



San Antonio Chapter

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HERE'S THE SCOOP FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through 2020 and what a year it has been. First and foremost, I want to thank all of the emergency healthcare teams for your dedication and hard work during these challenging times with COVID-19. I am so proud of each of you for your tenacity in making sure that healthcare is available to all of the members of our communities. This virus has helped us to identify the challenges and strengths in our healthcare systems worldwide. Hopefully, we will continue to make changes that will help to ensure that our healthcare providers and patients have the resources they need to address this virus and other unforeseen stressors to our healthcare system. For the latest resources regarding COVID-19 please visit the ENA National website at www.ena.org and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov.

The San Antonio ENA continues to work to provide resources to the emergency nursing community. We have been holding our meetings via Zoom. I am happy to report that we have been able to continue providing continuing education hours that meets the Texas Board of Nursing licensure renewal requirements as well as the certified emergency nursing renewal requirements. Our meetings have been well attended and there has been a large student presence with many of them joining as ENA members. Please make sure to welcome them into the specialty if you have the opportunity to interact with them.

Unfortunately, we had to suspend TNCC, ENPC, and some other courses that required face-to-face meetings for a few months. We will be offering these courses again soon but with stimulations such as wearing of masks, social distancing in the classroom, etc.

SAENA Meetings - 2020

- June 15, 2020 – Networking Social
VIRTUAL – ZOOM MEETING!
- July 20, 2020 – Business Meeting
VIRTUAL – ZOOM MEETING!
- August 17, 2020 – Business & Education Meeting. Laurel Ridge Treatment Center. (No CNEs)
- September 21, 2020 *No Chapter meeting* due to National ENA Conference
- October 19, 2020 - Business Meeting – *2020 Officer Elections* Location TBD
- November 16, 2020 - Business Meeting & Education Event. Location TBD
- December 14, 2020 - Dinner Meeting Location TBD

For ZOOM access information see the SAENA website Meetings page and click on the 'Online Meeting' link.

NOTE: Those meetings with a physical location are subject to change based on Covid-19 restrictions.

www.sanantonioena.org

EN20X - A Virtual Xperience!

The ENA 2020 General Assembly and Scientific Assembly, September 9-11, 2020 has been changed to a VIRTUAL MEETING due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.

Registration will open on June 3, 2020.

Members - \$100.

Non-Member - \$215. Includes a one-year ENA membership.

For more information see below or go to the ENA website at:

<https://www.ena.org/events/emergency-nursing-2020#reg>

Our CEN Review Course presented by Solheim Enterprises will be August 29-30, 2020. More information and a registration form will be available in the near future on our website at www.sanantonioena.org.

This is ENA's 50th Anniversary year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the inability to maintain social distancing at a conference, the Emergency Nurses Association is shifting its annual meeting to a **virtual platform entitled EN20X – A Virtual Xperience**. Registration will open June 3, 2020. The cost is \$100 for ENA members and \$215 for non-members. Non-members will receive a one-year membership to ENA as part of the registration fee. To receive notifications about this event, please go to www.ena.org/events/emergency-nursing-2020#reg. This is a great opportunity to connect with other emergency nurses from around the world. I would encourage you to consider registering for this event.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for your on-going encouragement this year as we continue to work to support our emergency nurses and patients. I am grateful to know that there are so many talented emergency nurses out there working hard every day. Be safe, stay healthy, and continue providing that expert emergency nursing care that makes all the difference to those that come into our departments.

If anyone is interested in becoming more involved in the San Antonio Emergency Nurses Association, please feel free to contact me at txmdmoon@icloud.com. There are lots of opportunities available for emergency nurses to become more involved.



Michael Moon, PhD, MSN, RN, CNS-CC, CEN, FAEN
SAENA President, 2020

NEW SAENA BYLAWS

The new SAENA Bylaws were approved on April 1, 2020 and are now posted on the SAENA website. Members are encouraged to review the new Bylaws and familiarize themselves with the content. SAENA website at:

<https://www.sanantonioena.org/documents>

2020 TNCC and ENPC Courses

TNCC Provider Courses

June 27 - 28, 2020 – University Hospital

July 25 - 26, 2020 – Baptist Emergency Hospital, Hausman

August 8 - 9, 2020 – University Hospital

ENPC Provider Courses

All courses will be held at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital.

June 20 - 21, 2020

August 8 - 9, 2020

October 3 - 4, 2020

See the 'Education' tab on the SAENA website www.sanantonioena.org for more information on the courses and the registration forms.

Courses are dependent on Covid-19 restriction requirements.

Texas ENA's 2021

Conference at Sea!

The Texas ENA is sponsoring an 7 day cruise including a CNE approved conference aboard a Royal Caribbean cruise ship from July 18 – July 23, 2021. Information regarding the cruise and the educational opportunities will be posted on the Texas ENA website in the near future at:

<https://txena.org/2021-conference/>

Safety Whys' Child Care Course

This is a 7 hour training program for students 11 -17 years of age who want to be more confident when babysitting. It focuses on the child's action, logical consequences and interventions necessary to keep the child safe.

For more information click on the on the SAENA website 'Education' tab

CALL FOR 2021 SAENA OFFICERS NOMINATIONS

It's almost time to vote again for the new SAENA Officers!

The 2021 Officer Nominations are now open. Voting will take place at the October 19, 2020 meeting.

The following officer positions are available:

- President-Elect
- Secretary – one year
- Treasurer -one year
- Director – two years

Qualifications for the above positions can be found on SAENA web site in the SAENA Bylaws at:

<https://www.sanantonioena.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SAENA-2020-Bylaws.pdf>

If you have any questions about the requirements for any position after reviewing the information in the Bylaws, feel free to ask the current officers. We all work as a team so help is always available.

If you are interested in running for a 2021 officer position, please contact me by August 1st via text at 210-363-1662.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the October 19th SAENA Business meeting.



Janet Pena, RN
Immediate Past President,
Election Process Chair

SAENA 2020 FALL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

San Antonio Emergency Nurses Association (SAENA, Inc.) is pleased to announce sponsorship of two \$1000 academic scholarships in 2020. The scholarships may be used towards earning an initial or advancement of a Registered Nurse Degree (Associates in Nursing, Diploma in Nursing, Bachelors in Nursing, Masters in Nursing, or Doctorate in Nursing), as well as a current Registered Nurse seeking an advanced degree (Masters or Doctorate) in other healthcare related fields (** Prior to applying, please e-mail the San Antonio ENA Scholarship Committee to insure the "other healthcare related" degree you are seeking qualifies you to apply for these scholarships. **).

2020 Texas ENA Meetings

3rd Q State Council Meeting: July 10 – 11th will be held in Frisco

4th Q State Council Meeting and Awards Gala will be held in Houston.

For more information see the TxENA website at www.txena.org/meetings/

Meetings with physical locations may be changed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

SAENA Shirts Are Here!!!

Official SAENA shirts are now available. These embroidered polo shirts cost \$16 - \$24 + shipping depending on size.

For more information see flyer below or the link on the website banner at www.sanantonioena.org

YOUR 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Michael Moon

President-Elect: Curtis Townsend

Past President: Janet Pena

Treasurer: Erick Christensen

Secretary: Tabitha Selvester

Directors: Bill Barbre, Dorine Barbre

ENA Liaison: Jennifer Schmitz
jennifer.schmitz@ena.org

YOUR 2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bylaws / SOPs, Media: Curtis Townsend

Election Process: Janet Pena

Government Affairs, Nursing

Practice: Mary Leblond

Membership, Conference: Yvonne Moseley

Pediatrics / ENPC: Diane Walcutt

Professional Education, Newsletter: Carol Twombly

Scholarship: Thomas Culwell

Trauma /IQSIP: Susan Douglass

Scholarship Categories:

#1- LVN / LPN OR Non-nurse seeking initial RN degree.

#2- RN seeking a higher degree in nursing.

(AD to BSN, MSN, or Doctorate; Diploma to BSN, MSN, or Doctorate; BSN to MSN or Doctorate; MSN to Doctorate)

#3- RN seeking a postgraduate degree in nursing, education, or healthcare administration. (Masters or Doctorate)

Note: Scholarship category #2 is reserved for a student nurse that is a current member in good standing during the award period of the Texas Nursing Student's Association (TNSA), National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) or Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), and has completed at least two semesters in the nursing program.

Some applicants may qualify for both scholarship categories #2 and #3 – such applicants may apply for both, but can be selected for no more than one scholarship.

For more information and the scholarship application see the SAENA website at <https://www.sanantonioena.org/scholarships>



Thomas Culwell, RN, BSN, CEN, CCRN, CFRN
Scholarship Chair

NURSING PRACTICE AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

What's Happening?

Recently we celebrated National Nurses Week: May 6-12, 2020.

Congress and the Administration have honored nurses during National Nurses Week by:

- Introducing National Nurses Week Resolutions: Congress introduced H. Res. 951 and S. Res. 561, resolutions that support the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week and honor our nursing students, researchers, and nursing workforce throughout the country.
- Releasing Statements Supporting National Nurses Week: The HHS Secretary, Alex Azar, released a statement recognizing the work of nurses around the country during these unprecedented times. The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Secretary, Mark Esper, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley, also thanked nurses who are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Covid-19 support and information available:

- The ENA Website has a site @COVID-19
- CDC guidelines for the coronavirus: www.cdc.gov
- For local questions from the general public, please contact: COVID-19@sanantonio.gov
- For state questions contact: Governor Abbott's Proactive Response To COVID-19
- There are four Free ANA Webinars to support nurses during Covid-19

The ANA is focused on supporting nurses during this extraordinary COVID-19 pandemic. ANA is aggressively advocating for protections for nurses, tracking all guidelines and advisories as they are released and educating and informing nurses. Attendance is FREE. Registration is required. ANA.org covid webinars You will be able to review this on-demand webinar immediately upon registration or anywhere, anytime.

1. How to Survive the Pandemic with An Unbroken Spirit: Actions to take Right Now to Stay Strong and Focused
2. How to Respond to Ethical Challenges and Moral Distress during the COVID Pandemic
3. Ventilator Management: Essential Skills for Non-ICU Nurses
4. Be Confident Protecting Yourself and Providing the Best Care to Your Patients during this COVID-19 Pandemic (focus on PPE)

Health professionals anxious, worried about job security:

Seventy-four percent of more than 1,200 US health care professionals surveyed in a CHG Healthcare poll reported working fewer hours because of the COVID-19 pandemic, mostly due to patient volume reductions, and 13% had been furloughed or laid off, while 72% said they are dealing with higher anxiety. The survey also found that 73% wanted elective care to commence within a month and 62% favored relaxed statewide stay-at-home restrictions.

States report COVID-19-related syndrome in children

A previously unknown disorder called pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome has been observed among children with COVID-19 infections. Symptoms include rash, high persistent fever, loss of appetite and lethargy, and cases are being investigated in at least 15 states, though Jeffrey Burns of Boston Children's Hospital characterized it as "infrequent" and said there are treatments available.

What's New?

States Reopen, Despite Warnings from Public Health Officials

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the nation's top infectious-diseases expert, predicted Americans would experience "suffering and death that could be avoided," as well as additional economic damage, if states ignore federal guidelines relating to the reopening of most businesses until after there are dramatic declines in new cases. Fauci made his comments May 12 in testimony delivered remotely before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. (WashingtonUpdate)

Advocacy Update: ENA COVID-19 Priority Legislation

While movement on many of ENA priorities is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, here are bills the association currently supports amid this public health crisis: (Washington Update)

- **Medical Supply Chain Emergency Act of 2020**
H.R. 6390/S. 3568 Would compel the president to fully utilize authority under the Defense Production Act to source and distribute specific amounts of personal protective equipment, including N95 respirator masks, face shields, surgical gloves, surgical gowns and ventilators.
- **COVID-19 Every Worker Protection Act of 2020**
H.R. 6559/S. 3677 Requires the Department of Labor, through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, to implement a national standard for infection control for employers to protect their workers from infectious and novel pathogens, like the virus that causes COVID-19. These protections would apply to employers with workers determined to be at risk of exposure to COVID-19, including those employing emergency nurses.



Mary Leblond MSN, RN, CEN, CA-SANE,
CP-SANE, FAEN
Chair of the Nursing Practice and the Government Affairs Committees

SAENA HITS ALL-TIME MEMBERSHIP HIGH!

San Antonio ENA is currently at 662 members! That is a record and is 176 members stronger than at this same time last year. Texas ENA has hit the 5,000 mark for the first time.

Of the 113 new members that have joined SAENA since March 1, 2020, 58 are nursing students. They have realized the benefits of becoming part of a professional organization and have chosen ENA. Many of them have already attended our chapter meeting which are being held virtually at this time.

ENA has much to offer! “As a member you have access to a wide variety of benefits exclusive to you focused on strengthening your knowledge and connecting you to your community. These benefits have been designed to help YOU take your practice to the next level.” A few examples are:

- **Education**
 - Free CNEs
 - Discounted Products & Events
- **Networking**
 - ENA *Connect*
 - Social Media
 - 180+ Local Councils & Chapters
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
 - National Committees
 - Chapter & State Leadership
 - Mentoring programs
- **Professional Development**
 - BCEN Discount
 - Scholarship & Grants
 - Practice Resources

The ENA has been on the forefront of the Covid-19 Pandemic and is constantly updating their website to keep members and the public informed with the latest information and resources.

Our membership is driven by strong members! A special shout out to Tabitha Selvester who has been busy recruiting and is listed as #5 IN THE NATION on the 2020 Member Challenge Leader Board.

Welcome to all the new members and thank you to all our current members for realizing the value of ENA.

Our June 15th meeting will be a “virtual social” at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom for networking, sharing ideas and relaxing.
We hope you will join us and invite a friend.

Thank you for all you do and stay safe!



Yvonne Moseley MSN, RN, CEN
Membership Committee Chair

SAENA NEW MEMBERS

The SAENA welcomes our new members who joined since March 1, 2020:

Rene Santacruz, Felicia Alejandro, Thelma Medrano, Will Lenhart, Pamela Mann, Diana Sestito, Morgan Spencer, Saturnino Tobias, Leslie Vinson, Sarah Luedtke, Austin Taylor, Chris Incorvaia, Danielle Hawk, Jennifer Sawatzki, Julie Tomlinson, Alex Barber, Joseph Palfini, Courtney Schmitt, Steven Oneil, Victoria Achuff, Stephanie Esparza, Mirtha Martinez, Patricia Ochoa, Victoria Ramirez, Michelle Rattell, Stefanie Torres, Michelle Clark, Vincent Castano, Vernon Dickman, Eliud Lamboy, Vanessa Del Rio, Alfiya Mityukova, Haley Roberts, Shanna Brajkovic, Ashley Smith, Ruth Dirschuweit, Leticia Caracheo, Vanitaa Dookran, Maria Pinales, Ki'ana Simons, Gloria Ginithan, Vicki Kelly, Jieun Moon, Arianne Staley, Allison Vanderleest, Jeremy George, Jodi Hewing, Isis Hill, Holly Johnson-Rodriguez, Bernadette Lorio, Meagan Hutchinson, Tessa Thomas, Margaret Ashoo, Bryan Balagtas, Daniella Casanova, Robyn Flores, Jennifer Guillen, Annalisa Rocha, Jesse Skaggs, Chelsie Fairchild, Araceli Garza, Reyna Morales, Cara Romo, Lilieth Stearns, Genevieve Ybarbo, Simion Cruz Caceres, Shannan Feldman, Amanda Rodriguez, Shereen Thomas, Laura Almaraz-Quintero, Jesse Alonzo, Baldemar Garza, Katherine Gonzalez, Amber Lemarr, Marilyn Slasor, Catherine Olmos, Ciera Samaniego, Kristi Burkett, Jazelle DeLaGarza, Laura Guzman, Chandler Hanus, Chaquille Hicks, Sabrina Navarra, Alfredo Ramon, Lawrence Ramsey, Brenda Austin, Kaylynn Cooper, Tanya Tijerina, Jeanette Gonzales, Rahman Odewale, Jennifer Parsons, Nicole Postell, Thelma Ramos, Vanessa Serna, Vivianne Deleon, Elias Garza, Dianne Hittle, Aram Borrego, Dawn Handlin, Kayla Hendrick, Amanda Rendon, Dana Syler, JaMonyca Wilson, Brenda Palacio, Anna Rodriguez, Roslyn Venson, Desiree Irizarry Santiago, Elissa Basaldua, Shaina Bateman, Rubie Cantu, Crystal Case, Kimberly Davis, Jamie Del Bosque, Briana Dismuke, Kira Dorsten, Raven Fussell, Gerardo Gaytan, Yalexice German Rodriguez, Alyssia Meyer, Destiny Mora, Tetyanna Parker, Lydia Salas, Gabriel Sanchez, Leslie Saucedo, Sabrina Thomas-Johnson, Felicia Trevino, Brittany Booker, Jessica Dehler, Victoria Fonseca, Nicole Martinez, Brittany Norment, Vanessa Rodriguez, Brook Sifuentes, Kelly Singleton, Brean Sosa, Ella Tate, and Christina Zuniga

SAENA 2020 CONFERENCE – ONE TO REMEMBER!

San Antonio ENA's 8th Annual "Concepts in Emergency and Critical Care – 2020" Conference was a huge success despite the hurdles that were thrown in our path!

All plans were moving along smoothly until less than one month before, we suddenly found out via the news that our venue site had filed bankruptcy and had closed to all future bookings.

Being Emergency Nurses, we sprang into action and within 72 hours had secured the Grossman International Conference Center at the University of the Incarnate Word School of Nursing. We are forever grateful to Michael Moon and to UIW for their great efforts in accommodating us.

After notifying our vendors and attendees of the location change, all systems were a go again. And then, less than a week before, the Corona virus began to make the news. We lost our keynote speaker from another part of the state that was already preparing for the arrival of the virus in Texas. Having had a contingency plan in place, all speaker slots were filled.

Then the question came up – should we even have the conference due to what was beginning to happen in the world? Since no known Covid-19 cases had been identified near us, the committee elected to proceed.

The day dawned bright and all the plans fell into place. Over 130 attended the conference with 6 speakers, a variety of topics and 7.0 CE's.

Thank you to our 20 vendors: UIW School of Nursing, Portola, CSL Behring, Baptist Health System (Tenet), University Health System, Christus Santa Rosa Health System, Genentech, Eating Recovery Center, Adeptus, Astra Zeneca, Chiesi, AcelRx, BTG Pharmaceuticals, Alamo Scientific Inc., Salix Pharmaceuticals, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Belmont Medical Technologies, Laurel Ridge Treatment Center, City Ambulance Service, and University of Texas Arlington. Because of them, we are able to offer a quality program at a reasonable price.

Thank you to our speakers: Dr. Pavan Thangudu, Dr. Kimberley Molina, Dr. Leslie Hunter, Dr. Brian Eastridge, LTC Colleen Reid, and Dr. Michael Moon. The Topics presented were timely, interesting, useful, and the reviews were wonderful.

And certainly, thank you to the dedicated committee who put in many hours behind the scene: Mary Bluemel, Erick Christensen, Sharon Keith, Mary Leblond, Michael Moon, Janet Pena, Danny Ruano, Carol Twombly, and the SAENA officers and members who stepped in to help with whatever was needed.

Despite the obstacles, as Emergency Nurses, we are strong, we are adaptable, and we get things done! Thank you everyone!



Yvonne Moseley MSN, RN, CEN
2020 Conference Committee Chair

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**If you wish to opt out of receiving this
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announcements, please notify the SAENA
at cltwombly@aol.com**

***Flyers for events or additional information on items mentioned in the
Newsletter are listed below.***

ENA National General Assembly and Scientific Conference

EN20X

ENA is excited to announce EN20X – A Virtual Xperience! Serving as the association's annual conference for 2020, EN20X promises to deliver high-quality emergency nursing education, meaningful member engagement and networking opportunities, a celebration of ENA's rich 50-year history as an organization and a robust exhibit hall including featured events and competitions that will be available to you *virtually everywhere*.

Mark your calendar! Registration launches June 3 for this dynamic Xperience scheduled to take place Sept. 9-11.

Here's what you can expect with EN20X:

- **Dynamic learning opportunities brought to you by experts in the field in an engaging virtual environment – this isn't your everyday virtual meeting, it's a virtual Xperience reimaged.**
- **Affordability and accessibility. EN20X is a members-only event for just \$100. Recordings and presentations included. For \$215, nonmembers get access to EN20X and receive a one-year membership to join our growing community of nearly 50,000 members. PLUS, earn ANCC contact hours.**
- **A virtual exhibit hall where attendees can engage with ENA's partner community of industry leaders and participate in additional educational opportunities.**
- **Fun! Celebrate ENA's 50th and get together with your friends and colleagues at the virtual 50th Karat Gold Anniversary Celebration.**

ENA is eager to bring you EN20X – it'll be a virtual Xperience you *won't* want to miss.

For the latest information on EN20X, please visit www.ena.org/EN20.

Learn More

The Emergency Nurses Association is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.
The Emergency Nurses Association is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #2322.

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San Antonio Emergency Nurses Association

SAENA Chapter Shirts!



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S-XL- \$16

2X - \$18

3X - \$20

4X - \$22

5X - \$24

Shipping is extra!

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Free Delivery at an SAENA meeting!

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