

# Northern L'attitudes of the Alaska ENA

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## President's Message by Lois Johnson

The Alaska ENA has made some strides forward this past year. We have a website of our very own, even though it is still in progress. Our plan is to make AK ENA information more accessible to the members. The website lists the current officers, the newsletters, upcoming classes and conferences, and has a link to the National ENA website. The site address is [alaskaena.org](http://alaskaena.org). We had 8 members apply to be a delegate to the national conference in Nashville this year. Several of them were new applicants, which, I think indicates an increased interest in ENA happenings. We also received a few more ballots than usual for the election of the 2006 officers. I think this is pretty exciting. Our total membership numbers stay about the same but I see new names on the list every time it comes out. To these new members I say check out our website and feel free to contact any of the state officers with questions or concerns. All of us are open to new ideas. We are always looking for members who are interested in being on the board or just helping with fundraising or whatever.

We set up an education fund and an application process to access these monies for TNCC, ENPC, or other educational offerings. We were able to help one community with a TNCC class this year. As my first year as president comes to a close, I want to thank all of the ENA members of Alaska for your support and encourage you to participate in our activities. I welcome your ideas about how to make our council better and look forward to next year.

## 2006 NEW OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS Congratulations

### President-elect:

Shelly Deering - Juneau

### Secretary:

Ellie Edmondson - Soldotna

### Board member:

Karen Lenihan - Juneau

### Board member:

Millie Tuccillio - Petersburg

## **LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION**

As the President-Elect I was fortunate to be able to attend the new Leader Orientation that National funded. What an incredible experience. Not only was I given the tools to be successful, but I was also given more insight into the ENA National Organization. I came away with appreciation and respect for the great job that the board members and people working at the national office do. The 3 clinical priorities for 2006 are patient crowding, patient safety and the nursing shortage. National has position statements and will support states (ie with legislative action assistance) to address these issues.

The experience was very inspiring, and I look forward to working with Lois, the officers, and board members in 2006.

## **SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY**

Scientific Assembly had over 2500 attendees and ENA celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> year with over 28,173 members as of September 2005.

The Alaska Basket for the Foundation raffle-sold for \$200 with the entire raffle netting \$15,000. Over \$2000.00 was collected for ENA members affected by Hurricane Katrina. Hospitals received medical supplies and a fund was set up to distribute money to individual nurses. The overwhelming gratitude showed in all the faces encountered.

A big thank you to Debbie, Karen, Lois, & Millie for being our Alaska representatives and manning the booth.

## **NOMINATIONS**

National is calling for nominees for the 2006 National ENA Awards. Do you know a colleague who has excelled in demonstrating excellence, a nurse manger who is exceptional in their job, or a colleague who has promoted the ENA injury prevention program? What a great way to honor them!

[www.ena.org/about/awards](http://www.ena.org/about/awards)

### **National Board Liaison**

Jim Richmann will be our 2006 board liaison. Current plans are to have him speak at the Voices In Unity Alaska Statewide Nurses Conference in March. There will also be an ENA state board meeting at this time to introduce him to the Alaska members.

## **INJURY PREVENTION**

National is making it easier for us to receive the injury prevention provider course by offering it on line next year. This will give us the opportunity to promote more injury prevention in our state. The new alcohol prevention program "Choices for Living" was given high reviews by nurses who have been presenting it. Please check it out and the other injury prevention programs at the national site.

## **THANK YOU**

To our outgoing board member Debbie Whitethorn!

Thank you Airlift Northwest for donating teleconferencing capability!

## **FUNDRAISING**

The Alaska ENA is looking for fundraising ideas. If you have some great ideas or you know of someone who would be willing to donate an item for raffle please contact Lois. Each dollar that we earn goes towards supporting the Alaska ENA.

## **VOICES IN UNITY CONFERENCE**

The conference is March 30, 31 & -April 1, 2006. You can officially register on-line now. Go to [www.anknurse.org](http://www.anknurse.org) and click the Alaska Statewide Nurses Conference 2006 button.

## **AK ENA WEBSITE**

Check out the website for upcoming TNCC & ENPC classes [www.AlaskaENA.org](http://www.AlaskaENA.org).

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Why re-invent the wheel? As an ENA member you can check out the nurse practice part of the national website. There is a document sharing, position statement, collaborative. Take the time to look at the wealth of information on the national website at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org)

## **CONDOLENCES**

On September 19<sup>th</sup> Flight Nurses Erin Reed, Lois Suzuki and pilot Steve Smith lost their lives returning to base after a mission in Puget Sound. Our condolences to the families and Airlift Northwest. The board has made a donation to Airlift's education fund in their memory.

## **BOARD MEETING**

January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
Board members will call in by the following: Call (866) 525-0016  
When prompted the room monitor number is \*6262942\*. You must put the star before and after. You will be put on hold until the moderator (Lois) opens the line.