



EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSES ASSOCIATION

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July 30, 1975

Dear E.D.N.A. member:

The first meeting of the Coordinating Council of the New York State Emergency Department Nurses Association will be held at the:

HOLIDAY INN - WEST  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK  
(THRUWAY EXIT 39)  
ROOM 127

AUGUST 28, 1975

12 o'clock noon

Meals will be served Dutch treat in the motel dining room.

This council was strongly suggested by our National President, Mrs. Millie Finke and Mrs. Charlotte LaFean, Region II Representative at the N.Y. State A.C.E.P-E.D.N.A. Scientific Assembly in Albany, May 1975. We would like two representatives from each chapter to attend. Officers will be elected and a State Constitution will be adopted. (I hope) Committees will be established and lines of communication will be developed to help make our organization more unified in New York State.

R.S.V.P. by postcard or note to: Mrs. Jerrie Van Every,  
135 Ivyhurst Rd., Amherst, New York 14226 (716) 834-1208.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Jerrie Van Every, President  
N.Y. State E.D.N.A.

(Bring swimming suit and towel if you like.)

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The first meeting of a New York State council for the Emergency Department Nurses Association was held in Syracuse, New York at the Holiday Inn-West on August 28, 1975 with State Chairperson Jerrie VanEvery presiding. The Following chapters were represented:

Tri-County of South East New York Chapter represented by  
Carol Brown  
Kathy Callanan

Genesee Valley Chapter represented by  
Betty Meath  
Trudie Benson

Southern Tier Chapter pending (No votes) represented by  
Joan Underrine  
Mary Giangrieco

Adirondack Chapter represented by  
Zana Coates  
Dorothy Schatzler

Western New York Chapter represented by  
Joanne Fadale  
Bonita Shaw

**Discussions were:**

Name- Decision was- New York State Coordinating Council of the Emergency Department Nurses Association.

Carol Brown made the motion that we form a temporary council until after the meeting of the national assembly were national bylaws concerning state coordinating councils will be discussed. Zana Coates seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol Brown rose the question that the Coordinating Council may become a governing body rather than just a coordinating body. She recommended that the council have no voting powers. All agreed the council should only serve as a coordinating body. Development of our own bylaws and constitution geared to protect the local chapters was discussed. Question was raised concerning charter application for the council for the purpose of recognition. All decisions were tabled until after national assembly.

The bylaw changes published in the July/August JEN to be voted on at national assembly October 5, 1975 were discussed. At least three members present plan to attend national assembly and will raise questions at that time.

Zana Coates made a motion we send a letter to Dr. Whalen, acting Commissioner of health New York State, suggesting EDNA

nurses be put on the State Emergency Medical Services Board. Dorothy Schatzler seconded the motion. Motion carried and the secretary was instructed to send the letter.

Bonita Shaw made a motion that we suggest to national headquarters that they put additional information on membership lists concerning local chapter membership if any and place of employment of each member. Cathy Callahan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jerrie VanEvery, state chairperson will notify headquarters.

Officers were elected as follows: Vice Chairperson, Carol Brown; Secretary, Bonita Shaw; Treasurer was held until after National Assembly with moneys until that time to be held by State Chairperson Jerrie Van Every. Two hundred dollars has been allotted us from National to form a New York State Council.

Question was raised where money would come from for council activities. It was agreed we should not assess local chapters.

Exception was raised by Carol Brown to the fact that ACEP members received order forms for the EDNA core curriculum for emergency nurses certification. Jerrie VanEvery explained that certification is not possible without the testing.

Zana Coates raised the question of the EDNA name being used without permission, for example the brochures for Emergency Medicine 1975 at Albert Einstein College of Medicine said sponsored by New York State Chapters of EDNA; to our knowledge no EDNA nurses were consulted and no financial arrangements have been made. Jerrie VanEvery reported that they are working on this problem at a national level.

EDNA received a letter from Dr. McNeil, New York chapter of ACEP president, suggesting each New York State Chapter of EDNA appoint a physician of ACEP as liaison officer with ACEP. A.K.Yolles, M.D., professor of Community Medicine, State University of New York, Stony Brook, New York 11794 has been appointed liaison officer to the New York State EDNA representing the New York State Chapter of ACEP. Also EDNA received a copy of Dr. McNeil's charge to the committee of Scientific programs of New York State Chapter of ACEP which requested two members of EDNA be appointed to this committee. A copy of the letter returned accompanies these minutes. Wanda Hackney, president of Western New York Chapter of EDNA and Jerrie VanEvery attended one planning committee meeting for the 1976 New York State ACEP/EDNA conference in Buffalo next year.

Copies of the minutes of Coordinating Council meeting will go to each chapter president, National president and our regional representative.

New York State EDNA Newsletter will be sent to all members in New York State. Local Chapters send information to be published such as meetings, conferences and National Delegates to Kathy

Callanan, 4 Ridgeland Terrace, Rye, New York 10580. Kathy Callanan will investigate finances for this project.

Pat Canigiani was suggested for State Legislative representative. Carol Brown will contact her.

Skills workshops were recommended for State ACEP/EDNA conference in 1976.

Discussion was held concerning the ANA proposal for stopping diploma programs. Decision was that each could voice their own opinion but no action would be taken as a group.

A statement of purpose of the Coordinating Council was formulated.

1. Coordination of chapters and with allied health fields
2. Information distribution
3. Advice
4. Legislative watchdog
5. Communication
6. Council as a whole, review and forward requests for local charters.

The next meeting was suggested to be held in Binghamton, October 22, 1975. Jerrie VanEvery will notify chapters.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bonita Shaw*

Bonita Shaw Secretary