

The Monitor

American Association of Critical Care Nurses
Greater Milwaukee Area Chapter



2024-2025

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Message from GMAC President Jaime Uecker

Thank you to all of you and all the hard work you do at the bedside! As nurses, we need to stick together now more than ever. With the ever-changing climate of healthcare, there is more uncertainty than before. One thing is certain, we will continue to support one another and build into this amazing profession we all fell in love with. This month, I challenge you to take time to remember why you fell in love with nursing and attempt to get a little bit of that back!

We have been blessed with more educational opportunities so far this year. We remain committed to in-person education and meeting the needs of all our current and future members. Board Elections are done. Thank you to Diane Dressler for her tireless work at the GMAC Treasurer. Samantha Hendricks now steps into the role and will do amazing! I would also like to welcome Terra Marr as this year's Vice President Elect. She will learn the role under Patti Weisser and they will make an amazing team!

I always like to discuss the benefits of being a board member. There are many benefits including free membership, NTI benefits, and more. Being a board member is also extremely helpful in developing leadership skills for the future! If you are considering this and have questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the board and we will be more than willing to help!

This year it was inspiring to attend NTI and learn about ways to increase chapter engagement and stay relevant. I am happy that we continue to see steady numbers in our membership and increase interest in being on the board! Thank you for standing strong with us! As we have found out, many chapters are experiencing hardship. We are lucky to have amazing members like you to stand with us!

Jaime Uecker

GMAC President

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Upcoming Events & NTI

Monitor Distribution	Educational Sessions	General Board Meetings 2 nd Tuesday of the month
June 2024 September 2024 December 2024 March 2025 June 2025	RSVP required to attend: milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com	August 13 th 2024 October 8 th 2024 December 10 th 2024 February 11 th 2025 April 8 th 2025 June 10 th 2025
Time & Location:	Varies by Month & Location	7PM start Via Zoom

NTI 2024 - AACN GMAC



Members of our Chapter's Board, as well as 2 chapter members had the privilege of attending NTI in Denver May 20th-22nd. This was an excellent teambuilding event where we learned about a multitude of topics & were surrounded by nursing excellence from around the country. We look forward to sharing some of the knowledge gained at a future education session!



Treasurer's Report

Our chapter is investing in the education of our members. For this year's NTI GMAC supported 2 chapter members who submitted applications & won our scholarship competition. Sherry Scott won for 2023 and Christine Sarko for 2024. We also supported 5 chapter officers being able to attend: Jaime Uecker, Jackie Klotz, Patti Weisser, Lauren Evenson, and Samantha Hendricks. In addition, our current funds have enabled us to provide recent Nurses' Night Out educational meetings with speakers, food, and drinks. We thank you for attending these events, and hope they inspire you to continue your membership with our strong AACN chapter!

Samantha Hendricks
Treasurer

North Shore Bank
Checking \$8,136.96
Savings \$40,394.28



Education Committee

We have continued to enjoy in-person Education Sessions. Below are some pictures from our last Education session that was presented by the Froedtert Hospital Rapid Response Team & discussed their team's evolution, as well as medical emergency simulation (which was a poster at NTI this year). Thank you to all who have attended! Our next session will likely cover various aspects of things learned at NTI by the chapter & board members who attended.

We look forward to more sessions this year & hope you'll consider attending! If you are interested in helping plan future education sessions, **please contact Patti Weisser** (pattig@charter.net) ☺

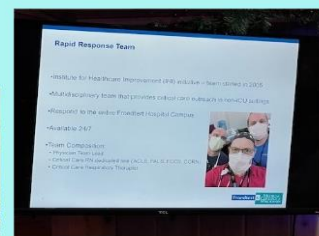
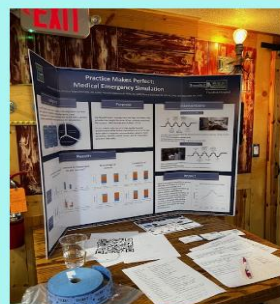
April 2024 Education Session

Emergency Response Teams: Practice Makes Perfect

By: Melissa Mark BSN, RN, CCRN & Danielle Wojtanowski MSN, RN, CCRN

Froedtert Hospital Rapid Response Team

Sponsored by: AMT Nasal Bridge





Open Board Positions / Descriptions

The GMAC Board has been finalized for 2024/2025, with updated positions listed on the front of this newsletter. Thank you to Diane Dressler for your dedicated service as Treasurer! We are still seeking elect leadership positions for the 2024-2025 year. Please consider nominating a co-worker or yourself for one of the positions (with descriptions) below. Please email milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com to submit nominations.

President

The President's fundamental responsibility is to lead the board of directors in their governance of the chapter. The President is accountable to oversee meetings of the board and chapter, develop the future goals and annual objectives for the chapter, formulate the annual budget, and ensure regular communication to the chapter regarding progress toward the annual objectives and the financial status of the chapter. This is a one-year commitment after serving in the elect position for one year prior.

President-Elect

The President-Elect is the member of the executive board who provides continuity of leadership of the chapter. During the president-elect year, he or she becomes familiar with the responsibilities of the president, in preparation for succession to the presidency at the term expiration or resignation. In addition, the president-elect is prepared to perform the duties of the president in their absence or inability to act. This is a one-year commitment with the assumption you would move into the president position for an additional year.

Vice President-Elect

The vice president-elect becomes familiar with the duties of the vice president so he or she may succeed the vice president at the expiration of his or her term or resignation. In addition, the vice president-elect performs the duties of the office of the VP in their absence or inability to act. The vice president-elect also works with the VP to coordinate educational programming for the chapter. This is a one-year commitment with the assumption you would move into the vice-president position for an additional year.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the ongoing management, accounting, and reporting of the chapter's finances. This includes developing the budget, ensuring reporting requirements to National are met and that the chapter finances are reported to the full membership on a regular basis. This is a one-year commitment after serving in the elect position for one year.

Treasurer-Elect

The treasurer-elect becomes familiar with the duties of the treasurer so he or she may succeed the treasurer at the expiration of his or her term or resignation. In addition, the treasurer-elect performs the duties of the office of the treasurer in the absence of the treasurer or their inability to act. This is a one-year commitment with the assumption you would move into the treasurer position for an additional year.

Secretary/Membership

The secretary facilitates open communication between the chapter, executive board, committees, membership, and the community. The secretary adheres to the policies and procedures of the chapter and the AACN Board of Directors in all correspondence. In addition, the secretary provides continuity of chapter proceedings through record keeping of all official activities. This is a two-year commitment. Also keeps track of the membership numbers.

Social Media/Outreach

Responsible for updating the chapter website and preparing the Monitor quarterly. Assists with planning outreach/volunteer opportunities to the chapter.



Social Media & Outreach

Visit

<https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com>

to see updates on meetings, education offerings, & events.

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Chapter Recognition from AACN

GMAC was recently recognized by AACN for celebrating a milestone anniversary of 51 years as of December 2023!

Ambassadors

GMAC continues to look for hospital ambassadors to assist with membership, outreach, and chapter education at your hospitals. If you are interested in hearing more about what these positions entail, please reach out to Lauren Evenson or Jackie Klotz via Nursing Network.

Outreach

We continue to look for opportunities to serve our healthcare professionals and community alike during these trying times. If you have an outreach opportunity that you would like to share with GMAC, please reach out to us through our contact page on Nursing Networks. We would love to hear from you.



Secretary & Membership

Membership

Current Membership: 75 (6 new members & 14 renewals in past 90 days)

A few membership housekeeping reminders:

- AACN membership is required for any GMAC membership
- GMAC annual membership is \$37, students \$10
- Non membership fees individual session fees TBD
- New and renewing memberships can be completed on the GMAC website at <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com/>
- Print membership cards from <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com>
- Please share with colleagues about this amazing professional nursing organization!
- Changes to Bulk Membership: Click [HERE](#) for details

If you are interested in assisting with leading or working with outreach opportunities GMAC is focusing on please reach out to the board. We would love to have your support.