2019 General Assembly
Austin, TX
Minutes

September 28, 2019
The first session of the 2019 General Assembly annual business meeting of members of the Emergency Nurses Association was called to order at 7:30 am CDT on Saturday, September 28, 2019, by President Patricia Kunz Howard, PhD, RN, CEN, CPEN, TCRN, NE-BC, FAEN, FAAN. The Credentials Report was adopted as presented by Immediate Past President Jeff Solheim, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN, CFRN, FAEN, FAAN.

President Patricia Kunz Howard recognized the University of Texas Army ROTC Color Guard, Justin Milici for singing the National Anthem, Reverend Susan Gerding for sharing words of reflection, and her family for the support they provided to her during her presidency this past year.

The proposed 2019 General Assembly Standing Rules of Procedure and Business Agenda were included in the 2019 General Assembly Handbook. Both documents were adopted as presented. Two late resolution submissions were also brought forward and a motion was made and adopted to suspend the rules and move the late resolutions to the meeting agenda.

Reports were presented by the following:
- President Patricia Kunz Howard
- President-Elect Mike Hastings
- Secretary/Treasurer Ron Kraus
- Chief Executive Officer Nancy MacRae
- ENA Foundation Chairperson Mickey Forness

Resolutions Committee Chairperson Adam Johnston led the open reference hearings, which invited delegates, ENA past presidents and non-voting ENA members to speak to all proposals.

Discussion was held regarding the following submitted proposals:

Bylaws Proposals
- GA19-01: Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

Resolution Proposals
- GA19-02: Productivity Accounting for ED Boarding Patient Care
- GA19-03: PTSD and Suicide among Emergency Nursing Professionals
- GA19-04: Screening for Opioid Abuse Risk Factors Before Treatment of Acute Pain in the Emergency Department
- GA19-05: All Nurses Should be Permitted and Encouraged to Learn and Provide Hemorrhage Control
- GA19-06: Forensic Nursing Education for Emergency Department Professionals
- GA19-07: Global Health Initiative for Emergency Nursing
- GA19-08: Recommendation for Staffing of Forensic Nurses in the Emergency Department
- GA19-09: Management of Vaso-Occlusive Episodes in Persons with Sickle Cell Disease in the Emergency Department
- GA19-10: Development of an Emergency Nurse Residency Program
- GA19-11: Leadership Resources for Engaging and Retaining Millennial Nurses
- GA19-12: Recommendation for Emergency Nursing Staffing and Budgeting
- GA19-13: Late Resolution: Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Increase the Expansion of Trauma Systems Specifically to Rural and Underserved Areas
- GA19-14: Late Resolution: Universal Screening Tool for Human Trafficking

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm CDT.
September 29, 2019
The second session of the 2019 General Assembly meeting of the Emergency Nurses Association was called to order at 7:45 am CDT on Sunday, September 29, 2019, by President Patricia Kunz Howard, PhD, RN, CEN, CPEN, TCRN, NE-BC, FAEN, FAAN. The Credentials Report was adopted as presented by Immediate Past President Jeff Solheim, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN, CFRN, FAEN, FAAN.

Resolutions Committee Chairperson Adam Johnston assisted the General Assembly chairperson with the debate and vote on all proposals.

The following proposals were adopted as presented:
- GA19-02: Productivity Accounting for ED Boarding Patient Care
- GA19-03: PTSD and Suicide among Emergency Nursing Professionals
- GA19-06: Forensic Nursing Education for Emergency Department Professionals
- GA19-09: Management of Vaso-Occlusive Episodes in Persons with Sickle Cell Disease in the Emergency Department

The following proposals were adopted as amended:
- GA19-05: All Nurses Should be Permitted and Encouraged to Learn and Provide Hemorrhage Control
- GA19-07: Global Health Initiative for Emergency Nursing
- GA19-10: Development of an Emergency Nurse Residency Program
- GA19-11: Leadership Resources for Engaging and Retaining Millennial Nurses
- GA19-12: Recommendation for Emergency Nursing Staffing and Budgeting
- GA19-13: Late Resolution: Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Increase the Expansion of Trauma Systems Specifically to Rural and Underserved Areas

The following proposals were not adopted:
- GA19-04: Screening for Opioid Abuse Risk Factors Before Treatment of Acute Pain in the Emergency Department
- GA19-08: Recommendation for Staffing of Forensic Nurses in the Emergency Department
- GA19-14: Late Resolution: Universal Screening Tool for Human Trafficking

The following proposal was withdrawn:
- GA19-01: Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

The General Assembly meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm CDT.

Please find a final copy of each proposal in their adopted form below.
GA19-02 Resolution
TITLE: Productivity Accounting for ED Boarding Patient Care

Resolved, That ENA endorse the practice of hospitals keeping the calculation of caregiver hours for boarded patients and ED patients separate;

Resolved, That ENA support the position that ED productivity should not include caregiver hours devoted for boarding patients;

Resolved, That ENA update its applicable position statement(s) and educational materials to include the results of this resolution; and

Resolved, That ENA offer education and/or provide resources on various methodologies to account for caregiver hours for ED patients and boarded patients.

GA19-03 Resolution
TITLE: PTSD and Suicide among Emergency Nursing Professionals

Resolved, That ENA work with stakeholders to compile and make available resources to assist nursing professionals to prevent and cope with PTSD, prevent suicide, and to help support the survivors of the suicide of a nursing professional; and

Resolved, That ENA collaborate with other stakeholders to support research targeted at studying nursing suicide rates, causes, and prevention efforts.

GA19-05 Resolution
TITLE: All Nurses Should be Permitted and Encouraged to Learn and Provide Hemorrhage Control

Resolved, That the Emergency Nurses Association support all nurses in the application of hemorrhage control techniques as appropriate interventions that are within the nursing scope of practice by issuing a position statement;

Resolved, That the Emergency Nurses Association will continue the dissemination and promulgation of the Bleeding Control Basics Provider (BCon) or similar education as a public health and community safety need equal to CPR; and

Resolved, That the Emergency Nurses Association will communicate and collaborate with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the National Association of School Nurses, the Society of Trauma Nurses, the U.S. Department of Education, and other stakeholders to encourage relevant policy updates, education, and the removal of barriers that discourage or prevent nurses from learning and/or performing hemorrhage control techniques, including the use of tourniquets and topical hemostatic agents.
GA19-06 Resolution
TITLE: Forensic Nursing Education for Emergency Department Professionals

Resolved, The Emergency Nurses Association will explore potential partnerships with stakeholders to promote competent, evidence based forensic nursing practice for emergency department professionals; and

Resolved, The Emergency Nurses Association in collaboration with other stakeholders will collaborate to research the feasibility of establishing a Forensic Nursing educational resource for emergency department professionals.

GA19-07 Resolution
TITLE: Global Health Initiative for Emergency Nursing

Resolved, That ENA support the elements of the World Health Organization's 2019 report outlining the top 10 threats to global health;

Resolved, That ENA address global health challenges with additional evidenced-based clinical resources and or educational opportunities for dissemination to the worldwide emergency nursing community; and

Resolved, That ENA continues to participate in collaborative efforts to improve public health and safety and humanitarian outreach to mitigate the impact of global health threats.

GA19-09 Resolution
TITLE: Management of Vaso-Occlusive Episodes in Persons with Sickle Cell Disease in the Emergency Department

Resolved, ENA support the dissemination of the NHLBI recommendations for the treatment of VOE for children and adults with SCD;

Resolved, ENA support the dissemination of existing educational resources and tools to promote best practice for the treatment of VOE; and

Resolved, ENA investigate the need for additional educational tools to support best practice for the treatment of VOE in the ED.
GA19-10 Resolution
TITLE: Development of an Emergency Nurse Residency Program

Resolved, that the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) develop an Emergency Nurse Residency Program toolkit to assist emergency departments (EDs) in on-boarding nurses new to the practice of Emergency Nursing.

GA19-11 Resolution
Title: Leadership Resources for Engaging and Retaining Multigenerational Nurses

Resolved, that the Emergency Nurses Association provide a toolkit to help nursing leaders and leaders of ENA better engage and retain the multigenerational workforce.

GA19-12 Resolution
TITLE: Recommendation for Emergency Nursing Staffing and Budgeting

Resolved, that the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) will develop a research-based study to determine the accuracy of staffing models such as HPPV model as compared to actual nursing care needs and impact of patient safety outcome; and

Resolved, that based on the findings of the study the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) will develop and/or revise the position statement on staffing and productivity and/or a clinical practice guideline to disseminate the findings of this study.

GA19-13 Resolution
TITLE: Increase the Expansion of Trauma Systems Specifically to Rural and Underserved Areas

Resolved, That ENA identify and collaborate with stakeholders in the field of trauma to increase the expansion of trauma systems, specifically to rural and underserved areas; and

Resolved, That ENA and stakeholders compile and disseminate resources and education involving EMS and nurses in the improvement of trauma care in the rural setting.