

State Council 2023 Election Candidates

Treasurer-elect Candidate(s)



Catherine J. Vernon, MSN, NP, CEN

Thank you for the opportunity to run for the position of Treasurer-elect for the ENA California State Council. I've been a member of ENA for almost 20 years and in that time have served on the Operations Committee as an item writer and Chair, have served as a California Delegate for 10 years and have presented various topics as a podium presenter at ENA National Conferences. ENA serves as a model organization for Critical Care and Emergency Nursing, and I am proud to represent it in any role I am privileged to participate in.

As the treasurer-elect, I would bring current expertise as a local board member in Leadership Hermosa Beach, where I function as Secretary, Director of Recruiting, and Projects. In this role, I assist in adult leadership learning and support a team in designing and executing a civic project to better our community. I also provide organizational support, fiduciary responsibility to the students and Board, as well as excellent record keeping and minutes.

If elected, I would bring this experience to California ENA. My immediate goal would be to learn current practices regarding finances and record keeping. Long-term goals would be to preserve capital, be able to speak knowledgeably about expenses, and strategic issues and concerns. California ENA would benefit from my past and current experiences in an organizational capacity and as a board member to include bylaw adherence, professional behavior and representation.

I'd serve the Board and California ENA with professionalism and loyalty.

Secretary Candidate(s)



Ashley Moran, BSN, RN

My ENA journey began in early 2021. It was the middle of COVID and quite frankly, I along with the majority of my colleagues, were tired. At the start of the pandemic, we felt support from everyone from patients to administration. However, that quickly turned to frustration as we were continuously being hammered from long, hard workdays and appreciation we initially felt soon turned to anger for wait times and other things that were out of our control. It was at that moment that I felt I wanted to make a difference... which led me to join ENA. I started going to local meetings and discovered one of my colleagues was an active member in my local chapter. He took me under his wing and the rest is history. I have gone to most State Council meetings since then and quickly became the Inland Empire Chapter Delegate and then 'promoted' to Chapter Secretary. The confidence and wisdom that ENA has provided me is immeasurable. I have now become the 'go-to' person at my hospital for ENA questions. I am consistently empowered by the knowledge ENA provides me to do my job better and provide better care for my patients. By becoming California State Council Secretary, I feel this will open the window of even more opportunity to advance myself professionally and help me advocate for my fellow ED nurses and staff.

Planning Director



Dianne L. Idman-Gervais, RN, CEN, MICN

For the past 5 years, the California ENA Planning Director-at-Large position has been a perfect fit for my skill set and I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve my fellow ENA members again in 2024. In the past 9 years I have served as the State Education Committee Chair (4 years) as well as San Diego's annual education conference coordinator. I have had the opportunity to plan annual large conferences and State Council events, additionally, it has given me the chance to hone my organizational skills and learn to manage the many behind-the-scenes planning involved in putting together a successful event/meeting. I believe our State Meetings have been successful during my tenure. Serving as your 2024 Planning Director-at-Large would be an honor. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Relationship Director Candidate(s)



Melinda (Mindy) S. Elayda, MPA, BSN, RN

Hello California ENA Members. My name is Mindy Elayda, and I am the Sacramento ENA Chapter President. I am interested in running for the California ENA Relationship Director. I would like to increase the association's diversity at the local, state and national level by encouraging diversity and seeking out the nursing students that are the future of nursing.

I have experience at the national and state level of the association that has offered exceptional networking opportunities. I am currently working stretcher-side in a large community ER in Northern California.

I am an expert in social media and public speaking. I have been involved in my former CSNA chapter at my alma mater CSU Sacramento and currently a featured guest panel speaker for the Pre-Health Professional class that was recently established a few years ago.

I am passionate about teaching and encouraging new grads to be involved in the association and mentoring new members for leadership roles in the association.

My current role as the ENA Wellness Committee Chair has been an amazing role so far this year and I am looking forward to educating new and existing ENA members to the importance of a healthy work environment for wellness.

Thank you for your consideration for California ENA Relationship Director 2024.



Shelbie Rogers-Alvelais, BSN, RN, CCM

Hello. I have been a nurse for 22 years and currently work as an Emergency Department RN Case Manager for a community-based teaching hospital in the San Francisco/Bay Area. I enjoy helping the underserved and behaviorally challenged, veterans and advocating for community resources for these vulnerable persons. I have a major in Nursing with a minor in Spanish and am a Girl Scout and PTA volunteer in my spare time.

I currently serve as your California State Council Relationship Director, and I kindly ask for your continued support. With the inception of this new role, there is still a tremendous amount of work to be done and I am dedicated to ensuring that this position has a successful and long-standing future.

To date, I have worked to foster new and improved relationships with industry professionals (vendors, students, other healthcare agencies), by helping CA ENA increase their visibility (at conferences, educational events, via email/phone communications) and I'm excited to see what gifts our ENA friends will lend us moving forward. I hope to build a shared resource for chapters to access when looking for vendor assistance in the future.

Currently, I'm in the process of securing financial aid from our partners for our upcoming 2023 Education Day at the Mission Inn and I hope to exceed our annual goal. More importantly, thank you for allowing me

to serve you, and I humbly ask for your ongoing support as the California State Council Relationship Director.