

The general membership meeting of New York State Emergency Department Nurses Association was called together at 3:50pm on May 16, 1975. Charlotte La Faen, Regional Representative, opened the meeting by welcoming all members of EDNA and voicing a great deal of praise and enthusiasm for the EDNA Chapters within the State of New York.

The meeting was then turned over to Mildred Fincke, President of EDNA. Mildred addresses herself to certification of the Emergency Department Nurses and the core curriculum. She made the modules available for those interested in looking at the contents. She advised the membership that the Board of Directors were going to be meeting in June to decide distribution of the core curriculum and that all Chapters and members would be kept informed. There was discussion on the fact that the ANA may recognize Emergency Department Nursing as a specialty.

The meeting was then turned back to Charlotte who then spoke of a chartered flight to Las Vegas for the National Assembly. Interested parties were urged to contact Charlotte. Charlotte then introduced Jerri Van Every, newly appointed New York State Representative to EDNA. Jerri then introduced the Presidents of the various NYS EDNA Chapters present. They included Zana Coates- Adirondack Chapter, Pat Canigiani- Long Island Queens Chapter, Carol Brown- Tri-County of SENY Chapter, Bonnie Shaw- Western New York Chapter and Bette Campbell- Genesee Valley Chapter.

An idea regarding the formation of a State Coordinating Council was introduced and supported by both Mildred Fincke and Charlotte La Faen. The discussion was then opened to all present. Carol Brown, Tri County of SENY, saw such a council as possibly having the following objectives:

1. To improve communications among Chapters within the State.
2. To keep all Chapters and NYS EDNA members aware of any and all legislations within the state that may affect them.
3. Coordinating educational programs within the state.
4. Assist with the formation of Chapters within the state. The assistance should include assistance before, during and after formation.
5. To improve relationships with NYS ACEP, to include joint educational activities.

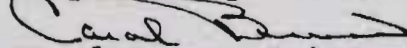
Pat Canigiani, Long Island Queens Chapter, saw a coordinating council as possibly delegating the responsibility of a specific goal or task to each of the Chapters within the state. This would result in giving each Chapter a direction in which to work and an opportunity to develop expertise in a given area. Pat cited the following example. The Adirondack Chapter would be assigned the responsibility of legislation. It would then be their responsibility to keep abreast of all legislative actions and to keep all Chapters informed of those actions that may affect them. They would also become a resource for other Chapters. A great deal of discussion ensued.

At this point a vote was called for on whether to form a NYS Coordinating Council or not. The Vote was by show of hands. 45 members for, 0 against, and 1 abstained.

The Chapters then broke down into individual groups to try to select delegates to the council. It became apparent that this was an impossible task and a motion was made from the floor that each Chapter representative go back to their home Chapters and select two representatives or delegates to the council and submit the names to Jerri as soon as possible. All agreed. Jerri stated that she would try to hold the first meeting in July and would contact Chapter Presidents by mail. It was also motioned by Bonnie Shaw that Jerri Van Every as NYS Representative act as Chairperson of the Coordinating Council. Approved by a majority show of hands. Another motion was made from the floor that the officers would be selected from those delegates representing the Chapters at the meeting. Officers would be replaced by new delegates from their Chapters.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm following a short presentation from a unknown male who spoke on the malpractice legislation hearing before the legislature that afternoon in Albany and how it could affect Emergency Department Nurses.

Respectfully Submitted;



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Acting Secretary