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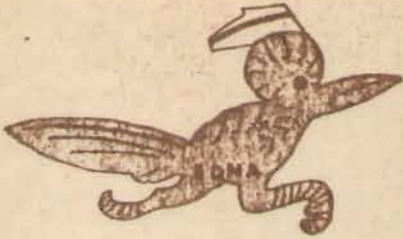
September 13, 1973

Dear Chairmen:

I expect that this letter will reach each of the Chapters in time for their first meeting of the fall. I am truly sorry that I was unable to have more information for you during the summer.

The reasons for this was manifold. First, I have been ill and confined to home since the end of June. Suffice it to say that I am now in the best of health thanks to rest medication and good medical care. During the time of the Board of Directors meeting in February, EDNA was committed to several projects. The most essential being the development of our National Constitution and By-Laws. Happily we have compiled, revised restated and finalized them into form for your study and consideration prior to the Convention, this is in accordance with the first constitution under which we are presently functioning. This was a most difficult task and I trust you will be pleased with our efforts. As you can see from the first little green book we developed we have come a long way in our effort to make EDNA a truly professional organization. Again this is a step in the formation of our organizational structure. I am sure that you will join me in expressing a vote of praise and thanks to the members of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, to Mrs. J. Kelleher, Committee Chairman, and to all others who generously gave of their ideas and thoughts to make this an effective document.

The program for the Scientific Assembly looks great. Much effort and time has been put into forming this program. Mrs M. Fincke is to be commended as chairlady of the EDNA committee for the outstanding content of material that has been incorporated into this program. Needless to say the East Coast has contributed



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greatly through the efforts of Mrs. Helen Farrington , New York and Mrs. Charlotte Lefean , New Jersey , who are members of the Program Committee. I personally wish to commend these ladies, and state how proud I am of these gals who have contributed their time, effort, and knowledge to make this an outstanding presentation. On behalf of Region #2 EDNA, We salute you.

There has been some difficulties encountered in the Program which I would like to share with you. The Board of Directors are upset with the lack of mention of the EDNA business meeting which will take place on Monday, October 22, 1973. It was not included in the flyer as the Executive Manager felt that both EDNA and ACEP had sent out adequate information regarding this in their individual letters to membership. I still feel that I would like to have seen this incorporated in the flyer. To avoid any mistakes please advise all your members of this meeting. Another unfortunate event was the cancellation of the trip to Mexico. At the time rendered for commitment, only 13 members expressed a desire to go. I regret this action, as I am sure you do also. I felt it would be a most beneficial experience.

The registrant for the Scientific Assembly is great to date . The Status Report is as follows. Physicians attending ACEP 317 , Non-members Paid 162. Nurses attending EDNA 355, Non Members 182 in addition there are many others who have registered but not paid to date , bringing the total as of Sept. 5, 1973 to 1,207. The Post Graduate courses on Emergency Cardiac Problems, Trauma in the ED., Acute Respiratory Problems and CPR are full. I would like to call your attention to the course on Advanced Nursing Physical Assessment of the Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems has a registration of 107. Many inquiries have been made assuming that this is a basic course, this is not correct. This course is as stated an ADVANCED presentation.



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Mrs. Joyce Braaten Chairman of the Nominating Committee has completed her draft of the list of candidates . The ballot is in its stage of preparation. The EDNA Membership Directory is in the hands of the printers and we have been assured that it is one we will be proud of.

The Board of Directors of EDNA have agreed from our inception that we would most certainly desire our own Publication. We presently have been contacted by two Publishing firms who are interested in helping us with this project. They are busy preparing a presentation to be given to the Board of Directors for their consideration. As soon as details are presented I will forward them to you for consideration.

John Reardon, Deputy Chief of the Emergency Medical Services Program, DHEW in Washington D.C. requested us to formulate "What are the Standards for the Emergency Department Nurse". We do not have this done as yet, but it will be completed in the near future.

Before I forget to mention it, membership in EDNA as of Aug. 22, 1973 was 5,790. All of a sudden it seems that large amounts of news , data and reports are finally getting to us so that we feel our efforts although quiet by some standards are really moving.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received from Mrs. J. Kelleher our liaison officer regarding a meeting EDNA representatives as well as representatives from other organizations were invited to attend by ANA in Denver regarding Certification. I think Judy expressed our position very well and did a magnificent job.

The Executive Board of EDNA meet in May at Virginia to evaluate our progress and positions on several important issues. As a result of this meeting the following Committees were formed



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with our great concern for Education and Standardization such a named committee was formed. This Committee will be Chaired by Mrs J. Kelleher. The local committee member for our area is Mrs. Delia Early, R.N. 741 Broomfield- Apt K1, Verona, New Jersey. Please send and encourage all your members to send all inquiries, information or thoughts that they feel are important to this committees work. The next area of concern was our Legislative Committee. As part of our package deal for services from ACEP, we enjoy the sharing of a liaison from ACEP in Washington. He is Mr Paul Hubbard. I had the opportunity to meet him, and am happy to state that he is most knowledgeable in his field of activity. The plans for us is to really get this committee into full swing shortly and with greater intensity. As you all know by now the Presidential Veto of the EMS Bill was upheld by the House of Representatives by a very small vote of 5. This unfortunately will curtail the EMS activities sharply and will and should be of great concern to all who render EMS. Our area is represented by Miss Brigitta McCarthy, R.N. 4103 Quentin Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. Again please encourage all members to address their thoughts ideas and information to Brigitta to help this committee present our platforms on vital Legislative matters.

The Management Staff of EDNA reports that they are working on an insurance package to be available to EDNA members with a N.Y. firm. They hope to have this developed by the October Annual Business Meeting .

I can't tell you how happy I am to be able to send you this information. I know that all have been patiently asking what has or is EDNA been doing for me. I hope that you will feel that at last we are not only being recognizedb, but we are being vocal, productive and listened to by associates in the health field. I truly feel that much of the ground work having been laid, we will see some radical and bebeficial



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results develop from now on.

Some of the other items which I am involved with for future policy formations are the development of a National Budget, one that will permit us to develop reimbursement funds to Local Chapters. This can best be determined after the financial results of this convention is known. To date EDNA has not know what the outcome of our share was from the Bufallo Convention of last year. I have been informed that this is due to a problem they have encountered with publishing the material from that convention. I do not envision that problem with the Oct. Convention. I am confident that we are far better organized to effectively and efficiently make accountability to the membership available without undue delay. I feel that the two new committees will make our work on Education and Legislation easier and will help the organization to Nationally state our demands and positions.

I have changed my residence to New Jersey and I will be most anxious to have you call me collect regarding and problems you may encounter. I realize the need for me to meet with you all to help develop and outline programs for your chapters, I know that the convention usually is too busy a time. I am open to any arrangements you would like. However I think that for the present it is best to dwell and devour the constitution and By Laws I will contact each one towards the end of Next week to get some ideas on how many plan to attend the convention. I think the program is really worthwhile and hope that we can all meet there.

I hope that everyone had a most happy and healthy summer and are ready for very active productive fall EDNA meetings, My very best wishes to all, I remain.

Sincerely,

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Judith C. Kelleher, R.N.  
Liaison Officer

RE: Federation of Nursing Specialty Organizations and the  
American Nurses' Association Meeting, August 29, 1973  
Kansas City, Missouri

DATE: August 31, 1973 (transcribed from recorded telephone report)

This meeting was called by ANA and suggested at the Federation in Denver on June 8 and 9, 1973 to discuss certification of the specialty nurse. I had expected either one or the other representative of each of the eighteen organizations which were present in Denver. Pat Owens from the Nurses Association of OB-GYN Nurses and I were the only ones present who had been to the prior meetings and there were only twelve organizations represented at the Kansas City meeting. I was disappointed that there was a lack of continuity both in the organizations and in ANA. Representing ANA were Marjory Ramphal and Pearl Dunkley and the chairman of the Councils on Practice for ANA.

We went through a rather painful process of trying to define certification. In the School of Nurses, Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, it is necessary for entry into practice as well as the legal requirement. For others, it is recognition of competency in practice and yet for others it meant excellence above and beyond what is required to practice. Is this certification by a specialty organization who has the process set up going to be accepted by ANA or is the Division of Practice setting up certification? We certainly saw no need for this. We asked that if ANA envisioned for instance in our case and in critical care nurses an EDNA-ANA Certification for the emergency nurse using our criteria for certification or AACN-ANA Certification for critical care nurses using AACN testing, which they are starting this fall? Our point was to avoid duplication of efforts and spending but for the specialty organizations to stay in control of what a nurse in that area of practice needs to know to quality.

In ANA there are five divisions of practice: Geriatrics, Community Health, Maternal-Child Health, Psychiatric and Mental Health and Medical-Surgical. The standards of anesthetists of nursing practice will be published shortly.

Under the ANA's plan for certification emergency department nurses, CCU, ICU, OR, medical-surgical, orthopaedic, nephrology, neurology, and urology would all be certified "Med-Surg". We reemphasized the fact that this is one of our dissatisfactions with ANA. We are lumped into an area where we don't belong. No way does the study of medical surgical nursing prepare us for emergency nursing. We got right back to the point that we are still "under other" and we did not feel "Med-Surg" could represent us. For those who desire to belong to their state nurses organizations in ANA, we want a "section or division". It was also suggested that ANA devote more attention to other areas and leave certification to the specialty.

The outcome of the meeting was that each organization will set their standards for certification if they wish certification. (AORN does not plan to.)

Certification will be at three levels: 1-for entry into practice 2-for competency in practice and 3-for excellence in practice. And for those who wish a fourth category - for a masters degree and above.

For EDNA, license to practice is an entry, so our certification will start at level two. ANA will entrance this and work with the specialty organizations for helping to do both.

Minutes of the meeting will be forthcoming but I wanted to inform you immediately so that you know some progress was made. Separately you will receive material published by several specialty organizations and ANA on certification.

Judith C. Kelleher, R.N.

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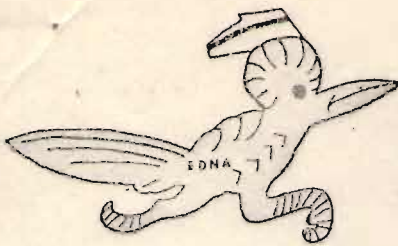
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To: All Chapters of N.Y., N.J. E.D.N.A.  
From: Helen T. Murphy, R.N., Regional Representative  
Re: Post Dallas Convention Report

The following information was compiled as a result of the Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting held on Friday October 26, 1973.

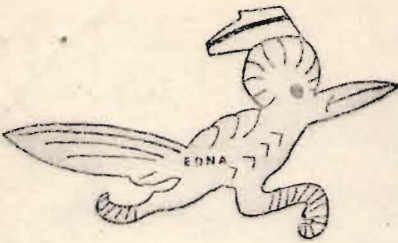
1. EDNA Tax Status - Mrs. Miller the Executive Director has signed and submitted to the IRS service our request to have our present status of 501-C3 (granted to Federations. This type of classification restricts us from activity in legislature matters.) . The new classification that we are requesting is called 501 -C6. The granting of this may take some time, however be assured that all local chapters are covered to the fullest extent. The only time a chapter must file an income tax return is if they have a financial return in excess of \$5,00.00.
2. The question for the need of a full time paid Executive Director was entered. No action was taken on this subject.
3. The treasurer stated that by mutual consent of EDNA and ACEP a complete financial audit of the Dallas Convention will be conducted in January, 1974. The results will be made available for all to inspect.
4. Each committee Chairmam on the National level was asked to submit a listing of their budget requirements by Jan.I, 1974 to the Finance Committee.
5. A conference meeting was to be set up as soon as possible with the members of the finance committee to develop a budget for the operation of EDNA, which will be presented at the Board meeting of Feb.or March, 1974.



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6. Constitution and Bylaws- continued work must be done by means of proposing amendmednts to the accepted constitution, regarding the role and finances of the State Representatives. The comments made were that this document was in ~~on~~ no way perfect and that as time passes changes are inevitable. We would like any suggestions you might wish to contribute.
7. An in depth study of the Canadian Providences in respect to their geographical locations as to the West and East Coasts will be undertaken.
8. All chapters are requested to return their Chapter Profile sheets to the regional representatives, who will then send them to the National office. This is the yellow form which will be found in the blue folder on information on how to form a Chapter.
9. Each regional representative was asked to check on educational funds available from HEW. Since my return I have sent for the necessary information, and as soon as it is returned to me I will contact each chairman and we will then plan our programs for our states.
10. Publication - Three offers have been submitted to the EDNA board. It is anticipated that at our next meeting we will have committed EDNA to the publication of a Journal. The considerations are many, such as costs, advertisement, editorial content and circulation. It requires much discussion and financial considerations. Please be assured that EDNA does want a Magazine and that as soon as it is feasible it will presented.
11. Insurance Plan - submitted by the McGuiness Co. was the subject of much discussionand controversary. The Board



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felt that there were some serious questions which needed further clarification before an acceptance could be undertaken. I received word yesterday from Mrs. Clark who is the chairman of the committee investigating the plan, that she will talk with Mr. Auer and a Company representative shortly to get a more thorough understanding of its benefits.

12. Nominating Committee - was concerned with the formal definitions of the words Active Member, and Emergency Nursing, as they appear in our constitution. This matter was referred back to the ByLaws and Credential Committees for further study.

13. Election of the New Officers of the Board of Directors was as follows:

President - Mrs. Judith Kelleher, R.N. Ca.

" Elect - Mrs. Mildred Fincke, R.N. Pa.

Secretary - Mrs. Myra Richards, R.N. Texas

Treasurer - Mrs. Marion Dover, R.N. N.H.

The outgoing members of the Board were thanked for the contributions and cooperation. The incoming members were wished every success in their new positions. The First member of the Original Board of Directors, was replaced. Mrs Joyce Braaten from Montana did not seek reelection. Mrs. Braaten was presented with a beautiful charm bracelet with a Roadrunner charm as a gift of thanks for her years of dedication and untiring efforts in fostering the work of EDNA. We sincerely welcomed Ms. Karen Frissel who will continue the work of Joyce. The Board extended our very best wishes to Karen our new Board Member and Regional Representative.

The next Board of Directors meeting will convene in East Lansing Mich. February 14, 15 1974.

This meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



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I would like to add some of my own comments for your consideration.

I would like to state that as of January 1974, it is my intent to send you a monthly note on what is currently happening at the national level. I have written Mrs Kelleher indicating that much more information should be received from National to each member. I have expressed the hope that she will consider the use of a new tool of communication that was developed at headquarters. It is a sheet of paper labelled "ETC" , I feel this would be similar to the ACEP hotline.

I would like all Chapters to be thinking of topics and facilities which we might consider for a seminar in the Spring. As soon as funds are made available I will see that you are informed immediately. Now is the time for Planning.

I would encourage all chapters to undertake an active drive for membership.

I will within the next few months meet with all the officers of each chapter to study the functioning of the chapter. It has been pointed out to me that I have been neglectful in overseeing the operational functioning of the chapters. To correct this, I am presently working on duties and responsibilities. We all have contributions to make, and we must express our feelings, and become active workers if the local organization is to be a success. I hope that all the Chairmen will delegate duties to the membership rather than just to one or two or themselves alone. The concept of sharing information and know-how is essential for the survival of the Chapter. To those who have not been an active member we need your assistance more than ever. I take this opportunity to thank all the Chapter officers for their splendid efforts to date.



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At this time I would like to comment on the Dallas Convention. These are my thoughts, which I would like to share with you.

1. The total registration was 2,353. There were 1,093 Nurses, 1,193 Physicians, 59 EMT . The effect was overwhelming. I feel it was too large a gathering. not conducive to learning. I would like to see next years convention by EDNA ALONE .
2. The hotel situation was a surprise to me and I am certain to others. I automaticall assumed that since the Business meeting was at the Fairmont, that all the others would take place theretoo. However the Program did say Dallas Convention Center, which necessitated transportation by buses. It was an inconvenience, but not too bad I hope.
3. The hotel I was at was the Fairmont. It was nice but I found the prices exorbitant and not within the financial realm of nurses.
4. The food at the hotel was gourmet, and expensive. I had only coffee at the convention Hall and didn't get to the cafeteria of stands. I did however see the lines/ waiting for service.
5. At the Board meeting it was the concensus of opinion that for all future Conventions we will appoint a Convention Committee just to see that our needs and requirements are met.
6. The Mini Lectures were predominantly chaired by Nurses, the Scientific Presentations and Post graduate courses fell short in this aspect. I again feel the strong need to exploit the Nurse . We are not second hand citizens.
7. The atmosphere for the mini lectures was not conducive to learning or to discussion. Several hundred people in the same area, made it impossible to concentrate. As a participant in this event, I was tired and I am sure the membership was exhausted.



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8. I was unable to attend the Post Graduate courses due to my duties at the EDNA booth, I sincerely hope that they met with your expectations.
9. Convention Hall was hugh, I found myself walking about too much, and too often. It was the scene of great hustle and bustle. Some felt that it was very confusing.
10. The Hoe-Down was a great sucess, despite the 2 buses getting lost. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.
11. The exhibition Area was comfortable and well represented. I think that every Pharmaceutical and Health Product Firm was present.
12. I would like to thank both Helen Farrington from New York and Charlotte LeFean from New Jersey for their excellent contributions to the development of the Dallas Program. I know that they worked very hard and had many obstacles to overcome. I think that they along with Joan and Millie did a wonderful task.

In closing I would like to ask that everyone please send me your comments regarding the Convention and any plans that you would like to implemented. I ~~awa~~ always welcome your suggestions and honor your wishes. I am available to assist you at any tñme that the need arises. One final word EDNA is well on it's way to being a frontrunner in Emergency Nursing. Don't let it fail, encourage membership and reaffirm *y* our committment to this great organization.

Sincerely

*Helen T. Murphy*

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