

NCENA State GA Minutes – Feb 27, 2025

Board of Directors Present: Monica Watts (P), Mary Alice Vanhoy (P-E), Linda Arapian (S), David Short (EP), Kathy Mason (IPP)

Members present:

Blue Ridge: Ashley Bowes, Katherine Senne, Mashanda Brown (P)

Cardinal: Amy Barnes (P), David Short, LeeAine Powell, Tina Johnson (P)

Carolina Dogwood: Emily Harder (P), Marie Dawkins,

Carolina Foothills: David Solomon,

Coastal Carolina: George Condon (P), Stephanie Robinson,

Eastern Piedmont: Audrey Snyder, Cindy Reed, Denise Rhew (P), Merle Prescott,

Eastern Tarheel: Brenda Emory, David McDonald, Mary Lou Forster-Resch, Sallie Gough (P)

Heart of Carolina: Connie Lanier,

Metrolina: Angie Alexander (P), Annette Goodwin, Jeanne Whalen, Kathy Mason, Lindsay Smith, Mark Scott, Mary Jo Austin, Nancy Reynolds

Outer Banks: Daphne Hauser, Lacie Streets (P)

Nursing Students:

Guests:

A. Opening

1. Call to Order (**Monica**) at 07305 minutes
2. Establish Quorum: Present
3. Welcome/Introductions: Done
4. Approval: Nov 2024 Minutes and Jan 2025: both approved w/seconds
5. Adoption of Meeting Agenda: Approved
6. Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None to disclose

B. President's Report (Monica)..... 5 minutes

1. Florida WPV: Our thoughts and prayers are with those injured in the recent WPV in Florida.
2. Nominations for State Individual Awards and Education Scholarships: current application posted
3. 2024 Chapter and Financial Reports extended deadline Feb 28, 2025 to

directors@northcarolinaena.org.

C. Treasurer's Report (C Barnes)3 minutes

1. Bank Accounts a/o Feb 23, 2025:
 - Checking: \$ xxxx
 - Savings: \$ xxxx
 - CD Reserves: \$ xxxx

- D. Chapter Reports (**Monica**) 10 min
1. Blue Ridge: Organizing first 2025 meeting on March 5 at Highlands Brewery, plan year calendar.
 2. Cardinal: Due to weather, our February meeting rescheduled to March 6. TCRN Review planned in May, CEN in August, as well as our Annual Education Conference in August.
 3. Carolina Dogwood: Feb meeting held despite sponsor canceling at last minute. Next meeting Mar 20, site TBD, sponsor Pure Wick.
 4. Carolina Foothills: Brainstorming membership recruitment and retention.
 5. Coastal Carolina: Planning social meeting at “I Fly”, with a regular meeting on Forensics. Actively recruiting members.
 6. Eastern Piedmont: Feb meeting sponsor Pain Ease, education on Peds simulation. Next meeting in May in Greensboro. Planning a CEN review.
 7. Eastern Tarheel: Meeting on Feb 3, planning for Spring Education Day on April 11 at Double Tree Hotel in New Bern. Looking for vendor support. Regular meetings the second Tuesday, every other month.
 8. Heart of Carolina: President trying schedule meeting in March.
 9. Metrolina: March 5 meeting will be virtual, Danielle James speaking on “Reimaging Pain Management in the ED” open to all members with CE. Feb meeting topic on Intellisep. March 13-14 CEN Review full/closed with 40 registered and WL.
- E. Outer Banks: Officers are all novices with ENA, having some member involvement issues.
- F. Committee Reports (**Monica**)..... 10 min

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1. Awards/Scholarships (D Solomon): To date, no applications received for any awards or Martha Woods scholarships. Completed applications are submitted to Awards@northcarolinaena.org.
 2. Certifications: (M Scott): Applications for certified nurse of quarter received. Current NCENA certified nurses: CEN 1,784, TCRN 348, CPEN 209, CTRN 31, CBRN 12, that includes 17 first time certified nurses as well as 17 certifications that are lapsing.
 3. Communications (D McDonald): Nothing to report. Committee members meeting soon. Send content you would like posted with verbiage to Communications@northcarolinaena.org.
 4. Emerging Professional (D Short): Issues with QR code for free student nurse memberships and ENA processing information. ENA hosting another virtual EP Social event.
 5. Education (D McDonald): Kylee Cisneros has stepped down as Chair, David McDonald has stepped up. MAHEC has confirmed 6-7 Nov 2025 dates. Several 2024 speakers will return this year. Call for additional speakers closes March 15. Vendor prospectus and registration posted on website. Will be contracting with a couple of hotels this year.
 6. Fundraising (C Barnes): no report
 7. Government Affairs (D Short): Nurses Night at Legislature was last night, 35 members attended. Organized this year, positive involvement w/legislators on WPV and staffing. NC Legislative topics this year include SAVE at, APRNs. DOTH in April in DC, National ENA priorities are WPV, Breen
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Reauthorization (mental health), and ED Boarding. EN411 has information on HB929/SB266 on Lorna Breen. State bills include S89 AED/CPR in schools, SAVE Act, and STB has some sponsors interest.

8. Membership (A Barnes): Would like to have a membership liaison with each chapter, please email membership@northcarolinaena.org. Each chapter president and committee chair will receive monthly emails with current membership lists, was sent on 19 February. Planning a membership drive for early October, in conjunction with Emergency Nurses Week. Suggestions and ideas welcome. Current member data:

Feb25 Member Data		
Chapter	Members	*Grace
Blue Ridge	81	5
Cardinal	234	25
Coastal	62	6
Dogwood	201	26
E Piedmont	242	17
E Tarheel	137	14
Foothills	84	9
Heart Carolina	134	19
Metrolina	352	28
Outer Banks	24	4

*Grace = nurses whose ENA membership has lapsed. ENA continues to include them as members with full benefits for an additional two months. IE a membership lapsed in October are in a "grace period" for that November and December.

9. Nominations/Elections (K Mason): Please consider running for our 2026 Board of Directors, we are seeking President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Emerging Professional Liaison (RN less than 5 years).
10. Pediatrics/ENPC (MJ Austin): In conjunction with TNCC/Trauma Chair, we are developing a needs assessment for courses and instructor classes that will be sent to Chapter Presidents and posted on our website.
11. QSIP (N Reynolds): Committee met in February and welcomed the new 2025 SC ENA QSIP Chair to provide ideas and suggestions. We are planning several activities in the upcoming months, including monthly activities for pregnant HS teens, Promise Youth Development, a Safety Day

with bike helmet distribution, a Parks & Recreation “Learn to Ride Day” at a Montessori School on March 29, Discovery Place. Our next Committee meeting is March 29.

12. Trauma/TNCC (A Alexander): In conjunction with ENPC/Peds Chair, we are developing a needs assessment for courses and instructor classes that will be sent to Chapter Presidents and posted on our website.

G. Ongoing/Old Business (**Monica**)..... 5 min

1. ENCare 2025: Currently 20 registered. Planning 4 clinics, a health education project with school. Considering ways to collect supply donations (soap, tooth brushes/toothpaste, wash cloths, etc) looking into Amazon Wish List to be shipped to David, vs cash donations for supplies. Donations need to be light-weight as will need to be transported to Dominican Republic. 2026 trip will probably be in late March-early April. Questions: email ebcare@northcarolinaen.org.
2. ENA Council Achievement Award for our 2024 activities and accomplishments was submitted to ENA. We will be notified of our status in early May.
3. Chapter meetings and education opportunities for website. Please submit planned activities to Communications@northcarolinaena.org.
4. Nurses Night at Legislature was held last night

H. New Business (**Monica**)..... 5 min

1. Membership Challenge: Recruitment inter-chapter challenge. We’re looking for member input/suggestions. Please email membership@northcarolinaena.org.

I. 2025 Upcoming Key Events (**Monica**)..... 7 minutes

1. Feb 24-Apr 18: ENAF Academic Scholarship Applications (Feb 24-Apr 18).
2. Feb 26: Nurses Night at Legislature, 5:30-7:30pm. Museum of Natural Sciences.
3. Mar 3-April 4: ENAF Conference Scholarship Applications (US) applications
4. Mar 4: 12noon EDT ENA Council/Chapter Leader Virtual meeting (new name)
5. Mar 11: 1pm EDT ENA Membership Virtual Town Hall Meeting
6. March 26: Nurses Day at the Legislature (focus is Nursing Schools)
7. April 29-30: Day on the Hill, Washington DC
8. May 2-9: NCENA ENCare Humanitarian Trip to Dominican Republic
9. May 6-12: National Nurses Week
10. May 19: deadline to submit GA Resolution for GA’25, governance@ena.org. David McDonald is on the Resolutions Committee this year, happy to work with individuals/chapters that would like to submit a Resolution for GA’25 in New Orleans.
11. May 22: 3p ET Council and Chapter Leaders Zoom Meeting w/ENA

- J. Member concerns: A member asked about donations to Western NC Relief Fund, Mary Alice, co-chair of the Donation Drive, advised that donations were used to send care boxes to ED Staff at the 24 most affected facilities including 10 CAH, free-standing and the Cherokee Nation facility. Some were delivered in person, others by UPS. Staff were very surprised, grateful, with tears that others were thinking of them. Some cash donations were used to purchase gift cards and sent to ED managers to distribute to their staff.

- K. Next State GA Meeting: Virtual meeting Thurs, March 27, 2025 at 7PM

- L. NCENA Board contact info: Directors@northcarolinaena.org

- M. Meeting adjourned: 0826.
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