



Michigan Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates



MARCH 2017

Hello Everyone,

Our Spring MSGNA Conference is March 17 and 18th at the Somerset Inn in Troy. The Beaumont Grosse Pointe and Troy Endoscopy teams have done a wonderful job on all the topics and CEU's. Don't forget to get signed up and enjoy this great weekend with all your GI associates.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. Colon cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in both men and woman. It has declined since 1980 due to improvements in early detection and treatment, but we still must be diligent. Early stage colorectal cancer typically does not have symptoms, which is why screening is usually necessary to detect this cancer.

As GI nurses, it is our responsibility to help get the message out for screening colonoscopies. Be ingenious; get your unit together to think of ways you can be an advocate in the fight against colon cancer. As an example, for the past 4 years my Endoscopy Unit has teamed up with our Gastroenterologists to work two Saturdays in March to accommodate patients that cannot get a day off during the week to get their screening colon done. We also get two to three area restaurants to offer a coupon for 20 %– 25% discount on a meal for patients that get a colonoscopy in the month of March.

There are many ways that we can be an advocate in the fight against colon cancer. Get your GI team together and shine. Let us know some of the ways you promoted Colon Cancer Awareness Month

Also, don't forget March 20 thru 24th is GI Nurses and Associates week. There are many resources that you can easily access on the SGNA web site for your GI Nurses and Associates celebration on your unit. Cake templates, certificates of appreciation templates are just a few of the ideas on the web site. Make your celebration fun and all about the great work that you do. Be proud to be GI.

Thank you
Pat Root
MSGNA President



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I have started the final leg of my Presidency with MSGNA. This part of the term is, once again, addressing our positions up for election. The positions that are up for a vote this year are President-Elect, Director at Large-Membership, and Director at Large-Policy & Procedure/COMON.

The President-Elect is a three year term; President-Elect (year one) is responsible for scholarship and poster-presentation reimbursement and serves as the alternate delegate in the SGNA House of Delegates, President (year two) is responsible for presiding over the board meetings, serves as the delegate in the SGNA House of Delegates, Past President (year three) is responsible for the nominations to the MSGNA Board and election.

The Director at Large-Membership is responsible for new members to MSGNA .

The Director at Large-Policy & Procedure/COMON is responsible for keeping the manuals edited/updated correctly and attending the COMON meetings in Lansing and to apprise the Board with decisions made there.

The Board of Directors would encourage ANYONE that is an SGNA/MSGNA member in good standing to be nominated by someone or one's self. To serve on the Board is a very rewarding experience in both making a difference in how our organization is run and the great friendships established! Please fill out the nomination form and send it in to the current Past President, Kathy Smith.



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Happy Spring!

Your Treasurer here and I am completely ready to welcome Spring.

Your MSGNA had a successful 2016 presenting two fabulous conferences with access to education and hands on presentations by our vendors. We took a risk and updated the website to make it more user friendly. Representatives attended the SGNA Annual Conference as well as Leadership training. Certification/Recertification awards were given and scholarships to our Fall conference.

With everything in life, all these things cost money. Your Board and I as the financial representative work hard for the best “bang for the buck”. Tough decisions are made to ensure a sound organization. The 2017 budget was voted on at board level in Nov. We continue to make membership in SGNA/MSGNA worth the fee and encourage members to take advantage of the benefits.

At years end, our checking and savings balances were as presented below. We are presently contracted for two conferences in 2017 as well as one for Spring of 2018 that is not yet under contract. We must maintain funds to cover all costs that we may incur. As always, contact me with any questions or suggestions you may have. Checking: \$44,575.09 Savings: \$24,567.63

Mary Pierce RN CGRN

**Nomination for open positions will take place
until June 1, 2017. The election for the 2018
Board of Directors will take place later this year.
Please vote as it is very important to this
organization!**



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MSGNA Scholarship Application

The MSGNA Scholarship is designed to award two categories of MSGNA members an opportunity to participate in the MSGNA fall conference. The scholarship includes full payment of tuition and 50% payment of 2 nights' accommodations. All winners will be notified two months prior to the fall conference.

Fall MSGNA Conference
“Harvesting New Ideas in GI”
September 22-24, 2016
Blue Water Conference Center
Port Huron, MI

Forward completed applications to:

Jenneva Kremke
5034 Applewood Dr.
Lansing, MI 48917
Girnjenne84@gmail.com

The MSGNA Board of Directors will score all applications.

- Please follow the directions carefully.
- Answer all questions thoroughly.
- Each question must be completed.
- The last two questions are subjective and will be rated according to content not length. The answers **must** be typed.
- If another sheet of paper is required, please number your answer in reference to each question and include your name on each sheet of paper.

This application must be received no later than July 1, 2017.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (H) (_____) _____ (W) (____) _____

Please indicate which scholarship you are applying for:

_____ **MSGNA member 0 – 5 years** _____ **MSGNA member > 5 years**



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Name _____

1. Current consecutive years as SGNA/MSGNA member _____
2. CBGNA certified Yes _____ Year _____ No _____
3. Will you definitely be able to attend the MSGNA fall conference?
Yes _____ No _____

MSGNA Involvement

4. _____ Board Member
Date: _____ Office: _____
5. _____ Nominated and accepted nomination for board member.
6. _____ Never nominated, but willing to serve.
7. _____ MSGNA/SGNA committee or task force member within the last 5 years.
Date: _____
8. _____ Written article for the *Pathfinder* within the last 5 years.
Date of article and topic: _____
9. _____ Written article for the *Gastroenterology Nursing Journal* within the last 5 years.
Date of article and topic: _____
10. _____ Chair/co-chair MSGNA conference. Date: _____
11. _____ Committee member MSGNA conference. Date: _____
12. _____ Chair/co-chair SGNA or multi-regional conference. Date: _____
13. _____ Committee member SGNA or multi-regional conference. Date: _____

Conference Attendance

14. Fall MSGNA 2016 Date: _____
15. Spring MSGNA 2016/2017 Date: _____
16. Fall multi-regional 2015/2016 Date: _____
17. SGNA annual course 2015/2016 Date: _____

QUESTIONS 18 AND 19 MUST BE TYPED

18. In what specific ways have you promoted the MSGNA?
(Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.)



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19. Briefly, describe the direction you would like the MSGNA to take in the future and how you would participate in this advancement.
(Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.)

MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes

Somerset Inn, Troy, MI

March 18, 2017

1. **President's Report**-Pat Root, RN, CGRN: Thanks to Nancy Denton and her great planning committee for this spring's conference. Thanks to all for attending, meeting up with old friends and making new friends, and learning new things. Congratulations to the endoscopy team at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Four nurses will be taking the certification test in May and if they all pass their endoscopy unit will be 100% certified in GI. Reminder that next week, March 20-March 24 is GI Nurses and Associates Week. Congratulations for the great work we do. Hope you get the opportunity to celebrate.
2. **President-Elect Report**- Jenneva Kremke, RN, BS: Reminder that MSGNA likes to reward its members that contribute to GI education. One of the ways we try and promote our members is by reimbursing costs to any member(s) who submits and is accepted to present a poster at the annual SGNA conference. The poster will then be presented at our next regional conference. Nancy Denton is our latest member to do this and she will be presenting at the national conference in May. MSGNA also rewards our members by offering scholarships to go to the fall conferences. Scholarship applications are available at the MSGNA table in the vendor area. This year's fall conference will be held in Port Huron and it is a two day conference so the scholarship can be very helpful with costs and we have had times when no one has applied.
3. **Past President Report**-Kathy Smith, RN, BS, BSN, CGRN: MSGNA board elections coming up include President Elect (3 year commitment: President Elect, President, and then Past President), Director at Large: Bylaws/Policy&Procedures/COMON (2 year commitment), and Director at Large: Membership (2 year commitment). Nomination forms are available at the MSGNA table. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2017. We really appreciate anyone interested in joining our board it is a very rewarding experience.
4. **Secretary's Report**-Amy Krug, RN, BSN, CGRN: MSA meeting minutes from General Business Meeting from September 25, 2016 that were posted in December Pathfinder.
5. **Treasurer's Report**- Mary Pierce, RN, ADN, CGRN: As of September 17, 2017 - Checking: \$51,837.60, Savings: \$24, 568.43. Per MSGNA bylaws, we are required to have enough funds in our accounts to pay for what we are contracted. MSGNA is currently only contracted for the Fall 2017 conference but will soon be contracted for the Spring 2018 conference. We also have no bills accounted for this conference as of yet. Our



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board is making every effort to decrease expenditures; however, there are certain things that are required by SGNA and our Bylaws that cannot be changed. Our balance is always directly affected by our membership, conference attendance, and our vendor participation. We are always looking for new members; it is very worthwhile so please encourage your non-member cohorts to join our professional organization.

6. **Newsletter/Website Report**-Sheri King, RN, BSN, CGRN:- Sheri is continuously working with our MSGNA website administrator to keep our website updated. She has currently obtained the credentials to have more access to do things herself and hopes to obtain even more access ability as time progresses. If you would like to be on MSGNA's email roster list please email Sheri or give her your email before you leave today's conference. The next Pathfinder newsletter is due out this month. Please contact Sheri with any questions or concerns.
7. **Membership Report**- Wendy Stanley, RN, ADN, CGRN- Due to issues with obtaining our membership roster from SGNA there are a few new members that have not received their membership pins. We are working to correct those issues so we can get those pins out to our new members. MSGNA was able to offer two non-member conference attendees MSGNA memberships for the remainder of the 2017 membership year. Those memberships went to Sandra Montgomery and Nancy Nykamp via a non-member drawing. Congratulations and welcome to MSGNA to both of them. Our last member count was 141 members but we know there are a few more that have not made it to our list yet.
8. **Vendor Coordinator Report**-Ruth Dobberfuhl, RN: There were 23 vendors for this conference. Thank you for spending time with each of them. 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.
9. **Policy/Procedure/Bylaws/COMON Report**-Becky Blood, RN, BSN:
Reported from her attendance at the COMON meeting that MI nursing licensure requirements and the process for renewing your license is changing. CEU requirements will be changing for the 2019 renewals. The pain CEU requirement has been increased to 2 and there is a *Human Trafficking* CEU requirement being added. Becky's upcoming focus will be completing the bi-annual updating of our policies and procedures. Becky recently received a Certificate of Proclamation from Governor Rick Snyder proclaiming March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month after sending him a letter asking him to do so. A letter must be sent every year in order to continue to have March proclaimed Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. A thank you card was available for conference attendees to sign and send to the Governor.
10. **Program Chairs Report**-Nancy Denton, RN, BSN, CGRN:
May 2017-SGNA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA



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September 2017-Fall MSGNA, Sheri King and the Henry Ford Macomb Hospital endoscopy staff to host
October 2017-Multi-Regional Conference, Indianapolis, IN (Final Year)
Nancy discussed her poster presentation on ERCP positioning and the steps she took to gather the information for presentation. If you are interested in presenting a poster at a conference please feel free to contact Nancy with any questions.

MSGNA offered non-member conference attendees the opportunity to join MSGNA, minus the difference in conference cost between a member and a non-member. (ie..current membership cost minus \$45.00). Attendees interested in this opportunity were required to fill out the application for membership and pay the membership costs minus \$45.00, prior to the end of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Krug, RN, BSN, CGRN
MSGNA Secretary

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

As nurses, we take on the responsibility for advocating for our patients in our daily work. As professionals, we are also called to advocate for the nursing profession and for the health of the communities in which we live and serve. Spring is a key time for promoting awareness for those in our community affected by GI specific forms of cancer. As many know, March is generally considered Colon Cancer Awareness Month. What you may not know is that April is considered Esophageal Cancer Awareness month. Each year the Governor of Michigan must re-proclaim awareness months. This political recognition helps to bring these serious issues into the public and political eye. As the Policy/Procedure/Bylaws/COMON member of the MSGNA board, I wrote a letter in early February requesting Governor Snyder to proclaim March 2017 Colon Cancer Awareness Month in Michigan. Governor Snyder answered this call to action by again issuing an official proclamation. A copy of the official proclamation and a thank you card to the Governor that you can sign will be present at the Spring 2017 conference. Please join me in contacting Governor Snyder to request April 2017 be proclaimed as Esophageal Cancer Awareness month in Michigan. Our voice is stronger together. You can send your request to Governor Snyder by any of the following methods:

Online: <https://somgovweb.state.mi.us/GovRelations/ShareOpinion.aspx>

Calling: 517-373-3400

Mail: Governor Rick Snyder
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, Michigan 48909



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MSGNA PROGRAM REPORT

**Mark Your Calendars
Great Education Dates Coming Your Way**

44th ANNUAL SGNA COURSE

**“Invest in Yourself, Inspire Others”
May 7-9, 2017 Pre-meeting events: May 5-6, 2017
New Orleans Morial Convention Center**

MSGNA Fall 2017

**Blue Water Convention Center
Port Huron, MI
September 22-24, 2017**

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

25th ANNUAL MULTI-REGIONAL SGNA CONFERENCE

**Drury Plaza Hotel
Indianapolis, IN 46290
October 20-22, 2017**

A true taste of National Conference at a price you can afford.

MSGNA SPRING 2018

**Date and Venue TBD
Mary Pierce and the Grand Rapids endoscopy staff will host this spring 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.**



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**

or

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



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](#).



Associates & Technicians



Take the Next Step!



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Are you looking to...

Enhance your level of professionalism? Receive validation of your skills and knowledge?
Integrate yourself as a valuable team member in the GI/endoscopy setting?

Let SGNA help advance your career.

The SGNA Associates Program and Advanced Associates Program are designed for Associates and Technicians like you!

Which Program is right for me?

SGNA Associates Program

Gain the core knowledge of the GI/endoscopy specialty and work setting.

- Become a respected professional and team member in your GI/endoscopy setting
- Learn basic endoscope reprocessing
- Understand the dynamics of a GI/Endoscopy unit or facility
- Integrate your learning with nurses and others in your unit

SGNA Advanced Associates Program

Earn a higher level of recognition through advanced study tips and methods.

- Challenge your critical thinking skills by applying the learned concepts from the modules to the case studies
- Validate the skills in your clinical setting in the form of a checklist through the Skills Validation Checklist, which you can place in your personnel file
- Foster an interactive educational learning environment with the rest of your unit



Recertify Quickly and Easily

It may have 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 2017, you can submit at any point during the year. Certificates are issued on the 15th and 30th 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.

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 1st 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.



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

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

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.

***Nancy Denton and her planning committee from Beaumont Health did an outstanding job hosting our Spring MSGNA Conference---a sincere thank you is sent to you all. The speakers and topics were outstanding. Unfortunately Nancy and I ran around "socializing" and forgot to take any pictures of this event! I will strive to do better in the coming months when we host the Fall MSGNA Conference at the Blue Water Convention Center in September. Sheri King
Newsletter/Website Editor***



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