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Newsletter of the Minnesota Emergency Nurses Association
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Welcome to the Sept edition of STAT!

Reasons to read this special edition

- Information about candidates and voting in the National ENA election
- Information about the 50th Annual Cornerstones in Emergency Nursing conference being held Oct 23 & 24 at MacMillian Center
- Opportunity to do injury prevention at On the Road Again in So. St. Paul on Oct 4
- Next MN State Council meeting on Nov. 7 (Date & time change) MSC Leader's retreat the morning of Nov. 7, the State Council meeting will take place that afternoon.

2025 Minnesota ENA State Council meeting dates:
Feb. 5, May 7, Sept. 3, & Nov. 7

All MN ENA members are welcome to attend State Council Meetings. Watch for an email announcement from our MN ENA president. You can also find the link on the MN ENA website (www.minnesotaena.com) calendar

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81866107699?pwd=OFZLTTdER082OE5tYWtkTENHNmZMQT09

National ENA Elections to be held Sept 16 – 19 (closes at noon CDT) watch for your ballot via email! Don't delay – vote right away!

Chris Parker, MSN, RN, CNL, CEN, CFRN, CPEN, TCRN, NPD-BC, NRP
President-Elect Candidate

Emergency Dept. Education Director 4 ED's including a free-standing ED. Hx. includes EMS and bedside nursing. Chris works in Virginia and is currently ENA's secretary/treasures. He has 2 years. experience as a National ENA Board member.

Vanessa Gorman, MSN, RN, CCRN, FAEN, FCENA
Secretary/Treasurer Candidate

Emergency Dept nurse has worked bedside to education to special projects. Currently Regional Director of Stateside EMS Operations in victoria, Austraila, but also works at an urgent care every week. She has been on the Board of Directors for ENA for 4 years and represented the International ENA members at previous General Assemblies.

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Board of Director Candidates

Candidates were vetted and scored based on a scoring rubric comprised of application materials, competencies and a formal interview process.
Members can listen to the Candidates Forum being held at Emergency Nursing 2025. The event will take place from 2-2:30 p.m. Central time on Sept. 16 in room 343 of the convention center. The event will be live-streamed on Facebook for all to view.

Cheryl Riwitis, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, CEN, CFRN, TCRN, FAEN
Board Director Candidate

Bedside nurse, Nurse Practioner Indianapolis, Indiana. Has served on multiple committees and work groups, including as a TNCC instructor.

Rachael Smith, MSN, RN, CEN, CCRN, CPEN, CNE, NPD-BC, TCRN
Board Director Candidate

Nursing development specialist for Yale- New Haven Health System covering parts of Connecticut and Rhode Island. She has been on the ENA Board of Directors for the past 3 years.

Khay Douangdara, DNP, MSN, MSN-FNP, RN, APRN, CEN, CPEN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C
Board Director Candidate

Is currently the Division Charge nurse over 3 emergency departments, including a level one trauma center in Kentucky. Khay was president of Kentucky ENA and has served on multiple ENA committees, including as a Trustee on the Foundation Board.

Ben Coe, PhD, DNP, MA, BS, RN, APRN, EMT-P, CEN, CPEN, FNP-BC, NHDP-BC, NREMT-P, PCCN, TCRN
Board Director Candidate

Is a Family Nurse Practioner at University of Missouri Health Care Center. He has a varied background from EMS, to fire service, to Air force to nursing – including the Missouri Nursing Practice Director. Ben has served on the ENA Nominations & Elections Committee.

Leslie Kees, MSN, RN, CEN
Board Director Candidate

Past President of Washington ENA, currently Senior director of Emergency Services of two hospitals in Washington State. Notes she has worked on many ENA committees andprioritizes collaboration, innovation, and patient care excellence.

Jason Carter, MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, NE-BC, NRP, TCRN
Leadership Development and Elections Committee - Region 2 Candidate

Ron Kraus, MSN, RN, EMT, CEN, ACNS-BC, TCRN
Leadership Development and Elections Committee - Member-at-Large Candidate

These gentlemen are running for the Leadership Development & Elections committee. Jason is running for re-election, Ron is running for “member at large”

Greater Twin Cities ENA Oct. 23 &24, MacMillan Education Center (Mpls.) contact: D. Hesse at: Dorothy.Hesse@Allina.com for more info. go to the MN ENA website for registration or this QR code

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Don't forget to vote in your local ENA elections this fall. Ballots will come out in late September or early October. Even better, offer to run for an open position and help advance MN emergency nursing!

Looking for trauma related education?
Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths is holding it's statewide conference at Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, MN on October 21–22, 2025, this year. Learn about ways emergency personnel, including ED nurses can decrease road related injuries and fatalities. Child Passenger Training is one of the offerings at this conference each year. For more info go to: tzd@umn.edu or https://www.minnesotatzd.org/events/conference

GTC ENA announces agenda for 50th Cornerstones in Emergency Nursing

Day 1 (6.5 CE applied for)
Alex Campbell – Flash Pulmonary Edema
Dr. Levine – Oncology Emergencies
Rachel Brubakken – Disaster Preparedness
Kirk Hughes – MN Poison Control
Angela Carlson – Abuse victims
Dayle Quigley – OB Emergencies
Stryker sponsored education & dinner
Day 1 (7.5 CE applied for)
Children's Team – Anxiety & Procedural Sedation
Tobi Sanetra & Jennifer Pederson – Hormones!
Breanna Heisterkamp – Sex Trafficking
Katie Christl – ECMO
Donna Addkison – Neurodivergent – pt's & staff
Caitlin Pohlin – Introverts!
Jeanne Thompson – Care of the Ventilator Pt.
Lauren Plaine – our National ENA rep will join us virtually to provide an ENA update

Come celebrate the 50th Cornerstones in Emergency Nursing Conference with us! There will be prizes, lots of food, and of course our silent auction with proceeds to benefit the MN Pathways Scholarship fund

Check out the MN ENA website – things are starting to move around. www.minnesotaena.com

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Emergency Nurses Week is Oct 5-11! ENA members - put on your running shoes to celebrate & raise money!
Lauren Paine, our National ENA liaison reminds us there is still time to register for the annual EN Week 5K. Registration fee is $35. You will receive a t-shirt, medal and items from sponsors. There are walker, runner, and wheelchair categories. Register as a group or individual. To register or for more info: http://ena.org/events/emergency-nurses-week-5k
Funds raised will go to the ENA Foundation. Get on your running shoes!

Look who showed up in the ENA Education Bulletin. MN's own Kris Anderson (left) and Jeanne Thompson (right) getting a cup of morning brew at an EN25

The Minnesota Pathways Scholarship is created by MN members donating to the ENA Foundation. This Scholarship awards $5,000 to a nurse going back to school to earn a BA, or Masters in nursing. Help by contributing to: https://www.ena.org/foundation Mention"MN pathways" when you do!

Why Should I Belong to ENA?

1. **Discounts at conferences & when taking certification exam(s)**
2. **Eligible for ENA scholarships**
3. **Access to evidence-based resources on patient care on the National ENA website**
4. **Receive this fabulous newsletter & flyers about events/education of interest to ED nurses**
5. **Chances to travel to fun cities**

FYI - Education money provided by your employer often covers cost of membership To see which MN chapter you live in or to list (click on Chapter maps with zips) & then click the link to National ENA to join.
https://minnesotaena.com/join-minnesota-ena/

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MN ENA at West St. Paul's C.O.P.S. in the park on August 29. On this night Gayle Anderson, Alyssia Thumma, & Joan Somes provided medication and road safety information, as well as handed out coloring books (crayons) to the kids. The bilingual books described what happens when you go to the ER. Over 200 books, and/or reflective wrist bracelets were given to those there for all the safety info. MN ENA's Quality, Safety, & Injury Prevention (QSIP) group has a large assortment of injury prevention games, activities, and educational materials that can be used & distributed during community events. Recently, the QSIP chair held CarFit technician training and coordinated a CarFit event in St. Peter at the River'sEdge Hospital.

Watch for other opporutnies to join in community outreach!