



COASTAL BEND ENA

July 25, 2005

President's Message

By: Wally Fears

It is once again time for our annual Board of Director's Election process to take place. Please take the time to fill out the ballot and return it to Karen Merial. We have added a section so that you can sign up for a Committee that you would like to serve on.

We need your input so that we can make plans to meet the needs of our members. We also need your involvement to help make that happen.

Without the general membership input, we can only rely on what information that the Board members present.

At our June General Membership/Strategic Planning Session we came up with the following:

- Meeting schedule will be changed to Bi-monthly with Chapter Meetings in September, November, January, March, May, and July.
 - o Plan is to have three "morning meetings" starting around 8:00 a.m. and three "evening meetings" starting around 5:00 p.m.

- Purpose: Make meeting times available to both the day shift and the night shift.

For those of you in the CAP program that would mean that you would need to attend 4 of the six meetings in order to meet the criteria for "active participation" in a Professional Organization for Level III CAP.

- Meeting minutes will be published on our Web site, including the names of all people that attended the meeting. It is our goal to help you with your record keeping for any documentation that you may need for CAP or similar programs in your facility.
- We also voted to move our meeting time to the 1st Wednesday of those months.
- There is never going to be a "perfect" meeting time, but we are trying to arrange the schedule to a day with fewer conflicts.
- With this schedule the meeting dates would be as follows:
 - September 7, 2005
 - November 2, 2005
 - o Installation of New Board
 - January 4, 2006
 - March 1, 2006

- May 3, 2006
- July 5, 2006
 - o General Membership Meeting/Strategic Planning Session/Nominations for Board of Directors
- The Board also voted to focus on Trauma and Pediatric Issues for the coming year for the Educational topics.
- Two Ad Hoc committees were appointed to address the following:
 - o Tax Exempt status for the Chapter
 - o By Laws Review with revisions to include Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the chapter.
- We do have a new web site, and are still making changes to it.
 - o If you haven't visited the Web Site go to <http://www.coastalbendena.org/>
 - o I will get the meeting schedule posted to the web site and update the meeting time and location, as soon as it is available.
 - o There are links to all of the Board of Directors so that you can contact each one of us directly.

Other news, there will be a TNCC course on November 12-13. Course will be held at CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christ - Memorial. We will have a full ENPC course before the end of the year.

Wally Fears RN, CEN
 President
 Coastal Bend Chapter 274
 Emergency Nurses Association

ENCARE

Did you know that the number one cause of unintentional injury related death for children under the age of 14 is trauma resulting from motor vehicle crashes? To find out more go to; www.ena.org/encare. You can find loads of information that you can share with your patients, family and friends.

Proper Child Safety Seat Use Chart			
Buckle Everyone! Children age 12 and under IN THE BACK!			
	INFANTS	TODDLER	YOUNG CHILDREN
WEIGHT	Birth to 1 year and at least 20 – 22 lbs.	Over 1 year and at least 20 lbs to 40 lbs	Over 40 lbs Ages 4 – 8, unless 4'9"
TYPE of SEAT	Infant only, rear-facing, convertible	Convertible, forward facing	Belt positioning booster
SEAT POSITION	Rear facing only	Forward facing	Forward facing
ALWAYS MAKE SURE	Children up to 20lbs in rear	Harness straps should be at or	Belt positioning booster seat requires

	<p>facing seats. Harness straps at or below shoulder level</p>	<p>above shoulders. Most seats require top slot for forward facing</p>	<p>both lap and shoulder belt. Make sure lap belt fits tight and low across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snug across the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries.</p>
<p>WARNING</p>	<p>ALL Children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.</p>	<p>ALL Children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.</p>	<p>ALL Children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.</p>

COASTAL BEND CHAPTER 274
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Please indicate your vote by circling or writing in the name of your desired candidate. If you are interested in being a board member you may write in your own name. Nominations may be from any current ENA member. Election to the Board will be determined by majority of votes received from the Chapter Membership. Election of the Board of Directors will be determined by the last day of September of each calendar year. Please return your ballots before September 30th; the postmark of the vote will be considered the date of the vote. Mail your completed ballots to:

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Corpus Christi, TX
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President
J. Wally Fears

President Elect
Linda Snyder

Secretary
Terry Mattingly

Treasurer
Charlotte Trudeau

Education
Karen Merial

Sign up for a Committee:

Governmental Affairs
Pete Gembol

Membership
Nedra Wright

Injury Prevention
Damen Beavers

Pediatric
Charlotte Trudeau

Trauma
Linda Snyder
