

Dear Dedicated Council Members,

I encourage each of you to consider participating in one of our committees—your expertise, leadership, and skills are truly needed and valued.

January flew by, and we are already well into February! Your team accomplished an impressive list of initiatives in January, including updates to our website, opening registration for our 2026 *Setting the Pace* Conference, development of our strategic plan, and attendance at the 2026 ENA Leadership Conference. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

On January 26, 2026, we hosted a virtual educational presentation provided by the FBI, which discussed an incident in Vermont involving the use of common household items as weapons of mass destruction. Attendance for this session was one of the highest we have seen in recent years. Let's keep this momentum going—please visit the NYSENA calendar on our website to view the full 2026 monthly education schedule. We have a robust and diverse lineup of topics designed to meet the interests and needs of emergency nurses.

In addition, please keep an eye out for upcoming educational opportunities, including a CEN review course and a dedicated pediatric education track. Meeting the healthcare needs of our pediatric patient population continues to be challenging in today's healthcare environment. The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) role is instrumental in ensuring high-quality care for pediatric patients. NYSENA is committed to supporting emergency nurses and pediatric patients through education and mentorship. We hope to see a pediatric Special Interest Group (SIG) grow from this focus, supporting emergency departments across the state—particularly those with low pediatric volumes—in implementing pediatric programs to improve care. I also encourage you to explore Sally Snow's work on pediatric readiness in Texas, which offers valuable insight and guidance.

As our educational and advocacy initiatives continue to grow, member involvement is essential. In December 2025, Governor Hochul signed legislation (S5294B/A203B) into law, requiring hospitals and nursing homes to implement workplace violence prevention programs. This important achievement was made possible through the efforts of our Government Affairs Committee in collaboration with NY-ACEP and NY-ANA. NYSENA's work to support emergency nurses and improve patient care is making an impact—and it is being heard. I once again encourage you to get involved by joining one of our committees. Committee applications are available under the "Forms" tab on our website.

Emergency nurses make a positive impact every minute of every day, and it is time to celebrate those successes. ENA Achievement Award nominations are open through February 18, 2026. Please consider nominating a deserving member.

In addition, NYSENA Recognition Awards are also available for review on our website under the "Forms" tab, with a nomination deadline of March 16, 2026. I encourage you to recognize the outstanding work of your peers by submitting a nomination for one of these national or state prestigious awards.

As always, I welcome your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

With sincere appreciation for all that you do,

Eileen