

State Meeting Agenda and minutes – March 4, 2022

Board of Directors Present: David Solomon, Dave McDonald, Chris Barnes, and Charlene Kramer

Members present in person:

Blue Ridge: none

Cardinal: Chris Barnes, LeeAine Powell

Carolina Dogwood: none

Carolina Foothills: David Solomon

Coastal Carolina: none

Eastern Piedmont: Linda Arapian, Audrey Snyder, Denise Rhew, Cindy Reed, Charlene Kramer

Eastern Tarheel: Dave McDonald,

Heart of Carolina: Connie Lanier

Metrolina: Annette Goodwin, Angie Alexander, Nancy Reynolds, Tonya Davis

Outer Banks: none

Nursing Students: none

Members present on Zoom:

Blue Ridge: Mashanda Brown

Cardinal: Amy Barnes

Carolina Dogwood: Brian Langston

Carolina Foothills: Shellie Bumgardner

Coastal Carolina: Christina Brown

Eastern Piedmont: Linda Fonshill, Taryn Jaster

Eastern Tarheel: MaryLou Forester-Resch, Ernestine Williams

Heart of Carolina: Laura Cline, Meg Carmen

Metrolina: Monica Watts

Outer Banks: Roger Pflender, Cathy Pflender

Nursing Students: none

A. Call to Order @10:10. David thanked the group for all their hard work through 2021 and recognized the unprecedented demand the emergency departments across the state have experienced. He encouraged the NCENA to “hang in there”. The State Council is trying to re-energize the state and David hopes to reach out to each ED in the State in some way.

1. Approval of minutes – February 2022 approved

B. Treasurer’s Report (Chris). If a chapter is having difficulty getting a Truist debit card please reach out to Chris.

1. Bank Accounts:

- Checking – \$ 131,405

- Reserves – \$ 78,872

C. Chapter reports (David)

1. Blue Ridge – meeting 2/16/2022, low attendance. Upcoming TNCC 3/29/2022
2. Cardinal – meeting in February was poorly attended. Next meeting 4/12/2022 at Wake Med. Upcoming events include CEN Review (in conjunction with Rex Healthcare) 5/24-25 and an Education Day on 8/3/2022 in conjunction with the Heart of Carolina chapter at Wake Med in Cary.
3. Carolina Dogwood – low participation, scheduled chapter officer planning meeting on 3/16/2022.
4. Carolina Foothills – Planning meeting 2/17/2022, next scheduled meeting on 4/12, currently no education planned.
5. Coastal Carolina – next meeting scheduled for 5/5/2022.
6. Eastern Piedmont – February meeting cancelled secondary to COVID and speaker cancellation. Next meeting scheduled for May 10th 6pm with a vendor, at a restaurant.
7. Eastern Tarheel – last meeting was 2/8/2022 in New Bern, next meeting is on 4/22/2022 in conjunction with the NC State General Assembly and the ET education day. Education Day October 28th at the Chelsea in New Bern.
8. Heart of Carolina – March meeting was cancelled, Meetings will resume in May.
9. Metrolina – meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6pm, January meeting was cancelled. February meeting was virtual, with “Medical concerns of the LGBTQ population” education provided. Education for the 4/6 meeting is Wilderness medicine, and there is a CEN review 3/31-4/1/2022.
10. Outer Banks – no new events to report. Roger and Cathy planning on attending the Eastern Tarheel education day in person on 4/22/2022.

Please send any meeting updates to David McDonald. Encouraged involvement in committees

D. Old Business

1. Meetings – next meeting in Greenville, NC.
 2. Awards –
 - NCENA – open for State awards – think about submitting early. Award nominations can be sent to president@northcarolinaena.org to be de-identified, then dispersed to the awards committee. Dave will update the website with this information.
 3. Nominations for next year’s board – consider thinking about nominations for next year’s board.
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E. Monthly Business

1. NCENA Committees: If you want to join a committee, go through your Chapter President
 - Education – Linda Arapian/Kara Hensley – North Carolina Emergency Nurses Symposium 2022 – Asheville, NC, Nov 3rd - 4th - Call for Speakers has been posted, the contract with MAHEC has been signed. Please encourage colleagues to submit to speak.
 - Communication/Emerging Professional – Blake Middleton (Dave McDonald reported) A list of EDs across the state with a point of contact is currently being composed. The Board has set aside funds to reach out to each ED across the state during Emergency Nurses Week. Please help Blake by sending known contacts you have to him via email. Chapters please help with this effort. Blake and Dave are currently managing and updating the website, please send in your list of meeting dates for the website.
 - Membership – Connie Lanier – see report below. Discussion about the members that do not belong to a chapter. The board is encouraging those members belong to a chapter, this will allow the membership allotments to be awarded to the chapter instead of the state.
 - Government Affairs – Tonya Davis – ENA Day ON the Hill May 2-4th, 2022 is official! The capitol building is closed to the public, the agenda for the event has not been published yet. Unofficially, the board learned at Leadership Orientation that the event will occur at a hotel in the DC area, with no Capitol Hill visits scheduled. Tonya has reached out to NC senator offices in an attempt to schedule some type of meeting. The cost to send 3 representatives will be high and the group was queried on the return on investment. No decision was made pending additional details from National. The Dr. Lorna Breen Act was passed, The Joint commission has issued a statement (available on their website). Nurses Night at the Legislature will occur in person in Raleigh as an outdoor event. NCENA did sponsor the event and the board has not heard of any information about ticket allotment. The board will communicate this information once it is obtained.
 - QSIP – Angie Alexander – please coordinate with your area trauma centers to assist with injury prevention efforts. Metrolina has partnered with the Police/Fire/Sheriff “Explorers”. 5/21/2022 there is a career seeking event with middle and high school
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students, ENA will present hands only CPR and a “Stop the Bleed” if there are enough volunteers

- Award/Scholarships – Mary Lou Forster Resch, see discussion earlier in the meeting.
- Certifications – Monica Watts – goal is to increase certified nurses by 10% in 2022. We need 233 newly certified nurses to achieve that goal. All the certified nurses in the room and online were acknowledged. The group discussed collaborating with BCEN to obtain vouchers to cover the cost of the certification application. The NCENA would like to formally recognize all newly certified nurses– please share the names and certification with the board (with permission from the candidate) for celebration on the website and Facebook. Certification numbers are as follows:

CEN 1724

CPEN 200

CTRN 129 **please verify these two

CFRN 17

TCRN 269

- TNCC/ENPC new editions coming out. ENPC pilot release in April. No other report
- Nominations – (immediate past president) – please consider a board position for 2023 (Chapter and State). Reach out to the current board with any questions.
- Fundraising - ENA Foundation kick off was at leadership orientation, NCENA ask each chapter to donate \$1 per member in good faith. The NC state goal is \$10,000, the state council has already donated \$5000 to get us started. Member can also help support through the AmazonSmiles program, the state recently received \$30 from Amazon through this program. Chris also asked chapters to donate \$50 gift cards to be raffled off at our booth during EN22 in Denver.

2. 2022 Key Events

- EN22 – September 30-Oct 3rd (Denver, Co) – Full Delegation. Planning on being in person.
 - Day on the Hill – May 3-4, 2022 (Arlington, Va) – Virtual
 - Nurses Night at the Legislature – May 24, 2022, 1730-1930 (Raleigh)
 - NCENA conference – November 3-4, 2022 (MAHEC Asheville, NC)
 - Student Nurses Association – March 5, 2022
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3. Chapter emails – Dave M reviewed the benefits of using the @northcarolinaena.org emails, including storage with Google Drive and virtual meetings with Google Meet. If any chapter is interested please reach out to Dave to get set up. Passwords can be reset annually.
 4. Chapter reports – some are late, please submit ASAP, they are needed for the state award. Next Chapter reports are due July 1st, 2022
- F. Next meeting: April 22, 2022 @ 0730 in Greenville, NC
- G. Meeting Adjourned: 11:40

Membership complete report:

Current Membership = 1786

Present chapter / membership count:

Chapter # / Chapter Name

101 – Carolina Dogwood = 185

102 – Coastal Carolina = 72

104 – Heart of Carolina = 197

105 – Metrolina = 347

106 – NC Eastern Piedmont = 270

262 – Blue Ridge = 118

266 – Eastern Tarheel = 183

402 – Outer Banks = 23

405 – Carolina Foothills = 86

446 – Cardinal = 287

NC State Council Only = 18

Expiring Members = 48

New Members = 34

Carolina Dogwood = 2

Coastal Carolina = 1

Heart of Carolina = 0

Metrolina = 9

NC Eastern Piedmont = 8

Blue Ridge = 2

Eastern Tarheel = 3

Outer Banks = 0

Carolina Foothills = 3

Cardinal = 6

NC State (State Council Only)