

## October Quarter Council Meeting Minutes

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**Members present:**

**IN PERSON**

President Wendy Allen-Thompson  
President Elect Eileen Breckenridge  
Treasurer Dawna Scheich  
Director at Large Carolyn Dixon  
Parliamentarian/Education Chair/Conference Chair Susan Breese  
Trauma/TNCC/ENPC Chair Mary Ann Teeter  
Government Affairs Chair Jonathan Nover  
Membership/Fundraising/SEMSCO Representative Mickey Forness  
SEMSCO Representative Maryanne Portoro  
Historian Kathy Conboy  
Mary Ellen Wilson  
Dawn MacMullen  
Linda Yonkin  
Chantale Pierre  
Janelle Domig

**VIRTUAL**

Anne Wall  
Meg Berry  
Ann Yankay  
Phyllis Parker  
Maria Giganti  
Joanne Fadale  
Audrey Seely  
Jamla Rizek  
Terry Lynn O’Gara  
Mary Harwood  
Marina Greenen  
Maureen Chernosky  
Jessica Paskowski  
Lila Sheehan  
Sophia Specht  
George Contreras  
Meg Palowski

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**Hybrid Meeting**

Members absent:

**EXCUSED**

Immediate Past President Patrick Byrne  
Director at Large Vepuka Kauari

Guests:

National President Elect Dustin Bass  
American Red Cross Regional Client Care Director Dillon Geer

1. Call to Order 10:14

- a. Adoption of Consent Agenda 10:17  
**Motion:** Made and seconded  
**Action:** Motion passed
- b. Welcome to new members
- c. Mission and Vision statements shared

2. National President Elect Report

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. Happy Emergency Nurses Week
- b. Positive affirmation was shared
- c. Attendance at ENA 2025 was shared
- d. ENA national BOD election results were shared
- e. ENA Leadership Conference will occur 1/29 to 1/30/2026 in Dallas, Texas
- f. The fundraising goal for the scholarship program was achieved
- g. The ED Nurse Triage certification program has been very successful
- h. ENPC 7th edition will roll out the fall of 2025
- i. TNCC 10<sup>th</sup> edition is expected to be released fall of 2026

3. President's Report

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. Slide presentation sharing 2025 NYSENA activity highlights
- b. Jamla Rizek was recognized for her recent induction into the Academy of Emergency Nursing.  
Ms. Rizek shared her journey to this extraordinary achievement.
- c. Details regarding the upcoming CEN review class were shared
- d. Results of the NYSENA BOD elections were shared
  - 1. Treasurer Elect - Susan Breese
  - 2. Secretary Elect - Carolyn Dixon

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3. President Elect – Vepuka Kauari
4. Director at Large – Tammy Omiecinski Aiken
5. Director at Large – Mickey Forness
6. President Elect transitioned to President – Eileen Breckenridge

**4. President Elect Report**

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. 2026 meeting schedules shared
- b. Awards Committee update shared
- c. NYSENA will be conducting a hygiene product drive at STP 2026 to benefit under privileged children

**5. Treasurer’s Report**

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. Committee/SIG budget requests are due by 10/15
- b. Currently reviewing travel reimbursement requirements and process

**6. Immediate Past President**

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. No report available

**7. Secretary Report**

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. No report available

**8. Directors at Large**

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. General Assembly delegates attended a working luncheon on day 1 of General Assembly to review information provided during the proceedings at the morning session and to prepare day 2

**9. State Committee Reports**

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. The Conference Committee meets on the second Monday of every month. All are welcome Planning is running according to schedule.
- b. The Government Affairs Committee sponsored a successful informational summit, continuing to work on Workplace Violence legislation.
- c. The Trauma/TNCC/ENPC Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. NYSENA has been chosen as an inaugural site to host the new Trauma Nurse Advanced Course (TNAC).

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The course will be held next week in Syracuse.

- d. The Membership /Fundraising Committee is seeking a co-chair. It is noted that membership has decreased at the national and state levels. NYS had 23 participants at the 5K fundraiser.
- e. SEMSCO representative report that the next meeting is 12/2025. They will be attempting to revitalize the EMS Committee and seek interested members.
- f. The Historian shared the process to access historical information. Discussion regarding storage of historical items and memorabilia. NYSENA will be exploring options.

10. National Committee Reports

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. The Lantern Committee had 125 applicants with 96 hospitals receiving the award. 11 hospitals were in NYS.
- b. The Leadership, Development, and Election Committee has positions open in Region 5.

11. New Business

**Discussion/Summary:**

- a. Presentation by The American Red Cross Regional Client Care Director regarding developing an Emergency Response Team. Levels of volunteering and opportunities discussed.

12. Meeting Adjourned

12:31 EST

Minutes Submitted by

Eileen Breckenridge, RN  
NYSENA President Elect