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With great change come great challenges (author unknown). I have been employed by Alameda Health System since 1988 as a registered nurse and nurse manager in its Emergency Department. I have graduate degrees in nursing and business administration. Some of my professional responsibilities include facilitation and development of educational and quality improvement programs between the medical center and our many community partners, including fire departments, ambulance companies, and the county Emergency Medical Agency.

As a new nurse manager I was not aware of the existence of ACMEA and its availability to eligible employees of the medical center. So I was not a member for almost two years after my promotion! I feel this was because there were not consistent forms of communication to reach our members and potential members. I plan to help improve those channels of communication and I believe that in any organization, there is always room for improvement. In my position as a Member-At-Large on the ACMEA Board of Directors, I will represent the many diverse members of our unit and improve membership and communication in our ranks. We as a group may be smaller than most, but we are mighty!