September 8, 2020: Morning Session
The morning session of the 2020 General Assembly annual business meeting of members of the Emergency Nurses Association was called to order at 8:00 am Central time on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, by President Mike Hastings, MSN, RN, CEN. The Credentials Report was adopted as presented by Immediate Past President Patricia Kunz Howard, PhD, RN, CEN, CPEN, TCRN, NE-BC, FAEN, FAAN.

President Mike Hastings recognized his family for the support they provided to him during his presidency this past year and provided the delegation with the state of the association.

The proposed 2020 General Assembly Standing Rules of Procedure and Business Agenda were included in the 2020 General Assembly Handbook. Both documents were adopted as presented.

Resolutions Committee Chairperson Adam Johnston, BAN, RN, CEN 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 Proposal
- GA20-01: Proposal to Amend the ENA Bylaws

Resolution Proposals
- GA20-02: Hemorrhage Control Education in Schools
- GA20-03: Request for Emergency Nurses Association Organization to Facilitate Collaboration with the Occupational Therapist Organization(s)
- GA20-04: Patient Screening in the Emergency Department
- GA20-05: Recognition of Emergency Clinical Assistant/Technician
- GA20-06: Preparing Nurses for Care in the Prehospital Emergency (EMS) Setting
- GA20-07: Increasing Community Engagement Through Collaboration and Recognition
- GA20-08: Advocating for Standardized Safety and Well Being of ER Nurses

The meeting recessed at 11:30 am Central time.

September 8, 2020: Afternoon Session
The afternoon session of the 2020 General Assembly meeting of the Emergency Nurses Association began at 2:30 pm Central time on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, by Mike Hastings, MSN, RN, CEN. The Credentials Report was adopted as presented by Immediate Past President Patricia Kunz Howard, PhD, RN, CEN, CPEN, TCRN, NE-BC, FAEN, FAAN.

Resolutions Committee Chairperson Adam Johnston, BAN, RN, CEN provided the delegates with an overview of the committee’s report and ENA President Mike Hastings led the debate and vote on all proposals.

The following proposals were adopted as presented:
- GA20-04: Patient Screening in the Emergency Department

The following proposals were adopted as amended:
- GA20-02: Hemorrhage Control Education in Schools
- GA20-08: Advocating for Standardized Safety and Well Being of ER Nurses

The following proposals were not adopted:
- GA20-01: Proposal to Amend the ENA Bylaws
- GA20-03: Request for Emergency Nurses Association Organization to Facilitate Collaboration with the Occupational Therapist Organization(s)
- GA20-05: Recognition of Emergency Clinical Assistant/Technician
- GA20-06: Preparing Nurses for Care in the Prehospital Emergency (EMS) Setting
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- GA20-07: Increasing Community Engagement Through Collaboration and Recognition

The General Assembly meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm Central time.

Please find a final copy of each proposal in their adopted form below.
GA20-02 Resolution

TITLE: Hemorrhage Control Education in Schools

Resolved, That the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) issue a position statement or topic brief in support of inclusion of hemorrhage control education in schools; and

Resolved, That ENA partner with the American College of Surgeons, the Society of Trauma Nurses and other stakeholders to advocate for and support legislation to include hemorrhage control education in schools.

GA20-04 Resolution

TITLE: Patient Screening in the Emergency Department

Resolved, That ENA promote a thoughtful, evidence-based process for decisions about which screening activities are appropriate during triage or during emergency department care;

Resolved, That ENA opine that screening for information which does not impact the assignment of a triage acuity level should not be mandated as a part of the triage process;

Resolved, That ENA opine that screening for information which does not impact care for the presenting complaint be considered optional, not mandatory;

Resolved, That ENA encourage the use of screening tools with demonstrated reliability and validity in the emergency department setting;

Resolved, That ENA endeavor to collaborate with stakeholder organizations (e.g., The Joint Commission [TJC], Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS]) regarding evidence-based screening in triage and in the emergency department; and

Resolved, That ENA create a resource for emergency nurses and emergency department and hospital leaders to use to support evidence-based decisions about which screening tools and processes are required in triage or in the emergency department.

GA20-08 Resolution

TITLE: Advocating for Standardized Safety and Well Being of ER Nurses

Resolved, That ENA conduct, compile, and disseminate research on the effects of disasters, epidemics, and pandemics on the mental, physical, and socioeconomic health of emergency nurses, and work with other stakeholders to identify needs of this group.