



Virginia State Council

Virginia State Council General Assembly Meeting

Friday April 8, 2022

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Friday/8/April/2022

Board Members present: Lisa Scott, President; Teri Diloy, President-Elect; Melissa Lynch, Secretary; Chris Parker, Treasurer and Past President; Vanessa Johnson, Director; Cheryl Blicharz, Director

Guests: Alexis Moore, Amy Krupa, Anna LaTouche, Antionette Weathers, Bonnie Preuss, Cammy Houston, Cathy Fox, Cindy Hearrell, Donna Talbot, Janice McKay, Jean Fitzgerald, Julie Mazzio, Kathleen Carlson, Kathy Ingersoll, Kelly Schmidt, Kristal Sullivan, Laura Summerlin, Lauren Plaine, Lisa Jamerson, Melissa Griffin, Michele Lee, Pam Carlson, Patricia O'Donnell, Rebecca Martel, Sara Munoz, Susan Union, Terri Bliley

1. Call to Order

a. Establish Quorum

Discussion/Summary: Meeting called to order at 10:03 am EST; Members present, quorum established

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action necessary.

b. Welcome/Introductions

Discussion/Summary: Members self-introduced by current position and past/current roles

Motion: No motion made

Action: No action carried.

c. Adoption of Consent Agenda

i. Approval of February 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Discussion/Summary: Proposed changes were sent out to the membership for review.

Motion: Motion made to adopt the February minutes with the recommended changes.

Action: Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Discussion/Summary: Agenda presented.

Motion: Motion made to adopt meeting agenda as presented.

Action: Motion carried; motion passed unanimously.

e. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Discussion/Summary: No conflict to disclose.

Motion: No disclosures.

Action: No action carried.

2. President's Report



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Discussion/Summary: ENA Connection's 20 Under 40 nominations are due by April 28th by noon CST. This highlights ENA's brightest emergency nurses under the age of 40. Last year we had 2 members from VA featured. The call for 2022 National ENA Election Candidates is now open through April 29th. The call for Resolutions and Bylaws Amendments is now open and due by June 1st. ENA is hosting a Nurse Residency Program webinar on April 12th at 11 am CST. This program is designed to help improve nursing competence for new ED nurses. There is a helpful FAQ sheet on ENA's website regarding the program. ENA recently revised their position statement on Emergency Nurse Certification. This is now available on their website. Emergency Nurses week is October 9-15, 2022. ENA will be hosting a virtual 5K race again. Registration for the virtual 5K is now open. EMS week is May 15-21, 2022. Let's recognize our EMS colleagues and show how much we appreciate them.

Motion: No motion necessary

Action: No action carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Discussion/Summary: Main account \$195,269.84. Debit account: \$4,204.27.

Motion: No motion necessary.

Action: No action carried.

4. Chapter Reports

Discussion/Summary: Reinforcement of the importance of communication between the chapters and the state. Each chapter has an identified liaison to increase transparency and flow of information. Chapter reports are required, even if there is nothing to report. Please submit to secretary 10 days before the state meeting.

1. Central VA (**Howard**) No report.
2. Lord Fairfax (**Blicharz**) In-person meeting was held on March 6th. Next meeting is scheduled for April 26th.
3. Northern VA (**Fitch**) Presented by Vanessa Johnson. Last meeting was held on March 8th. Lauren Plaine was the guest speaker at that meeting. Currently working on a community service project to recognize and thank our behavioral health colleagues.
4. Rappahannock (**Sims**) No report.
5. Roanoke (**Johnson**) Returning to in-person meetings on April 11th. Currently planning a stroke education event.
6. Shenandoah (**Taylor**) Presented by Melissa Griffin. Last meeting was February 11th. Currently planning an education day for August 6th to be held at Blue Ridge Community College.
7. Tidewater (**Mazzio**) Last meeting was March 16th. Toni Weathers presented about her new book. Next meeting is scheduled for April 20th.

Motion: No motion made.



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Action: No action carried.

5. Committee Reports

Discussion/Summary:

1. Membership Committee (**O'Donnell**) 1570 state members as of April 3rd. More than 20 new members in both February and March. Numbers have increased since February VENA meeting.
2. Government Affairs Committee (**Plaine**) Congratulations to the 3 members chosen to represent VA at Day on the Hill DOH. Currently tracking 2 bills that have continued in to VA General Assembly's special session. HB 1245 and HB 191.
3. Injury Prevention Committee (**Fox**) Currently reaching out to all 7 city police chiefs in Hampton Roads for possible gun safety education events. Seeking donations from Walmart and Target of gift cards for door prizes. Planning a "No questions Asked Campaign" which is a gun take back program. Gun safety locks will be handed out. Would like grant money for this program. Would like to us \$25K in VENA account slated for injury prevention.
4. Pediatric/ENPC Committee (**Summerlin**) Nurses prefer in-person to online classes.
5. Trauma/TNCC Committee (**Sullivan**) Graph on committee report showing our number of students is growing.
6. Education (**Martin**) No report
7. Fundraising Committee (**Plaine**) Currently focusing on the EN State Challenge.
8. Awards and Scholarships Committee (**Duff**) No report
9. EMS Advisory Board Representative (**Smith**) No report
10. Virginia EMSC (Rasmussen) Last meeting was held in Richmond on March 10th.
11. Student Nurse Representative (**Griffin**) Currently reaching out to 2 nursing school programs to speak with students.
12. Remembrance Committee (**Preuss**) Six cards sent to state members.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

6. Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Summary: VLNA: Virginia Legislative Nursing Alliance. Currently advocating for HB 1245. This bill will allow for Nurse Practitioners to have independent practice after 2 years. This will help to better serve under-served communities in our area. Reach out to your legislator if you would like to help and to advocate for our practice. At the last meeting we discussed local legislation regarding Advanced Practitioners to continue practicing without a practice agreement. The original bill was amended but failed to pass. A special session has been scheduled. Lauren Plaine (VENA Government Affairs Chair) contacted National about VENA supporting this bill and National thinks it is not worth the effort due to unanimous voting against the bill during the normal session.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: ENAF State Challenge: VENA has raised \$458 on top of our normal annual donation. ENAF State Challenge ends May 31st. VENA highly encourages members to make an account, join the team, and encourage everyone to make a personal donation. Lauren Plaine is the VENA team captain. ENA Foundation academic scholarships are still open until April 29th. ENA Foundation conference scholarships are open until April 18th. ENAF is current selling handmade mugs through Rebecca Graves Pottery with the 2022 Recharge logo. Mugs cost \$42 each but 25% goes to ENAF.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: VENA Conference: The call for speakers has been sent out and is due by May 1st. Will need a full committee by end of April to sort through speaker applications and other conference planning. Annual conference is scheduled for October 21st at the Sheraton in Midlothian.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: Bank Accounts: We still need combine all chapter bank accounts. This motion was made and approved in February of 2020. We need to have chapter involvement to remain a 3-tier state and we need better communication between the states and the chapters. We originally agreed to move all bank accounts to Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo was chosen because each chapter has a Wells Fargo branch in their locations. In the February 2020 meeting, it was decided to defer the transition to Wells Fargo until two other banks could be contacted regarding fees and other information. Per Alexis, shortly after the February 2020 meeting, the COVID pandemic began, and the bank switch was deferred to a later time all together. Per Chris, VENA is missing several months of bank statements from some chapters. VENA needs more involvement financially at the chapter level. VENA and each chapter are all under one tax ID and therefore VENA is responsible for chapter money. Each chapter has a Bank of America branch within 12 miles except for Lord Fairfax (27 miles). However, with electronic banking being readily available, we do not need a physical bank location for most of our needs. We don't really need a traditional brick and mortar bank since electronic bank is available. There is no longer a need to meeting in person to sign bank documents. Some chapters have voiced concerns about not being able to access their money. Per Chris, there will be no change in how the chapters run business on a daily basis. The goal is to have four people have account access for each chapter. The VENA Treasurer will be one of the four people on each account. This will add an extra layer of protection and provides a contingency plan in case there is any form of break down at the chapter level. Another advantage of having the VENA Treasurer having access to chapter accounts is that chapters will no longer have to forward bank statements to the VENA Treasurer. The VENA Treasurer can already see these. The goal will be to have

all accounts transitioned to Bank of America by the end of August in preparation for a smooth transition in to 2023.

VENA will attempt to reach out the to closed Peninsula Chapter, again, in an attempt to recover leftover funds. This may not be worth pursuing any further, however. Leftover funds are estimated to be \$400.

Motion: VENA will continue to use Bank of America and all chapters will move their bank accounts to Bank of America if they are not already using it. All chapter bank accounts will be combined to fall under the VENA account VENA Treasurer will have access to all chapter accounts.

Action: Motion passes.

7. New Business

Discussion/Summary: Day on the Hill (DOTH) 5/3-4. Day on the Hill is scheduled for May 3rd-4th in Washington, D.C. The Board reviewed and anonymously voted on the applications submitted my members. Members chosen to represent VA: Cheryl Blicharz (Lord Fairfax), Cammy Huston (Tidewater), and Casey Klein (Northern VA). Letters were sent to those not selected to encourage participation on Day 2 of DOTH. Lauren will inquire about additional seats for VA. Bills to be supported by ENA for DOTH: Suicide screening bill. Unsure of the 2nd bill yet. Those who applied and not chosen to attend training feel free to reach out to Government Affairs Chair Lauren Plaine about possibly attending Day 2 for meetings with legislators.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: VENA Awards & Scholarships: Awards applications are by May 1st. Application has been emailed out and posted on website. Please copy Lisa or Melissa when emailing Doris your application. VENA will be offering 10 full scholarships for Denver! Applications will be sent out today. Conference scholarship applications are due by May 24th.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: General Assembly 2022: Delegate application will be sent out May 15 and due by July 1. Mandatory state meeting is August 12th. General assembly will be September 29-30th in Denver. Resolutions are due June 1st. Currently seeking robust resolutions. Chris Parker is the Resolutions Committee chair.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.



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Discussion/Summary: Emergency Nursing 2022: EN22 is in Denver! Will be in person and digital, 9/30-10/3. Early bird registrations is now open through July 4th for both in person and digital access.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

Discussion/Summary: Optional General Discussion: Toni Weathers recently published a book “Leadership in Retrospect: From the stretcher side to board room”. Toni presented about her new book at the March Tidewater Chapter ENA meeting.

In the state of VA, you need to have NP in order to have clinical nurse specialist (CNS) with prescriptive authority. Advanced Practice nursing covers both per Sara Munoz.

SESS will be held in VB in 2023. Probably late march or late April.

Motion: No motion made.

Action: No action carried.

8. Meeting Adjourned 11:50 EST

Submitted by:

Melissa Lynch, BSN, RN, CEN (electronically signed)