

# Texas Emergency Nurses Association

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From the President:

“If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got”

*Henry Ford*

As we reflect on the past year, 2022 was a year of trying new things and one of transition from almost exclusive virtual meetings to a blend of hybrid. We also tried new ways of holding committee meetings. While we were fortunate to hold all four quarterly State Council meetings in person, we continued with the virtual option as well. While these endeavors were quite successful, we also identified ways to improve to be more effective.

Not only did the state meet the difficulties of finding new ways; many of the chapters were faced with declining participation, balance of work and family life, and lack of enthusiasm for organizational activities. I am excited to announce that all the chapters are currently in compliance with National requirements. Most have re-organized and will be stronger and better than ever in 2023 and beyond

Despite the challenges, Texas ENA never failed to “Give Back” in so many ways! The generosity of the chapters and individuals is heart-warming and I am so excited to see these activities continuing into the next year.

It is with utmost gratitude that I thank our Alliance Members – City Ambulance and Post University. These and our other sponsors make it possible for us to have successful and fun State Council meetings in various locations across our State.

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## Save the Date 2023-

### January 12

Q1 TX ENA meeting January 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in El Paso

### April 14

Q2 TX ENA Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in South Padre

### July 14

Q3 TX ENA Meeting July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in South Austin

### October 13

Q4 TX ENA meeting October 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in Abilene

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## Welcome your 2023 Board of Directors-

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Thank you to the 2022 Texas ENA Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and all the committee members for your support, time, and dedication to Texas ENA. You are the backbone of our organization and never doubt that you are appreciated. Thank you to Kris Powell, our parliamentarian who never failed to give us sound advice. Thank you to all our family members who tolerated our absences and travel, hours on zoom meetings, and all the behind the scenes work that is done to make Texas ENA great! And thank you to all the ENA members who may not be actively participating at this time. We hope you will consider getting involved in the future. Texas ENA is here and supporting you in so many ways.

"It's time to say goodbye, but I think goodbyes are sad and I'd rather say hello.

Hello to a new adventure".  
*Ernie Harwell*

Congratulations to the 2023 Texas ENA Board of Directors!  
It is with utmost confidence that I know you will carry our organization to new heights!

With all my thanks and gratitude,

Yvonne Moseley MSN, RN, CEN

2022 Texas ENA President

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## **Scholarship-**

Whew! What a ride the past three years have been. I would like to start out by thanking the presidents and the boards that have believed in the scholarship committee. Dan DiDonato, Crissie Richardson and Yvonne Moseley. Thank you so much!

This highly skilled, technical, detailed, time consuming UNPAID job has been one of the most rewarding passions of my career. And that is because I love giving away someone else's money! Just a short perspective on how far this amazing committee has come...

In 2020, Texas ENA awarded \$21,000 in scholarships to 12 recipients. In 2022, Texas ENA awarded \$74,000 to 16 recipients! And that amount does not include EN22 and other symposium scholarships.

### **Way to give back Texas ENA and Texas ENA Board of Directors!**

Now the 2022 recipients are as follows. All have received a Texas ENA scholarship, some a memorial scholarship as well.

- Rebecca Johnson-Ingrid Steinbach Memorial Scholarship
- Jesus Ortiz-Sarah Jannell Memorial Scholarship sponsored by City Ambulance
- Jessica Lucio-Joni Daniel's Memorial Scholarship
- Hannah Longoria-Ross Peterson Memorial Scholarship
- Paige Owens-Delta sigma Theta Scholarship

Heather Armstrong, Lara Klepas, Cadi Sharp, Lisa King, Tim Moehlman, Kristen Christian, Cassie Campbell, Seliena Corrington, RosaLinda Silvestro, Amy Tucker, Laurie DeLeon Escobedo

I will close with a very special thank you to 2 ladies that were my backbone this whole year. They kept me focused and worked many, many hours behind the scenes setting up for next year. They have forever changed the Scholarship Committee and brought it into the technical age.

Thank you Vicki Patrick and Sally Snow. 2023 is all yours.

### **EN22 Scholarships**

Mary Leblond

The educational classes and networking with other emergency nurses exceeded my professional goals. The mock trial although humorous provided an effective method of the good vs bad examples of court testimony. As a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), this class reinforced and refreshed methodology for court behavior which will affect my practice and ultimately patient outcomes.

The evidence based educational programs attended enhance my stretcher-side care of patients as well as in the instructions of other nurses. Updates will be added to forensics, TNCC and ENPC classes to include the new practices learned and other "pearls of wisdom." Additional goals would be sharing the information during staff meetings and in the unit newsletters.

Krystal Garza

My goals for this year was to be present, meet new people, support EN22 Speakers and Honorees from TxENA and I did that. Some of the sessions I wanted to attend, I could not due to capacity and they were not streamed. I DEFINATELY still learned a lot though. I

learned about my fellow peers, the different functions/events across the states, and I was also to join education from other states. I was also able to share multiple education opportunities to fellow ENA members via our social media. We fundraised; I was able to "recharge" even though it was only for a couple days, and we shared innovative ideas to grow our membership. I also was able to meet and share ideas with multiple National ENA Board members!!! Also shared collaborative ideas for our members with National ENA staff. I learned many things, but one that stands out is the statistics regarding human trafficking. That session was very informative. I will practice my nursing judgement and compassion with keen eyes and skills. Complacency will not be allowed in my practice.

Valerie Brumfield

Network and recharge for 2023. General Assembly 2022 was held two days before the National EN22 conference. There were 750 delegates registered. For two days, we listened intently to the recommended bylaw changes and all 7 resolutions. The two days proved riveting as usual. Almost every resolution was passed, most notably the resolution asking ENA to incorporate just culture language in future education material. Also, to partner with like organizations to disseminate research initiatives identifying patient safety and employee performance outcomes that may need to change to strengthen facilities just culture initiatives. Regarding TNCC, did you know that July 2023 will be the last month to teach TNCC 8th Edition? The new 9th Edition of TNCC is coming out in May 2023. Regarding EN22, there were so many topics to choose from and the speakers were excellent. The one presentation that stands out for me was the one about Monkeypox virus. It is transmitted via broken skin, respiratory droplets, mucous membranes, bedding, and clothing in contact with the rash. Shaking linen aerosolizes the virus. Incubation is 6 to 13 days on average but there are reported cases 21 days out from exposure. The rash starts on the face and spreads to the limbs and torso. The lesions should be covered. The patient is infectious until the rash has scabbed over. All the lesions progress at the same pace and scab over at the same time. The differential diagnoses are Chickenpox, Smallpox, Herpes, Syphilis, Shingles, Cellulitis and Carcinoma. The treatment for Monkeypox is Tecovirimat and Brincidofovir. Once the infection is identified, it is important to isolate and use full PPE. Public Health officials in addition to hospital administration must be notified immediately.

William Barbre

The best thing I learned at conference was to clamp the ET tube before changing from a vent to bag for transport to maintain PEEP in the lung tissue. I will be sharing what I learned at conference with other nurses at home and abroad as go to new facilities during my travel nursing assignments.

I enjoy the networking with other nurses from around the country and the great state of Texas. It great learning about other facilities challenges and how they are approaching

them. Even if you have a solution to learn or share, it's nice to know that other people share some of the same challenges that you do. I also wanted to learn about the new DEI initiatives and implementation.

Santana Olvera

I WAS ABSOLUTELY BLOWN AWAY WITH THE CADAVER LAB AND ULTRASOUND COURSE WITH TELEFLEX. I LEARNED SO MUCH AND PLAN TO GO FORWARD IN MY PRACTICE USING THOSE SKILLS. I TOOK MANY THINGS AWAY FROM THE EDUCATION LECTURE TO ENAGE MEMEBRS IN MY LOCAL CHAPTER BUT ALSO IN MY ORGANIZATION. THE CARE OF TRANSGENDER PATIENTS IN THE ER LECTURE REALLY HELPED ALOT WITH APPROACHES TO CARE AND CREATION OF A SAFE SPACE FOR PATIENTS WITHIN MY PRACTICE AS AN RN. THE UPDATE TO NATIONAL SEPSIS TREATMENT WAS INFORMATIVE FOR CURRENT PRACTICE.

Hannah Longoria

By going to EN22, I gained new knowledge as well as inspiration for the future. I attended several triage sessions such as Triage and Tequila; "What's Under That Blanket" Tips, Tricks, and Pearls of Pediatric Triage; and Ah Ha Ha Ha Staying Alive: Triage Education That Makes a Difference in Our New World. These sessions all gave great tips, tricks and updates to triage. I especially found the discussion of common ESI acuity errors very helpful. Significant tachycardia, pregnancy related complaints, and altered mental status were discussed in detail with examples of how we mis triage these patients and how to correct that practice. There were also good recommendations related to live ESI chart auditing for quality. In my role as ED Educator, I teach and ESI triage class for our nurses. I will be updating my presentation to include things that I learned. I also plan to begin live chart audits for ESI accuracy and real time educational opportunities. From EN22, I also gained some tips about using simulation in the ED for training. We recently got a sim man at our facility and I have been wanting more information on using this for ED training. I also gained inspiration for the future including tools on managing burnout during the "Emotional Intelligence and Compassion Fatigue in Emergency Nurses session.

Lynn Kelley

MY PROFESSIONAL GOAL FOR ATTENDING EN 22 WAS TO BE ABLE TO UPDATE MY KNOWLEDGE ON CURRENT TRENDS IN EMERGENCY NURSING. BEING RETIRED PREVENTS ME FROM HAVING FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE EMERGENCY CARE SETTING. THIS ALLOWS ME TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF TEXAS ENA.

MY EDUCATIONAL GOALS FOR ATTENDANCE AT EN 22 WERE TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE IN EMERGENCY NURSING SO I CAN STAY CURRENT IN EMERGENCY NURSING PRACTICE. IT IS ALSO HELPFUL FOR MY REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MY LICENSURE AS WELL AS MY CERTIFICATION AS AN EMERGENCY NURSE.

Diane Walcutt

EN22 was not the first time that I have attended an ENA Conference. With that being said, it seems that every year I attend it becomes more and more meaningful and fun to me. It is great to be able to connect with old friends and make new friends. What I believe is the most beneficial to me is learning all of the latest research, techniques and technology that is currently available. I do not work in a clinical setting any longer but continue to teach ENA courses and I feel that the more information I'm able to be exposed to, I can then pass on to the students. New evidence-based information is vital and only enhances practice at the bedside. The other advantage of attending this conference is being able to continue to listen to all of the lectures that were given on demand. This affords me the opportunity to continue to grow my knowledge and gain CEs to maintain my certification.

Melanie Willoughby

I have already taken action on meeting with the CNO to discuss implementation plans on topics that were of interest to me. One of my favorite lectures was on how bias healthcare is towards transgender patients.

This was my first in person experience at emergency nursing conference and it was an amazing opportunity to learn so much. I was only frustrated that I could not attend all the lectures and had to decide which ones I wanted to go to.

Seliena Corrington

### **The Health Care Workers' Role in the Opioid Crisis**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention experts report that drug overdoses continue to be the leading cause of death in the United States, with a surge of injuries during the COVID-19 pandemic. <sup>1</sup> The Drug Enforcement Agency reported that 67% of drug overdose deaths in 2021, involved synthetic opioids like fentanyl.<sup>2</sup>

Patients do not necessarily die during their first drug overdose, meaning we are likely to care for patients battling addiction or receiving care due to their overdose. Do you know which patients abuse opioids? You may think that if a drug screen were done on your overdosed patient, you would likely know what substance the patient took, but without further investigating, we may fail to recognize Fentanyl poisoning.

Routine toxicology screenings do not include Fentanyl testing! Many physicians and nurses are unaware of this and thus may miss this common overdose. Speak up and advocate for additional testing when you suspect more than the test shows!

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Understanding Drug Overdoses and Deaths. 2022. <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/epidemic/index.html>
2. United States Drug Enforcement Administration: Fentanyl Awareness. 2022. <https://www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness>

#### Delegate Selection:

We just had a very successful General Assembly in Denver Colorado on September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2022. We began preparing to send our delegates for Texas ENA at the beginning of this year. We looked at our Delegate Selection application and updated it as needed. Then began in April making people aware that the application was available to fill out. We then sent them electronically to all Chapter Presidents and placed them on the Texas ENA website. We then gave everyone time to fill them out, but they had to be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup> to the local chapter presidents for local activity approval. If you had no local chapter activity, you may just send them to the chair of the Texas ENA Delegate Selection Committee. Whether it is being submitted by the individual filling the application out or by the local chapter Presidents, it must be sent by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Once they get to the Delegate Selection Committee Chair, they are reviewed and verified, and the list of Delegates and one Alternate Delegate is formed. We choose the delegates on a point system, from highest to lowest. I know I've heard a lot of people say "Oh, I don't have enough points to qualify", which isn't necessarily true. You never know whether you will qualify or not if you don't fill out the application and send it. We have had years that we've had people have qualified with as little as 4 points. In 2023, we should make it easier and more accessible than ever. It will be done electronically from the application to notification. We hope to make the application available by sending a link to all our Texas ENA members. One might ask who can submit a delegate application. There are only 2 requirements: 1. You must be an RN in good standing and 2. You must be a current member of Texas ENA, which also means you are a current member of National ENA and your local chapter.

I would highly recommend to the members, if you would like to participate in the development and improvement of your profession as an emergency department nurse, the General Assembly is where this takes place. One might ask, what is the General Assembly. General Assembly is the business portion of ENA National Convention each year. Most position statements, legal requirements and regulatory requirements begin here. They are developed by members bringing ideas to the General Assembly through resolutions that are debated and voted on during the assembly. Bylaws of the

organization are also modified or developed in the same manner. YOU make the difference.

The National ENA convention will be held in San Diego, CA in 2023 and in Las Vegas, NV in 2024. Texas ENA does fund all the selected Delegates to attend General Assembly, so PLEASE plan on applying in 2023.

See you in San Diego

Pat Yancey, RN, CEN

Chair

Texas ENA

Delegate Selection Chair

### **Awards and Honors- By Valerie Brumfield**

What a great year. Through the efforts of the Awards and Honors committee, Texas had seven National Award winners and two inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing. They received their awards during EN222 at various ceremonies throughout the conference week and had their names displayed at the 2022 National ENA Hall of Honor in Denver, Colorado.

The 2022 National ENA winners from Texas are:

Lee Walker - National Behind the Scenes Award

Barbara Baldwin – Judith C Kelleher Award

Michael Moon – Lifetime Achievement Award

Debra Rodriguez - National Nurse Manager Award

Aaron Salinas – National Nursing Practice and Professionalism Award

Krista Easley- National Pediatric Readiness Improvement Award

Jeff Maler – National Rising Star Award

The Fellows of the Academy of Emergency Nursing inducted are

Michael Buffalo (Posthumous)

Kevin McFarlane

The Journal of Emergency Nursing Authors of the Year Award went to Dr Amber Adams and Melissa Thompson, both from Texas.

At the 2022 Texas Awards and Honors Gala held in San Antonio on Oct 14, 2022, the Awards and Honors Committee awarded eight Texas State Award. What a fantastic way to celebrate the accomplishments of the following people:

Gwen Medley received the Texas Behind the Scenes Award

Jennifer Noble received the Texas Competency in Aging Award

Cook Children's Trauma Nurse Leader Team received the Texas Team Award

Dr Seliena Corrington received the Texas Nursing Education Award

Hannah Longoria received the Texas Nurse Manager Award

Leslie Hinson received the Texas Nursing Practice and Professionalism Award

Laura Pressler received the Texas Quality and Safety and Injury Prevention Award

Jody Martin received the Texas Rising Star Award

All Texas ENA committee were challenged to give back to the members of Texas ENA. The Awards and Honors committee decided to design a challenge coin to be distributed to our members for the second year in a row. We have distributed those challenge coins to one or two officers of each chapter. If you ordered a coin your chapter officers have them. Everyone should receive their coins by Dec, so reach out to me if you have not received your challenge coin or want one and have not been able to contact your chapter officers. I can be reached at [Awards@txena.org](mailto:Awards@txena.org)

## Professional Education-

Texas ENA's First Hybrid Conference, 'In the Heat of Texas,' is a Huge Success!

Christine Russe MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, TCRN, FAEN

Texas ENA Professional Education Committee Chair

On July 15, 2022 Texas ENA proudly provided insightful education and continuing education hours to emergency nurses and healthcare providers on summer heat related emergencies in Texas. The conference addressed summer heat related emergencies, pediatric drownings, snake bites and concluded with a 'call for action' on injury prevention public health endeavors. 'In the Heat of Texas' summer conference was Texas ENA's first hybrid conference with over thirty virtual participants attending.

The Texas ENA Professional Education Committee partnered with the Texas ENA Quality, Safety Injury Prevention (QSIP) Committee to bring a robust educational event which preceded the Texas ENA third state quarter meeting in Temple, Texas. The conference was extremely well received and found to be exceptionally informative. Plans are underway for a 2023 Texas ENA Pediatric Emergency Mental Health Conference on April 14, 2023 in South Padre Island, so save the date.

A special thank you to our expert conference speakers.

- Garrett Andrade BSN, RN, CEN - *None like it Hot: Hyperthermic Emergencies Across the Lifespan*
- Moira Foley MSN, RN, CEN, SANE-A - *Pediatric Drownings*
- Spencer Greene MD, MS, FACEP, FACMT, FAACT, FAAEM - *Myths and Misconceptions in the Management of Snakebites*
- Kristine Powell MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, CEN, NEA-BC, FAEN - *What do nurses need to know to affect change in Public Health*



Pictured: Texas ENA 'In the Heat of Texas' Conference in person participants

## Tarrant County-

Tarrant County ENA chapter 199 had a successful year in 2022. We began the new year by increasing in-person meetings due to relaxing of Covid restrictions. We have meetings on the first Tuesday of even months at 7pm. at various locations. We will have our Dec 6 meeting at a local restaurant sponsored by City Ambulance. Check out our website: [tcena.org](http://tcena.org) or Facebook page for time and location. Plan to bring an unwrapped gift for our annual drive for "Toys for Tots". This year we ask that you consider a gift for a teenager (often a forgotten group for gift drives). The chapter would like to thank City Ambulance for sponsoring several chapter activities like dinners at chapter meetings and several lunches during TNCC and ENPC classes.

TNCC and ENPC classes have been taught throughout the year and the Golf Challenge program has been held several times. The chapter also held several "Stop the Bleed" classes. Membership was one focus for this year with a goal of increasing membership and retaining current members. The chapter is seeking members to become active in chapter activities. The more active members we have the more benefit we can do for our community and colleagues. Members that are active receive benefits that far outweigh the work they put in. Please consider joining us at meetings and participating in activities.

The chapter had 9 members among the 61 delegates from Texas that went to the national convention and took part in General Assembly, the business portion of the convention. This is where the decisions of the professional organization happen and is the root of our profession. You can be part of this by being active at the local and state levels, participating with your colleagues.

Kris Powell has done a marvelous job with posting current QSIP focus subjects on the chapter website. One of these injury prevention topics was during Behavior Health month in April as well as a "Stop the Bleed" class held at our June meeting. A new posting is placed on the website frequently to help keep our fellow emergency nurses up to date.

The chapter has started a new mail chimp account which will allow for sending updates and other pertinent information to all the Tarrant County members. Be sure to allow Tarrant ENA in your email to keep it out of your junk mail for updated information and activities of the chapter.

We recently had 16 participants in a CEN review class in Arlington presented by Mark Boswell. He does a great job with instructions on all the latest practices for emergency nursing and this is a great prep course for taking the CEN certification examination. We are planning to have another class in the spring.

Please stay updated with our activities throughout the year on the website or chapter Facebook page.

Tarrant County: [tcena.org](http://tcena.org) Texas ENA: [txena.org](http://txena.org)

The chapter officers and contact information is on the chapter website

Looking forward to a great year.

I DO wish you well:

Barry Hudson, Chapter President 2023

## ***Calling all ENPC and TNCC Instructors; A Reminder from your Trauma Chair-***

Dear ENPC and/or TNCC Instructor,

The 2023 Disclosure of Financial Relationships is now available for you to complete. The **ENPC and TNCC Administrative Procedures require all Course Directors and Instructors to annually complete an online disclosure.** The purpose is to disclose the presence or absence of an individual's relevant relationship with an ineligible company as required by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

[The 2023 Disclosure of Financial Relationships can be accessed here.](#)

**To be compliant for 2023, you must complete the online disclosure prior to participating in your first course in 2023.**

Disclosures submitted by the deadline will remain valid for the 2023 calendar year. Changes in your disclosure status will require an updated form and can be updated at any time.

**Course Directors and State Chairs:** This process will allow you to view the disclosure compliance status of your instructors to ensure, prior to teaching, they have a current disclosure on file. To view instructor status, run the "Instructor Report" located in the Reports section of the Course Management portal in ENA University.

If Disclosure Compliance Status is shown as "Expired," please remind your instructor to complete the form. A disclosure is required to teach. Course Directors are not able to add an instructor to the course roster until the disclosure is completed.

Please contact [CNE@ena.org](mailto:CNE@ena.org) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the disclosure of financial relationship as it relates to your role in ENPC or TNCC.

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