard, the Treasurer for 2011 is Diane Branson, and our 2011 Director-at-Large is Susan Walters. I also threw my hat in the ring and was elected to be your Secretary for 2011, but I will have to step out of the post due to the Bylaw change that we passed, which added an Immediate Past President position to the board of directors.

The next major event we are all feverishly working towards is the ENA National Leadership Conference is coming to Portland this February 16-20, 2011. There is a great deal that Oregon ENA will be doing to welcome the rest of the nation to our wonderful state. If any of our members would like to join us, we are looking for volunteers to take part in our welcoming activities. Feel free to contact me for more information at president@oregonena.org.

We look forward to seeing each of you in Portland in February!!

—Bill Light
OR ENA President



General Assembly 2010 Delegates Reports

Megan Clark-Davis

A renewed welcome to ENA's international members! Resolution GA10-005 is adopted

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New on the bylaws agenda this year was a proposal to include ENA's international members at general assembly. This proposed resolution came with significant support but was not supported by the current board of directors who suggested the sponsors reconsider the proposal. (You can read their comments at the URL below also.) Historically membership has always been open to emergency nurses who live and work abroad, but the chance to be a delegate at general assembly has never been an option. Although there was some initial confusion, this proposal is not about military members serving abroad or nurses on temporary assignment, it is about members who live and work outside the US.

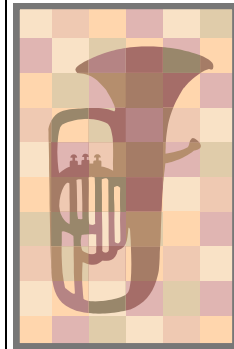
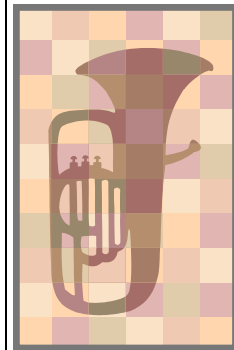
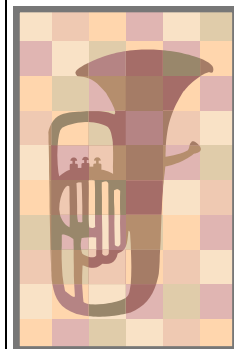
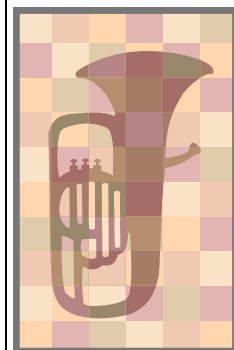
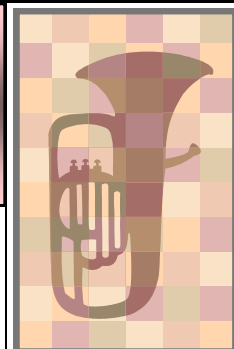
Traditionally, as directed by national bylaws, delegates have been representatives from their respective states. This bylaw provision left nearly 500 ENA members who live and work abroad without any representation at the national level. International members have paid dues at a slightly reduced rate that did not include the revenue passed from the national office to the state organization because they had no local organization to belong to. (Some might call this "taxation without representation" a slogan originating in the mid-1700's that summarized a primary grievance of the British colonists.)

This adopted resolution does not change the way any state council selects their representatives nor does it change the number of delegates (from the recent delegate cap of 700 established a couple years ago). The international members are entitled up to 5 delegates and one alternate. The since international members have no local organization, the Board of Directors was charged with the task of logistics of selection of these delegates via a point system (just as individual states are charged with the same task of selecting their delegates.)



You can learn more about the resolutions at the ENA website (or follow this link <http://www.ena.org/statecouncils/GeneralAssembly/2010/Pages/2010GAResults.aspx>)

—Megan Clark-Davis



General Assembly 2010 Delegates Reports

Rhonda Wood

I was an ENA delegate this year and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It is always fun to network with delegates from other states, see old friends, and make new friends. I attended the networking reception the evening of the first day and got to meet and visit with a number of people, mostly from states other than Oregon. It is always interesting to find out that other states and chapters seem to have issues similar to ours: getting more people involved, not enough active members to do the work, struggling to recruit new members, etc.

There were multiple issues discussed and voted on at this General Assembly session. The bylaw changes and resolutions should be posted on the www.ena.org website within the next month or so. It is always interesting to watch a large group of emergency nurses, who are very opinionated and strong-willed (no surprise!), debate issues and come to consensus. I guess this works because we are all pretty practical and realize we have to adopt something that will work for the majority of the members.

This was also a special session since it is the 40th anniversary of ENA. They showed a video clip of Judith Kelleher, talking about the founding of ENA. It brought tears to my eyes when I saw her continued passion and pride for emergency nursing. Thank you to the Oregon State Council and you the members, for allowing me to represent the Oregon ENA at this assembly!

—Rhonda Wood

Plan Now to Attend!

ENA National Leadership Conference

Portland, February 16-20 2011

This is truly a once in a life time event! For a variety of reasons, it is highly unlikely we will ever have the opportunity to have a national ENA meeting in Oregon again. Oregon ENA is thrilled to be the local hosts for this national event. If you've been to an ENA Leadership Conference before, you know what an incredible amount of wisdom and talent are assembled for these meetings. If you haven't, this is your chance to see what it's all about, without the pricey airfares. Rather than a clinical focus, this conference addresses such issues as developing staff, dealing with through-put, instigating change, and implanting best practices. And, if you turn in a copy of your CE certificate to Oregon ENA, your next year's ENA membership will be paid by the state council, thanks to our "Year of the Member" initiative. What a discount! Check out the program details in your ENA Connection or online at www.ena.org.

General Assembly 2010 Delegates Reports

Diane Branson

First of all I want to thank the Oregon Council for choosing me as a representative for the Oregon ENA members. It was an honor to be one of the group to stand up for our Oregon members.

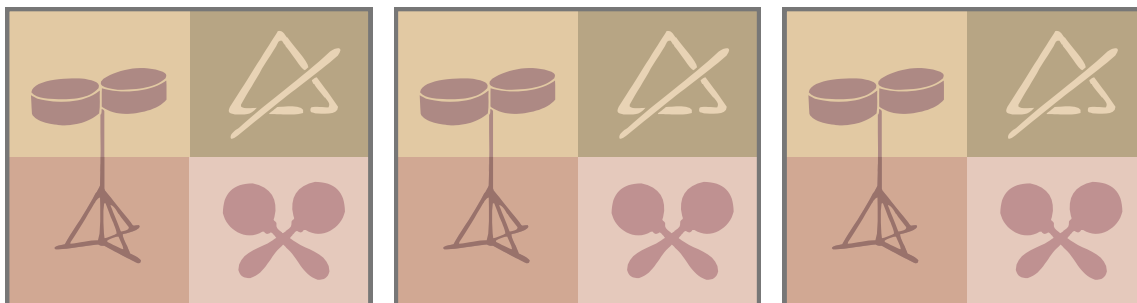
Before us at the General Assembly were both By-Law changes and Resolutions. As usual, the discussion was passionate by those in attendance. Two Resolutions that were before us brought long debate. The first challenging all states to make violence against Healthcare workers a felony offense and the second was in regards to gun safety.

While all seem to agree that violence against Healthcare workers needs to a priority and not tolerated the wording was in debate. The final Resolution passed with a change in wording to include all Healthcare workers. Many states already have laws pertaining to this it was amazing to me how many nurses had stories of being verbally threatened or physically harmed to only have their local Police refuse to take a report or press charges stating that “you’re a nurse you should expect this”. I am proud to work in a Hospital that does not tolerate violence toward its staff and encourages us to report.

The gun safety resolution was an added item on the agenda. The Resolution did not encourage the banning of guns, registration of firearms or the like it did encourage education of the public as to the dangers of guns and children and the encouragement of the use of gun locks, education and safety education for both adults and children. The discussion again was passionate and while all present seemed to agree that gun safety is an important topic there was, as expected, much talk about regulation of guns. This Resolution did not pass but I expect it to be brought back next year.

On this 40th Anniversary of ENA I am proud to be a member of an organization that is actively promoting safe practice and safe care. ENA is at the forefront of legislation that will protect our patients and us in this ever changing environment. ENA is 3700 members strong and growing - with our involvement and support the coming years will be those of positive changes for both our patients and our care of them.

—Diane Branson



Oregon ENA at the REACH Conference, Salem Hospital, September 10, 2010



*Oregon ENA members at the Salem Hospital REACH Conference.
From the left: Ted Raschkes, Diane Branson, Denice Scotland, and Rhonda*

Diane Branson, Rhonda Wood, and I (Denice Scotland) attended the REACH Conference, hosted by Salem Hospital on Friday, September 10th. We manned an ENA display booth to promote the Oregon Emergency Nurses Association. Diane assembled a big tri-fold poster board with information and pictures, and provided several different handouts on the table. It all looked great, thank you Diane for all your hard work. Rhonda provided the chocolate treats and we also gave away Oregon ENA pins to members. The Conference was most excellent on many different levels. Well done Ted Rashkes (Oregon ENA member and Salem Hospital trauma program manager), you and Jan should be proud!

All 10 of our discounted one-year ENA memberships were spoken for quickly. This is the first time Oregon ENA has offered special membership incentives. We were anxious about the logistics initially but in the end, everything worked out great and we were able to be flexible to the needs of the nurses wanting to take advantage of our offer. 8 of the 10 applicants were new members, 2 were renewing members.

—Denice Scotland

Oregon TNCC & ENPC Schedule, 2010

The following is a list of currently scheduled TNCC and ENPC courses for the remainder of 2010. Course coordinators are encouraged to submit 2011 class dates and updates for future newsletters.

Nov. 12 - 13	TNCC	Salem	Penny Edwards
Nov. 15 - 16	TNCC	Springfield	Mary Ann Vaughn
Nov. 22 - 23	TNCC	Portland PCC	Bill Light
Nov. 29 - 30	ENPC	Bend	Jeff Solheim



Oregon ENA display table at the Salem Hospital REACH Conference. September 10th, 2010

