

Delegate Selection Process Maryland Council of ENA

The following guidelines have been adapted from the national ENA Delegate Guidelines from ENA national website.

The state shall be entitled to one voting delegate who shall be the state council President of designee. In addition, there shall be one delegate for each of the 50 active association members of fraction thereof within the state.

1-50 members - 2 delegates

51-100 members - 3 delegates

101-150 members - 4 delegates

151-200 members - 5 delegates, etc.

Absolute Delegate Qualifications

■ Must be current ENA member

■ Minimum number of points to be considered for delegate selection = 10

■ Attendance: at least 50% of all scheduled meetings of the state Council of local Chapter over the year.

■ Recommended Qualifications:

■ Served in an elected or appointed position at the local, state, or national level during the past three years

Or

■ Participation in at least one of the following activities related to emergency nursing since the previous General Assembly

- Lecturer (other than that which is required to perform nursing role)
- Projects (public education, legislative involvement, chapter fund raising, etc.)
- Research in emergency nursing
- Published topics related to emergency care
- CEN certification or commitment to take the exam within one year

Selection Process

A committee will be appointed by the state President that includes the President Elect as the Chairperson of the Delegate Selection Committee or designee.

Complete point sheets considered must be received to the Chairperson by June 16th. Points considered are accrued from June 1st through May 31st.

The point sheets are reviewed for accuracy and content by the Committee and delegates are selected with the following criteria:

- The state President and Treasurer are automatic delegates.
- There should be equal representation from each chapter.
The state President does not count as one of the allotted chapter delegates
- If the selected number of delegates is not evenly divisible by the number of chapters, then there will be equal representation from each chapter by assigning the remaining delegate slots based on the next highest point total.
- If an individual chapter does not have enough members that meet the absolute delegate criteria, then that chapter will forfeit those remaining delegate slots.
- Each chapter is encouraged to mentor a delegate.
- Alternate delegates are selected based on highest point total.
- Selection decisions will be made in time to take advantage of discounted air fares, hotels, conference registration, etc.

Delegates, Mentees, and Alternate Delegates are expected to attend the entire General Assembly.

Delegate funds will be forfeited if the entire General Assembly is not attended.

Delegate checks will be issued to Delegates at the conclusion of the General Assembly. Financial hardship cases will be handled on an individual case by the state President.

Delegate Point Sheets are available on the state website.