



# Michigan Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates



## November 2016 Pathfinder

Dear MSGNA Members,

We've had a very busy 2016. It started with a wonderful spring conference at the V.A. in Ann Arbor.

Then we had the SGNA National conference in Seattle – what a great venue! While at the leadership portion of this conference we successfully re-chartered our MI Region/MSGNA! If you've never seen it, it's a pretty cool process to be a part of. It involved parading through the room as I held the MI region card along with all of the other regional representatives holding their cards. The Speaker of the House of Delegates called us up to the stage to receive our certificates. Equally enthralling is the House of Delegates voting process for approving or failing resolutions. Four resolutions were presented, discussed, amended, and voted on with Dr. Lester Cooper presiding to ensure Robert's Rules were followed – three passed and one failed.

Our Board of Directors had a phone conference in June to wrap up business from the spring conference, talk about the election for the next opening Board positions, and plan for the fall conference.

Regarding our elections I'd like to encourage all of you to consider running for office next year. Throw your hat in the ring and find out what a truly rewarding experience this is. To serve and make a difference is such an honor! The processes of the leadership are fascinating and actually fun – they do require some of one's precious time but not so much that it's not doable even for someone working full-time. It allows you to appreciate the behind-the-scenes goings on. The friendships are invaluable! Some of the perks aren't bad either.

Finally, there was multi-Regional and our awesome fall conference in Bay City. Our newly elected Board members were announced as a result of our electronic voting. This year had a better response than last year's voting but we've still got a long way to go considering how many voting members we have. We have a revamped website that is easy to navigate so get on there and check it out and PLEASE vote when it's time.

We will be just as busy for 2017! We will have our spring and fall conferences as usual. This year for the SGNA Annual Course we will be pursuing the title of Region of the year, which has some requirements we must meet in order to do this (having someone present a poster at the national level, and having a certain percentage of our members participate in voting are just a couple of examples).

I thank you for allowing me to be the President of the MSGNA organization – it truly is very humbling and a great honor!

Kathy Smith BS, BSN, RN, CGRN, MSGNA President



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Hi all! It's hard to believe we are coming to an end of 2016. We have had 2 very successful conference this year and our membership is fairly stable. As you can imagine, these are things that generate income for our group.

We are presently contracted for the Spring 2017 Conference and negotiating contracts for both Fall '17 and Spring '18. We are bound by our policies to maintain ready balance to cover these. There are also line item expenses throughout the year. At present, we have a checking balance of \$48,830.07 and savings of \$24, 566.39.

We, of course, hope to have an increase in the balance each year, but with higher than expected expenses, we are likely not going to see that in 2016. The final numbers are not compiled as yet for our recent conference. I hope to have them ready within a few weeks. I will also present a proposed 2017 budget for vote at the November Board of Directors meeting.

Although unchallenged in the election, I appreciate being able to continue as your Treasurer for two more years. Please consider taking my place in 2019 as our bylaws limit us to two consecutive terms.

Respectfully,

Mary Pierce

### *Renew Your SGNA Membership for 2017*

Save 20% on *Financial Management for Nurse Manager* **November 7 - November 13.**

Renew your membership by November 13 to receive 20% off the online program *Financial Management for Nurse Managers*. Once you renew, you'll automatically have access to the remaining November to Re-Member discounts.

Discounts become available on Monday of each week.

November is the month to  
**RE-MEMBER WITH SGNA!**  
Visit [www.sgna.org/Re-Member](http://www.sgna.org/Re-Member) for additional details.

The Financial Management for Nurse Managers course is great for sharpening my budget skills. The Week 2 deal is **20% off this online offering.**

### *Upcoming Webinar: Identifying and Mitigating Risks: Performing an in-depth*



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### *Infection Control Risk Assessment for your GI Lab*

Join SGNA on **Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm Central Time** for the Identifying and Mitigating Risks: Performing an in-depth Infection Control Risk Assessment for your GI Lab Webinar. This webinar will be a review of the Infection Control Risk Assessment Process and utilization of a sample risk template will aid the attendee in the development of a facility specific risk assessment and the creation of a Prevention Plan. **The webinar will be worth 1.0 (GI-Specific) Contact Hour.** The registration fee is \$15 for SGNA members. After you register and pay, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to register through the webinar platform. Register online [sgna.org](http://sgna.org)

### MSGNA 2016 Goals

1. Increase our membership by promoting SGNA/MSGNA.
2. Promote involvement/commitment to MSGNA offices.
3. Promote attendance at State and National Conferences.
  4. Continue to assist our members by:
    - a. Providing CEUs at conferences
    - b. Giving back to our members financially by reducing conference costs
5. Find one nursing-related issue for our membership to write to their congressman/legislator about.
6. Remain financially sound.

From the President-Elect...I just want to remind everyone that the purpose of the MSGNA scholarship is to award MSGNA members an opportunity to participate in the fall MSGNA conference. A maximum of six scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the BOD. This scholarship includes full payment of tuition and 50% payment of 2 night accommodations. This is not a need scholarship. It is a great learning experience. Only one person applied for the last fall conference. It was awarded to Debra Gabites of Grand Rapids. Congratulations Debra!!

Also, please consider doing an educational/clinical poster for the Annual SGNA course. Please go to the SGNA website for details. MSGNA also offers a monetary award if your poster is picked to attend the Annual course. Pat Root RN



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I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall colors in Michigan! Each year we elect a new president with a 3 year term as President Elect, then President, & then Past President. This year we also elected a Secretary & Treasurer for 2 year terms. Next year the board positions up for election will be Director of Policy & Procedure/COMON (state committee) and Director of Membership. I am pleased to announce the results of our latest MSGNA board positions. Elected for President Elect is Jenneva Kremke. The new Secretary will be Amy Krug and Mary Pierce was elected to treasurer. We hope some of you will run for our board next year!

In September, we were informed that Deb Schroeder is unable to continue in her position as Director of Policy & Procedure/COMON. We asked for volunteers and were rewarded with 3 MSGNA members who were willing to fill the remainder of her position. Thank you very much to those who volunteered to serve our MSGNA. The board discussed situation then voted to appoint Rebecca Blood to the position.

Jenneva Kremke RN

Past President

### **Membership!**

Please talk to your peers and let them know important SGNA membership is to their practice.

Also remind them how much they gain by coming to conferences, networking and learning about new procedures and practices. Members receive discounts to go to the Reginal, Multi-State and National conferences and materials to aid their work lives.

Never forget that they can also apply for the scholarships for the conferences and national conventions and reimbursement award for obtaining your CGRN or renewing certification. Please contact any Board Member for assistance.

We have one of the largest specialty memberships in the nation. Join and help us with the "voice" for our profession!! Wendy Stanley, Membership Director



## **ABCGN Awards and Scholarships**

The American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses (ABCGN) is dedicated to the professional development of gastroenterology nurses. Through awards and scholarships, this organization seeks to recognize those nurses and facilities who have demonstrated commitment to excellence by validation of qualifications through certification.

**The following awards are available through ABCGN:**

**Excellence in Professionalism: Applications Due February 15**

**Certified GI Professional of the Year: New Deadline! - Nominations Due November 15**

**Certification Scholarship: New Deadlines!**

**Fall Exam: Applications Due April 1**

**Spring Exam: Applications Due November 1**

**Recertification Scholarship: New Deadline! - November 1**

**Outstanding Certified Region: New Deadline! - Applications Due November 15**

**Additional information and application forms can be found on ABCGN website**

Applications and nomination forms can be mailed, faxed or emailed:

**Mailing Address:**  
ABCGN  
330 N. Wabash Ave.  
Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL 60611

**Fax:** 312.673.6723



Email: [info@abcdn.org](mailto:info@abcdn.org)

## New Contact Hour Requirements for Recertification!

### Minimum Requirements

	Old Requirement	New Requirement
Total Hours	100	75
GI-Specific	80	60
GI-Specific Category 1 (Live Nursing Seminars)	40	30

### Recertification Handbook

For complete information on the recertification process, requirements, and criteria, refer to the [Recertification Handbook](#).

## ABCGN Updates

### Recertification Deadline December 31

The Recertification deadline is December 31. **If you are due to recertify in 2016, please submit your online application on or before December 31.** The recertification application can be found on the website.

### ABCGN Certification/Recertification Scholarships

The American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses awards scholarships in the



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spring and fall to aid candidates with financial assistance for certification and recertification. **The next deadline for Spring application is April 1, 2017.** Additional information and application forms can be found on the website.

### CONGRATULATIONS

KUDOS to Sandra Hansen-Belfit, Dianne Ouillette, Michelle Brown, and the entire planning committee members from the staff of G & H Associates of Mid-Michigan and GLB Surgical & Endoscopy Center. MSGNA 2016 Fall Conference, “Scoping It Out In The Great Lakes Bay Region”, was held in Bay City, MI, September 23-25, 2016.

There was a wonderful array of speakers, who provided lively insight on a diverse range of topics. They presented useful and interesting material that we could all take back to our work place. The vendors also provided lots of learning opportunities through the vendor exhibits, and the vendor programs that were offered on both Friday and Saturday evening.

MSGNA appreciates the hard work that the planning committee devoted to bringing this high quality educational course to all participants. Thank you for an **EXCELLENT** educational conference. You all did a superb job and deserve a standing ovation!

Again, on behalf of MSGNA Board and all the members, THANK YOU!

Diane Thompson & Nancy Denton MSGNA Program Chairpersons



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# 44th Annual Course



**Join your gastroenterology colleagues in New Orleans, LA to jazz up your GI journey! The SGNA 44th Annual Course will be held at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center May 7-9 with pre-meeting events taking place May 5-6, 2017.**





## LOOKING FOR FALL 2018 CONFERENCE SITE!!

Believe it or not, we are looking for possible **MSGNA conference site for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019**. Consider bringing an MSGNA Conference to your city. Have confidence in yourself and your unit. Below are some of the perks for planning a conference:

- 9 committee members will receive paid SGNA/MSGNA Membership for the following year;
- Very rewarding;
- Lot's of networking with your co-workers/peers; and
- Access to MSGNA board for resource and support.

Contact Diane Thompson, MSGNA Program Chairperson at 810-240-9314, or email [dathompson920@gmail.com](mailto:dathompson920@gmail.com)

*Reminder for members: Once you certify or recertify, you are eligible for a bonus from MSGNA. You need to submit a copy of your certificate to our MSGNA Treasurer and you will receive a \$100 bonus.*

## MSGNA Poster Presentation Financial Aid:

The purpose of changing from a contest to financial assistance is to provide support of MSGNA members interested in presenting a poster at the SGNA national conference and subsequent MSGNA fall conference and to better align MSGNA with SGNA's process.

An abstract should be submitted to SGNA by their deadline (found on the SGNA website) sometime in the fall prior to the next May's SGNA national conference. Once SGNA accepts the abstract this notification should be submitted to MSGNA's current President-Elect for approval of up to \$1500.00 to be divided amongst all authors for expenses involved in presenting (example: supplies, tuition, transportation, housing, meals). Presenters must be willing to present at both the SGNA national conference AND the MSGNA fall conference. If multiple



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posters are accepted by SGNA it will be at the discretion of the MSGNA BOD as to how much financial assistance is to be offered. Patricia Root, President Elect

## MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes

Doubletree Hotel, Bay City, MI

September 25, 2016

1. **President's Report**-Kathy Smith, RN, BS, BSN, CGRN: Thanks to the great planning committee of this fall's conference. Thanks to all for attending. Rebecca Blood will be replacing Deb Schroeder who resigned from our board as Policy/Procedure/Bylaws/COMON representative. Just a reminder that if you certify or recertify, MSGNA offers a \$100 reward for doing so.
2. **Secretary's Report**-Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN: MSA meeting minutes from General Business Meeting at Spring 2016 Conference that were posted in July Pathfinder. Thanks for the privilege of allowing Mary to represent you as your secretary these past 4 years.
3. **Treasurer's Report**- Mary Pierce, RN, ADN, CGRN: As of August 31, 2016 -Checking: \$51,832.81, Savings: \$24, 565.99. Per bylaws, we have to have enough funds in our accounts to pay what we are contracted for. Vendors are a huge source of income. We get a stipend from SGNA for our memberships. Email Mary P. if you have any questions.
4. **President-Elect Report**- Pat Root, RN, CGRN: There were six scholarships available for the fall conference, with only one applicant. Deb Gabites was the winner of this scholarship. Her conference fee and one half of her hotel fee was covered. Nancy Denton was awarded a Poster Presentation award. The award is for \$1500, which will help enable you and your poster assistants to take the poster to the National SGNA Course.
5. **Past President Report**-Jenneva Kremke, RN, BS: MSGNA board election results- President Elect-Jenneva Kremke, Secretary-Amy Krug, Treasurer-Mary Pierce. Please consider running for a board seat. There are many great benefits that come with serving on your board.
6. **Newsletter/Website Report**-Sheri King, RN, BSN, CGRN:- MSGNA website is updated. Please contact Sheri with any questions or concerns.
7. **Vendor Coordinator Report**-Ruth Dobberfuhr, RN, BSN: If you know of vendor contacts that you would like to see participating at conferences, please let Ruth know the contact information so she can get them enrolled. There were 25 vendor tables this conference. Thank you to the vendors that provided lunch, dinners, etc.



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8. **Membership Report**- Wendy Stanley, RN, AND, CGRN- Our membership total has gone from 234 to 211. There are 28 new members since January 2016. There are many benefits for being a member, including free CEUs.
9. **Policy/Procedure/Bylaws/COMON Report**-Deb Schroeder, RN, BSN, CGRN: Not present.

10. **Program Chairs Report**-Diane Thompson, BA, LPN, CGN:

March 17-18, 2017: Spring MSGNA conference, Somerset Inn-Troy  
May 2017-SGNA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA  
October 2017-Multi-Regional Conference, Indianapolis, IN (Possibly last)  
Fall 2017-Fall MSGNA, Date and Venue to be determined. Sheri King and the Henry Ford Macomb Hospital endoscopy staff to host.

SGNA and ABCGN have several have several scholarships to award.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN  
MSGNA Secretary

## MSGNA PROGRAM REPORT

Mark Your Calendars  
Great Education Dates Coming Your Way

### MSGNA SPRING 2017

Somerset Inn---Troy  
Troy, MI  
March 17—18, 2017

Nancy Denton and the Beaumont endoscopy staff will host this spring educational conference

### MSGNA Fall 2017

Blue Water Conference Center-Port Huron  
September 22-24, 2017



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**Sheri King and the Henry Ford Macomb Hospital endoscopy staff will host this educational conference**

**We are working towards helping you stay on top of the best GI education available.  
The more we know, the stronger we are.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!  
Diane Thompson  
MSGNA Program Chairperson**

**H—810-744-1971, C—810-240-9314, Email: [dathompson920@gmail.com](mailto:dathompson920@gmail.com)**

## **Recertify Quickly and Easily**

It may have been taken you five years to accumulate enough contact hours for recertification, but you can submit these hours for recertification quickly and easily. This year when you recertify, use ABCGN's online system at <https://www.abcgcn.org/secure/recertification>.

The online system replicates the paper forms that you have always used. You just type your information in the appropriate categories and hit submit. It is that easy. Online submissions will be audited at the same percentage as hard copy packets were, back-up materials will only need to be provided if you are notified of an audit.

If you are set to expire at the end of 2015, you can submit at any point during the year. Certificates are issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of the month. This date is noted on your certificate, meaning that you can start collecting contact hours towards your next recertification period on that date. What a great way to get a jump start on your next recertification and not lose "extra" contact hours.



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Have questions about recertification or the exam; give ABCGN a call on their new toll free number: 1-855-252-2246 or 1-855-25-ABCGN.

Submitted by,

Diane Thompson

### **SGNA Announcements**

**New Member Portal...If 1<sup>st</sup> time accessing the SGNA site since July, 2015, you will need to reset your password.**

### **SGNA Scholarships**

**Membership Dues Scholarship...Due every October 1st...this will financially assist SGNA members with their annual membership dues. Must be a member for 2 or more years.**

**Annual Course Scholarship...application due every March 1st.**

**Associates Program Scholarship (GTS & AGTS)...GI Technical Specialist. Taking applications due March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1, yearly.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee to Annual Course Scholarship...must have less than 2 years of membership. Due every March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**SGNA Medical Aid Scholarship...for assisting SGNA members who are participating in a medical aid trip. \$1000.00 will be awarded. Application due December 31,2016.**

**SGNA RN Advance Education Scholarship Application...For RN working toward BSN, MSN or Ph.D \$2,500 for full-time student. \$1,000.00 for part-time student. This application is due every July 31.**



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This summer our website was given a facelift to make it more user friendly especially to mobile devices. The log on screen is now in the upper right corner once you get to msgna.org. To log in use the email address that you have registered with SGNA and your password in your last name. If you have any difficulty logging in, please contact me so I can reset your password. The webmaster has given me much more access so I can build accounts for new members. Electronic voting is here to stay and the voting process was made easier and yet a bit more difficult unfortunately. Thumbnail pictures of each candidate are loaded. After choosing one picture for each position open a button opens that says “cast ballot”. We had minor glitches that made it difficult to click the pictures. I am proud to say that all our glitches/bugs have been worked out. In our election process, it is still imperative that you vote even if there is only one candidate for each position. The number of members is compared to the number of ballots cast, to equal a percentage that is reported to National SGNA. Higher numbers can help us obtain special awards like Outstanding Regional. Our website allows for registration and payment to attend our conferences held in the Spring and Fall of each year. You log on in the same manner and click on the conference date you would like to register for. If you wish to register online and mail in a check, select that option. The address to send the payment to is listed there and on the actual brochure. If you wish to register online and pay using PayPal, select this option. You will be directed to the PayPal site to complete your purchase. You will receive a PayPal confirmation of payment receipt and a confirmation from MSGNA once you complete your registration. Please look at the links around our website for further information and networking opportunities.

Sheri King BSN, RN, CGRN

Website/Newsletter Editor