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It has been a long, hot summer here in New York, and as we look ahead to the fall season, I find myself reflecting on this year with deep gratitude and admiration.

We began the year with a strong start—12 members attended the ENA Leadership Conference in January. The insights gained were shared during our council meetings, setting a positive and inspiring tone for my term as president.

Our exceptional Education Committee has continued to provide high-quality virtual learning opportunities and plans to offer more throughout the remainder of the year. I encourage you to join their meetings, listed on our website calendar. These sessions are rich with meaningful discussions, thoughtful planning, and presentations on timely, relevant topics.

The Government Affairs Committee has also had an impactful year, prioritizing advocacy through meetings with legislators, collaboration with our ACEP partners, and representation at Day on the Hill.

TNCC and ENPC courses remain available thanks to our dedicated educators. We continue to mourn the loss of our beloved ENPC Chair, Ray Briggs. His legacy lives on in our work, and we honor his passion for education and support of emergency nurses through our continued efforts.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the upcoming New York City Summit—an advocacy event featuring expert speakers and seasoned advocates. I hope to see many of you there. Following that, we'll gather for our August Council Meeting.

In September, 35 NYSENA representatives will attend the ENA Conference in New Orleans, participating in the General Assembly as Delegates. October brings our in-person quarterly Council Meeting and the installation of our 2026 officers. Also in October, a group of NYSENA members will embark on a medical mission to the Dominican Republic, using their clinical expertise and compassion to serve communities with unmet medical needs.

ENA offers so many opportunities to grow, connect, and make a difference. I warmly invite you to participate in any of the events and initiatives mentioned above. Your insights, experiences, and skills are valued and welcomed.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to contribute to the profession of emergency nursing.

With warmest regards, Wendy Thompson President, NYSENA <u>President@nysena.org</u>