

## 2024 General Assembly Minutes

### September 3, 2024

The first session of the 2024 General Assembly and annual business meeting of the members of the Emergency Nurses Association was held in Las Vegas, Nevada and was called to order at 7:45 a.m. Pacific time on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, by ENA President Chris Dellinger.

The Credentials Report was moved by ENA Immediate Past President Terry Foster and adopted.

President Chris Dellinger recognized Lacey Green for her rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner and June Souder for her words of reflection and encouragement prior to the start of General Assembly.

Secretary/Treasurer, Dustin Bass provided a report of the association's financial results to the delegation.

The 2024 General Assembly Standing Rules of Procedure was moved and adopted.

The Business Agenda included in the 2024 General Assembly Handbook was moved and adopted.

Resolutions Committee Chairperson Cody Staub led the open reference hearings, which invited delegates, ENA past presidents and other ENA members to speak to all proposals.

Discussion was held regarding the following submitted proposals:

#### ***Resolution Proposals***

- GA24-01: Classification of International Membership Nursing Titles Based on Education, Competency, and Scope of Practice
- GA24-02: Review, Revise and Rename the State Achievement Award
- GA24-03: Triage Documentation
- GA24-04: Expanding Open Access to Emergency Nurses Association Practice Resources for Major Emergencies and Disasters
- GA24-05: Evidenced-Based Screening for Child Maltreatment in the Emergency Department
- GA24-06: Support for Case Management or Social Worker in the Emergency Department
- GA24-07: Pregnancy Capable Health Resources for Emergency Department Nurses
- GA24-08: Improving Patient Safety in the Emergency Department Waiting Room
- GA24-09: Finding Consensus on Education and Needs in Emergency Care for Behavioral Health Patients

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. Pacific time.

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### September 4, 2024

The second session of the 2024 General Assembly was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Pacific time on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, by ENA President Chris Dellinger.

The Credentials Report was moved by ENA Immediate Past President Terry Foster and adopted.

Resolutions Committee Chairperson Cody Staub provided the delegates with an overview of the committee's report and recommended amendments to the proposals before the General Assembly. ENA President Chris Dellinger presided over the debate and voting on all proposals.

The following proposals were adopted by the General Assembly by unanimous consent:

- GA24-01: Classification of International Membership Nursing Titles Based on Education, Competency, and Scope of Practice
- GA24-07: Pregnancy Capable Health Resources for Emergency Department Nurses

The following proposals were adopted by the General Assembly as presented:

- GA24-04: Expanding Open Access to Emergency Nurses Association Practice Resources for Major Emergencies and Disasters

*Note: In follow up to the discussion held during General Assembly, many of ENA's practice resources are free but they require sign in to download them. This sign in access requires either an ENA member account or a free account. Some of ENA's practice resources do have a cost associated (Toolkits, Clinical Practice Guidelines, etc.) and still require sign in to pay and then download. This access requires either an ENA member account or a free account.*

The following proposals were adopted by the General Assembly with amendments:

- GA24-02: Review, Revise and Rename the State Achievement Award
- GA24-03: Triage Documentation
- GA24-05: Evidenced-Based Screening for Child Maltreatment in the Emergency Department
- GA24-06: Support for Case Management or Social Worker in the Emergency Department
- GA24-08: Improving Patient Safety in the Emergency Department Waiting Room
- GA24-09: Finding Consensus on Education and Needs in Emergency Care for Behavioral Health Patients

The General Assembly meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. Pacific time.

Set forth below is a copy of each proposal as adopted by the General Assembly.

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### **GA24-01: Classification of International Membership Nursing Titles Based on Education, Competency, and Scope of Practice**

*Resolved*, that ENA explores the definition of equivalency and will collaborate with stakeholders to identify equivalent titles to “registered nurse (RN)” based on education, competency, and scope of practice;

*Resolved*, that ENA will consider the review of future ENA materials to adjust the language of RN to include the nurse with equivalent education, competency, and scope of practice consistent with international guidelines; and

*Resolved*, that ENA consider use of the ICN consensus framework titled “Scope of Nursing Practice and Decision-Making Framework Toolkit” as a guide for writing bylaws, policies, position statements and educational materials, textbooks, and associated verification-granting courses such as TNCC and ENPC to ensure inclusivity for all ENA members.

### **GA24-02: Review, Revise, and Rename the State Achievement Award**

*Resolved*, that ENA explore the current State Achievement Award (SAA) criteria and processes to enable councils to highlight their efforts to advance to the mission and vision of ENA;

*Resolved*, that ENA communicates with council leaders when SAA criteria is published; and

*Resolved*, that ENA consider changing the name of the SAA to reflect current council structure.

### **GA24-03: Triage Documentation**

*Resolved*, that ENA continue to develop a standard set of ED triage assessment and documentation components that are essential to determining triage acuity across known evidence-based triage acuity systems with a subsequent update to all related ENA materials; and

*Resolved*, that ENA collaborate with major international electronic health record (EHR) invested parties to adopt the standard set of ED triage documentation components, placing screening tools and questions non-essential to triage acuity determination away from the ED triage documentation section of the EHR.

### **GA24-04: Expanding Open Access to Emergency Nurses Association Practice Resources for Major Emergencies and Disasters**

*Resolved*, that ENA in its regular process of determining which practice resources from its repository are openly accessible to the broader emergency nursing community, considers expanding access to include resources for major emergencies and disaster preparedness.

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### **GA24-05: Evidence-Based Screening for Child Maltreatment in the Emergency Department**

*Resolved*, to explore available evidence-based screening tools for child maltreatment (CM), for use as a best practice in the emergency department setting; and

*Resolved*, to develop evidence-based education resources to screen for CM.

### **GA24-06: Support for Case Management or Social Worker in the Emergency Department**

*Resolved*, that ENA collaborate with other professional organizations to develop recommendations for the implementation of ED based case management positions and explore the development of a position statement in support of their use.

### **GA24-07: Pregnancy Capable Health Resources for Emergency Department Nurses**

*Resolved*, that ENA continue to make resources available that address the knowledge gap regarding perinatal patients specifically in the ED setting;

*Resolved*, that ENA collaborate with appropriate experts to develop or make available resources concerned with caring for all trimesters of pregnancy and postpartum complications for patients in the ED; and

*Resolved*, that ENA collaborate with relevant groups to develop and disseminate education for ED nurses, emphasizing the care of the perinatal patients to help mitigate the harm of inequity caused by closure of L&D units.

### **GA24-08: Improving Patient Safety in the Emergency Department Waiting Room**

*Resolved*, that ENA support research into the care provided for patients awaiting a treatment space in the ED, which will serve as a foundation for developing and advocating for evidence-based informed guidance; and

*Resolved*, that ENA develop a resource to guide staff on developing a reassessment strategy when emergency care is being provided in the waiting area.

### **GA24-09: Finding Consensus on Education and Needs in Emergency Care for Behavioral Health Patients**

*Resolved*, ENA should initiate and conduct evidence-based research to determine the critical elements that should be included in an emergency department-focused behavioral health course curriculum;

*Resolved*, ENA consider collaborating with other interested parties, industry partners or professional organizations to develop an emergency department-focused behavioral health course curriculum that aligns with industry best practices; and

*Resolved*, ENA should update and collate its relevant educational materials and resources to address behavioral health care.