

Title: Committee: Nursing Practice	Number:
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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Nursing Practice Committee is to review and respond, on an ongoing basis, opportunities to impact the professional practice of emergency nurses within the state of Texas and by assisting Texas Emergency Nurses Association in attaining organizational objectives.

II. BACKGROUND/DEFINITIONS:

1. Membership: Current active ENA member

2. Qualifications of Chairperson/Vice-Chair:

- a. Have attended at least two (2) Texas State Council General Assembly meetings in the previous year.
- b. Demonstrated excellence in nursing professional practice.

Terms of Office: 3 years. All terms of office will be defined as a calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

- a. Year 1 – Vice-Chair
- b. Year 2 – Chair
- c. Year 3 – Chair with Vice-Chair

3. Composition: The Nursing Practice Committee shall consist of the following who shall be appointed by the Texas State Council President and approved by the Texas State Council Board of Directors (BOD)

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair
- c. Committee members
- d. State Council BOD Liaison

4. Vacancies

- a. Chair – Filled by the current Vice-Chair
- b. Vice-Chair – Appointed by the Texas State Council President and approved by the Texas State Council BOD.

III. PROTOCOL/PROCEDURE:

The Nursing Practice Committee will:

1. The committee shall assist the professional education committee and/or other appropriate Texas ENA committees, Ad Hoc committees, or taskforces to promote chapter-level educational events.
2. Monitor and address issues affecting professional nursing practice on a state and local level; encompassing issues related to all areas of emergency nursing practice and emergency nursing standards.
3. Serve as a resource to other interested individuals and groups regarding issues related to professional emergency nursing practice.
4. Work in partnership with various professional liaisons and organizations (e.g. Board of Nursing, state professional nursing organizations, emergency physicians' professional organizations, emergency medical services) to support issues pertaining to professional nursing practice through appropriate means such as potential development, support, dissemination, and/or implementation of position statements and/or resolutions.

The Nursing Practice **Chair** has the following responsibilities:

1. Develop and distribute meeting agendas and reports from committee meetings.
2. Conduct and chair Committee meetings quarterly and as needed to complete identified tasks.
3. Deliver a quarterly written and oral report on behalf of the committee at State General Assembly meetings. Written reports must be entered into Google Drive or other state specified means.
4. Develop and submit for approval an annual committee budget.
5. Serve as mentor to Vice-Chair.

The Nursing Practice **Vice Chair** has the following responsibilities:

1. Assist the Chair as requested with the above duties.
2. After serving as Vice-Chair, be willing to seek appointment as Chair the following year at the discretion of the Texas State Council BOD.

The Committee **Members** has the following responsibility:

1. Assist the chairperson in meeting the committee's purpose and charges.
2. Contribute meaningful dialogue regarding the current state of emergency nursing practice.
3. Providing input and direction to the Nursing Practice Committee and chairperson regarding topics of interest before the Committee.

References: