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Nominations for 4 "Members-At-Large" due by August 1.

Eligibility Requirements:

Must be a current member of the Iowa ENA State Council and have current professional nurse licensure.

Responsibilities

Each At-Large Member shall exercise the duties and responsibilities required of a member of the Board of Directors and serve as a voting member representing the general Iowa membership.

Members at Large shall serve for one year, and no more than 2 consecutive terms.

If interested contact Jeri Babb at jbabb@mercydesmoines.org or 3701 SW 28th St. ; Des Moines, IA 50321

Elections will be held at the August State Council Meeting.



Jeri Babb, RN,
Iowa ENA State President

Like many of you, I watched and read in horror the news from across the state:

May 27th – "Parkersburg and New Hartford tornado kills 7 and injures at least 50"

June 11th – "Tornado at Boy Scout camp kills 4 teenagers and injures dozens more"

June 13th – "Rising flood water from the raging Cedar River that swamped Cedar Rapids has now forced the evacuation of Mercy Hospital. Flooding has left 2 inches of water standing in the emergency department."

PRESIDENT'S NOTE-

June 20th - "Access to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is now limited to one road. Mercy, Cedar Rapids would like to remind patients that the ED remains closed until necessary flood repairs can be made. St. Lukes is open for emergency care."

How many times during a busy shift have we all wished we could close the doors to our ED? Be honest – we've all felt that way at one time or another! The events earlier this month came as a reality check for me. What would it be like if our ED's weren't able to be open? I realized not only does the public take emergency care for granted, so do we as the ones who provide it. The thought of the University not being able to accept patients that need

specialized care only available there was very unsettling to me. I bet the ED nurses at Mercy in Cedar Rapids have never been so happy to see their doors open again for business. What a helpless feeling not being able to treat patients that need us! The teamwork has been outstanding with competing hospitals working side by side for the good of patients. A special thanks to those that volunteered and the DMAT teams that were deployed to help out – and to those that stayed behind to carry the work load. Our thoughts go out to our nursing colleagues across the state that have been impacted by the storms and floods, either personally or professionally. I hope you are all safe and dry – and back to work doing what you do best as emergency nurses!

Comments from attendees at an ENPC course:

"This course is actually better than PALS", "I really enjoyed this course. I liked how it acknowledged all systems versus just resuscitation." "Class was very well organized, thorough with knowledgeable instructors. Plenty of personal experiences to go along with lectures. Very patient and good at teaching."

Plan now to attend one of Iowa's Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course's – visit lowaena.org for course listings and contacts.

MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to announce to all of you that as of May we currently have 428 Iowa ENA members. It seems like not so long ago I was setting a goal of reaching 400 members here in Iowa and now we have exceeded that. I have only you the members to thank. Your constant recruiting has made those numbers grow. On June 20th the National ENA headquarters will look at the membership numbers for

each state. The number of members each state has determines how many delegates can represent that state at the National General Assembly in September. The more members we have the more delegates we get and that means more voting power our state. So there is power in numbers, as our membership grows so does the impact we as a state have on decisions that are made at the National level

that affect all of us.

So with that said how about we see if we can reach 500 members by the end of 2008.

Here's hoping that you all have a very safe and happy summer!
Lynn Tschiggfrie
2008 Membership Chair

Please note: any members interested in serving as a delegate should fill out and send in the enclosed application.

Pathways to Discovery



Join fellow professionals in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 24-27 for the 2008 National ENA Annual Conference. For more information, go to the website (www.ena.org).

Five \$500 Scholarships to September 2008 National ENA Conference will be awarded by Iowa ENA.

Criteria for Scholarship Application:

- Must be a member of Iowa ENA for at least one year
- Must be an active staff nurse in an Iowa Emergency Department
- Applicant must write 500 word minimum essay that answers the following question: Why would attending the National ENA Annual Conference be important to me and my nursing practice?
- Application must be postmarked by July 15th;

Send application to: Jeri Babb,
3701 SW 28th Street,
Des Moines, IA 50321

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by July 21st, and winners will be announced on our Website.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

You have the power to unite emergency nurses and strengthen their voice across the nation. As our membership grows, our voice becomes stronger, and we have an increased opportunity to influence the practice of emergency nursing.



ENA is calling on every member to join the Power of One recruitment campaign. We are challenging every ENA member to recruit just one new member during the month of July 2008.

The Power is in Your Hands...
Make a Difference starting today!

Course:	Date:	Location:	Contact Information:
ATLS Provider:	July 10 & 11	IMMC, Des Moines	Katie Heldt 515-241-6897
	October 9 & 10	IMMC, Des Moines	Katie Heldt 515-241-6897
ATLS Reverification:	September 19	IMMC, Des Moines	Katie Heldt 515-241-6897
<u>ENPC Provider Course:</u>	September 17 & 18	Blank, Des Moines	Joni Thornton 515-241-3260
	October 22 & 23	Blank, Des Moines	Joni Thornton 515-241-3260
	October 23 & 24	UIHC, Iowa City	Rosemary Adams 319-356-2597 (Univ. of Iowa)
	November 10 & 11	St. Luke's, Sioux City	Sandi Wynja 712-279-1863
<u>ENPC Recert Course:</u>	August 4	St. Luke's, Sioux City	Sandi Wynja 712-279-1863
	October 24	UIHC, Iowa City	Rosemary Adams 319-356-2597 (Univ. of Iowa)
Geriatric Emergency Nursing Education (GENE) course:			www.ena.org/nursing/geriatric/GENE
TNCC Provider Course:	August 14 & 15	IMMC, Des Moines	Katie Heldt 515-241-6897
	September 11 & 12	Mercy, Des Moines	Jenny Platz 515-247-3211
	September 22 & 23	UIHC, Iowa City	Rosemary Adams 319-356-2597 (Univ. of Iowa)
	October 6 & 7	St. Luke's, Sioux City	Sandi Wynja 712-279-1863
	October 6 & 7	Genesis East, Davenport	Rosemary Adams 319-356-2597 (Univ. of Iowa)
	October 20 & 23	LeMars	Sandi Wynja 712-279-1863
	November 6 & 7	IMMC, Des Moines	Katie Heldt 515-241-6897
	November 20 & 21	Mercy, Des Moines	Jenny Platz 515-247-3211

IOWA ENA INJURY PREVENTION NEWS

ENA INJURY PREVENTION INSTITUTE/ EN CARE PROVIDER TRAINING UPDATE:

On April 29, 2008, twenty-one participants took the new Injury Prevention Provider Course offered at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines. Tiffany Strever, Iowa ENA Board Liaison, Sharon Munns, Minnesota ENA EIC, and Julie Hensley, Iowa ENA EIC were the instructors. Three groups shared injury prevention information for the participants including: Iowa Safe Kids, Poison Control, and the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau. Chad Thomas, Iowa THINK First also sent information to hand out.

For Injury Prevention information
visit the ENA Web site at:
<http://www.ena.org/ipinstitute/>

Watch the Iowa ENA Web site for information about **Injury Prevention T-shirts** you may order to do programs in the community at www.iowaena.org

If anyone has any pictures from any injury prevention programs you are doing please send them to me so they can be put on the web.

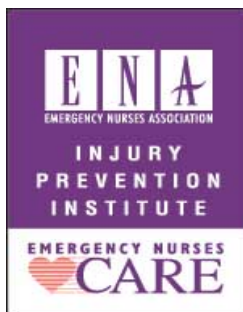
Please contact me for any information about ENA Injury Prevention Programs:
Julie Hensley, Iowa ENA EIC
Email: at jahensley@aol.com or jahensley@grhs.net
Phone: 319/750-0370

Congratulations to

- **Kathy Dolan** on being elected to serve on the National ENA 2009 Nominations Committee.
- **Jeri Babb and Barbara Roenfeld** on being named in this year's "100 Great Iowa Nurses".

EIC NETWORKING CONFERENCE CALL MAY 2008 HIGHLIGHTS:

- **ENA Injury Prevention Programs Update:**
- **Special offer** on "Choices for Living" during June at 30% discount.
- **SBIRT Champion Recruitment**
The SBIRT Toolkits were released in April 2008 with 5,000 copies sent out to emergency departments and available for free download from ENA's Website.
The IP Institute is still recruiting SBIRT Champions to help disseminate the toolkits in their emergency departments. Sign up to be a SBIRT Champion at the following link: <http://www.ena.org/ipinstitute/SBIRT/Benefits.asp> Completed profiles can be faxed to 847/460-4005 or emailed ipinstitute@ena.org
- **Updates on IP programs from ENA**
The **Safer Medication Use** program release date August 2008. The second program in the **Healthy Aging Series** along with the **Stand Strong for Life**-falls prevention program replaces the Take Care programs.
- The IP Institute will be releasing a self-study interactive DVD called **STOP the Injuries** at the end of 2008 or early 2009
- **Child Passenger Safety Week** is **September 21-27, 2008**



Pictured: Julie Hensley, Tiffany Strever, Jeri Babb, and Sharon Munns.

Committee members:

Julie Hensley, Iowa ENA EIC, Rachel Creamer, Moira Pyle, Kara Greenlee, Angela Mortoza, Pam Boat, Jan Chapman, Marcia Hyke, and Sarah Town (newest member-Welcome!).

Please. Be sure to update your membership information and email address through National ENA's website. We want to provide you with timely and the most up-to-date information however, we are receiving a number of messages back with invalid email addresses.

Go to www.ena.org and review the information national has entered, and edit when needed.

We're on the web!

www.iowaena.org

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You Are Invited!

*Tour of the New Emergency Treatment Center at
The University of Iowa Hospitals*

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

(Just before the ENA State Meeting)

First Tour at 12:00 noon - Last Tour starts at 13:00

Details:

The State ENA Meeting will be held at Mondo's Tomato Pie Restaurant

**516 2nd St. in Coralville, Iowa*

Trauma Meeting begins at 14:00 hours

Please RSVP ETC Tour

*Contact: Rosemary Adam
319-356-2599 or
rosemary-adam@uiowa.edu*

*Park your car at Mondo's, meet your UIHC van and
we'll shuttle you to and from the tour.
1st van leaves at 11:55 AM from Mondo's parking lot;
2nd group will leave at 12:15, etc.
(rear of restaurant)*

*Directions to Mondo's

You may print a map by going to www.google.com/maps
and type in the address: 516 2nd St., Coralville, IA

From I-80

Exit 240 (Coral Ridge mall exit), drive south to Hwy 6
and turn left— Mondo's is on the right (south)
side of the highway, about 1 mile

Exit 242, drive south to Hwy. 6 and turn right. Mondo's
will be on— your left (south) side, about ½ mile