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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Springtime is just around the corner and we brave Michiganders have survived another winter even though it was a rather mild one on the southeast side of the state. In a few weeks, we will be holding our 2012 Spring conference in Troy, MI. We have a good program to present and a great facility. The people at Somerset Inn are looking forward to hosting the MSGNA. The Fall offering will be held there as well.

Marion Smith, our President Elect, and I will be representing Michigan at the House of Delegates in May. The National Course will be held in Phoenix, AZ this year and in Austin, TX in 2013. Everyone would be thrilled to send someone from our membership with a poster next year. I urge members to work on a submission as Michigan has not been represented for several years. There is money available to send the winner and their poster to Austin. Marion Smith will be overseeing the contest and scholarships this year. All forms and info will be posted on our new website.

Speaking of the new website.....the Board hopes you like the new look and its navigation should be more user friendly. Also, we are hoping to get on-line voting in place this summer which will save on paper, postage and time for all involved. It will be a more accurate system for counting votes.....there should be less chance for spoiled ballots. Please make sure you have a valid e-mail address with the SGNA so you can be contacted to vote. This will prove to be an exciting year for our organization.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the end of the month and best wishes to all for a GI Nurses and Associates Day!

Maria Edwards RN  
MSGNA President  
President 2011

### **2012 Nominations and Elections**

As Immediate Past President of MSGNA I am responsible for this year's nominations and elections. So, while I might want to sit back and relax after my year as president that will not be the case! Actually, this should be a very exciting year to be involved in this process since we plan to transition from "paper" elections to online elections. If you have not already done so please make sure you have a valid email attached to your SGNA account. You can do this by logging into the SGNA website or by calling SGNA. If you regularly receive email from SGNA you should be all set. You will receive information about how the elections will work once the process is finalized.

But before we can have elections we need to have nominations. So everyone, please start thinking about nominating a coworker or even yourself. This year we will need to elect a Secretary, Treasurer, and President Elect. Secretary and Treasurer are 2 year positions while President Elect is a three year commitment. You must have served on the Board of Directors in some capacity in the past to run for President Elect. Serving on the Board is fun, challenging and a great way to meet new people and give back to our profession. Please feel free to email me with any questions. Nomination forms can be found on our website. They will also be available at the Spring Conference or you can email your nominations to me at [lorelbrn@mail.com](mailto:lorelbrn@mail.com). Nominations are due by June 1, 2012.

Submitted by Lorel Baatenburg, Immediate Past President

**Vendor  
Passport for  
Prizes**

Our Vendor Coordinator, Sandra Hansen-Belfit, has been meeting with the vendors at each conference and a suggestion to initiate a new practice was made. When our attendees register for the conference on Friday evening or Saturday morning, a vendor passport will be distributed. As you visit the vendor exhibits to see what is new and exciting, the representative will sign off their space on the card. Once the card is completed it can be placed in a special basket at the registration table. There will be a drawing for special door prizes donated by the vendors awarded from the completed cards. We will trial this for a few conferences and then evaluate the process. Your input is very important to us. Please remember that our vendors are very important to the success of our conferences.

Sheri King BSN  
RN CGRN  
Newsletter/Web  
editor

## **MSGNA 2012 NOMINATION FORM**

Name and title of candidate:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Positions open for MSGNA Board of Directors for term starting January 2013.

\_\_\_ **President Elect** (total of a 3 year commitment and must have served on the MSGNA Board within the last 5 years)

\_\_\_ **Secretary** (Total of a 2 year commitment)

\_\_\_ **Treasurer** (Total of a 2 year commitment)

All potential candidates must be a MSGNA/SGNA member in good standing for a minimum of two years.

All nominations must be received or postmarked by June 1, 2012.

**Lorel Baatenburg**  
**8761 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.**  
**Jenison, MI 49428**  
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### GI Nurse's & Associates Day

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Share with us how you celebrate with stories and pictures.

Email them to [endoqueen2@yahoo.com](mailto:endoqueen2@yahoo.com) please

#### **Membership Report by Christine Pilcher**

We have **33 new members** (joined between 12/30/11 through 3/15/12)

We have **92 certified nurses**

**5** years of membership (joined 2007): 20 members

**10** years of membership (joined 2002): 8 members

**15** years of membership (joined 1997): 9 members

**20** years of membership (joined 1992): 9 members

**25** years of membership (joined 1987): 3 members

**26** years of membership (joined 1986): 2 members

**27** years of membership (joined 1985): 2 members

**28** years of membership (joined 1984): 1 member

**31** years of membership (joined 1981): 1 member (who is an associate member/tech!)

**LOOKING  
FOR  
CONFERENCE  
SITES – 2013  
and 2014**

Believe it or not, we are looking for an MSGNA conference sites for **Fall 2013, and Spring 2014.**

You can bring an MSGNA Conference to your city.

Believe in yourself and your unit. Below are some of the perks planning a conference.

- 9 committee members will receive paid SGNA membership for the following year.
- Very rewarding work.
- Lots of networking with your co-worker/peers
- MSGNA board for resource and support.

Contact Diane Thompson, MSGNA Chairperson, at 810-606-6783, or email [dathompson@genysys.org](mailto:dathompson@genysys.org)

**FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!**

**Who doesn't like something for free?**

**Here is your chance!**

The MSGNA Conference Scholarship contest is underway. Don't pass up this opportunity! Fill out the scholarship application below and send it in today!

The MSGNA Board will award six scholarships to the 2012 Fall Conference; three for those with less than five years membership and three for members greater than five years. The judging is done on a points system with essay questions used only in the event of a tie. This scholarship award includes full payment of tuition and fifty percent of the cost of two night's accommodations. The application must be received no later than June 1, 2012.

There is also a Poster Contest for our creative members! The poster must include research, education, or a clinical theme. Please review the criteria for the Poster Contest. The poster abstracts are due by August 1, 2012. The winner must display their poster at the 2013 SGNA Annual Course in Austin Texas. Monetary awards will be based on the availability of funds to be used towards expenses to the Course. Also the winner must present the Treasurer with a letter of acceptance or denial to receive the money.

As President Elect, it is my responsibility to oversee both the scholarship and poster contests for this year. I would love to bestow these awards to members of MSGNA.

If you have any questions, please contact me at my email address.

Marion Smith RN, CGRN  
MSGNA President Elect/ [msmith5@dmc.org](mailto:msmith5@dmc.org)

# MSGNA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**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. \_\_\_\_\_ MSGNA Board Member: Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Office(s) \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Nominated and accepted nomination for MSGNA Board member.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Never nominated, but willing to serve.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ MSGNA/SGNA Committee or Task Force Membership within the 5 years.  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Written for the PATHFINDER within the last 5 years.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Written articles for 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Most Recent Conference(s) Attended

- |                                    |                                |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 14. _____ Fall MSGNA 2011          | _____ Fall MSGNA 2010          |
| 15. _____ Spring MSGNA 2012        | _____ Spring MSGNA 2011        |
| 16. _____ Fall Multi-Regional 2011 | _____ Fall Multi-Regional 2010 |
| 17. _____ SGNA Annual Course 2011  | _____ SGNA Annual Course 2010  |

QUESTIONS 18 AND 19 MUST BE TYPED.

18. In what ways have you promoted the MSGNA?  
(Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary and include you name on each sheet submitted.)
19. Briefly, describe the directions you would like the MSGNA to take in the future and how you  
Would participate in this advancement.

# MSGNA POSTER CONTEST

MSGNA members have an opportunity, at the Fall Conference, to create a poster displaying their artistic talents. Posters must have a research, education or a clinical theme. The first place winner must exhibit their poster at the SGNA Annual Course in 2013.

Qualification for the poster contest requires the following:

1. Submission of an abstract (limit of 250 words) for each entry by August 1, 2012 to:

Marion Smith RN, CGRN  
MSGNA President Elect  
13662 Wright St.  
Gibraltar, MI 48173

2. Participants to be MSGNA members for at least one year prior to the display date. Current officers and Board members cannot participate.
3. A research, education or clinical theme and be submitted on a 2 ft by 4 ft background.

Three MSGNA members will be chosen at random to judge the posters. All Board members are excluded from judging. In the event of a tie, the President Elect, will select an impartial person to act as a tiebreaker.

Posters will be judged based on:

- |                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Visual appeal                  | e. Complexity of it's subject |
| b. Neatness                       | f. Completeness of research   |
| c. Creativity of presentation     | g. Originality                |
| d. How it relates to the GI field | h. Conciseness                |

The winner will be expected to do the following:

1. Send their abstract to SGNA by the date due.
2. Transport, set up, and breakdown the poster at the SGNA Annual Course.
3. Enlarge the poster to a 4 x 8 ft. display.
4. Attend the SGNA Annual Course. In the event the winner is unable to attend, the monies must be returned to the MSGNA via the current treasurer within 30 days of the SGNA Annual Course.

Monetary awards will be based on the availability of funds to be used towards expenses to the SGNA Annual Course. (The winner must present the treasurer with a letter of acceptance or denial from the SGNA to receive money to attend the Annual Course.)

If you have questions or concerns regarding the poster contest, please contact me.

Marion Smith RN, CGRN  
MSGNA President Elect  
Msmith5@DMC.ORG

## **Calendar of events**

### **May 18-23, 2012**

SGNA 39<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Course  
*"Finding the  
Leader in  
You-Making  
the Choice  
to Lead"*  
Phoenix  
Convention  
Center,  
Phoenix,  
Arizona

### **September 14-16, 2012**

MSGNA Fall  
Conference  
Somerset  
Inn, Troy  
Kim Smith  
and the  
endoscopy  
staff at St  
John's  
Hospital will  
be hosting  
this learning  
conference  
along with  
Ruth  
McClure

**20<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
MultiState**  
Indianapolis  
Marriott-  
North Hotel  
October 12-  
14, 2012

**Spring  
2013**  
University of  
Michigan  
Ann Arbor  
Date to be  
determined

The MSGNA will be represented by President Maria Edwards and President-Elect Marion Smith at the House of Delegates in May at the Annual Course in Phoenix. The current Resolutions are listed below. Please review them and voice your opinion to your delegates. Both Maria and Marion's contact information can be found in this newsletter.

#### House of Delegates Resolutions:

1. Whereas, GI professional nurses provide skill based volunteer work on mission projects, resolved that SGNA provides 2 medical mission scholarships annually in the amount of \$1000 each.
2. Whereas, GI Nurses and Associates Day is celebrated every year in March resolved that GI Nurses and Associates Day be expanded to GI Nurses and Associates Week.
3. Whereas, the SGNA Regional Societies goal is to increase their membership numbers and members becoming certified, and whereas the number of GI professionals who are able to attend the national SGNA conference are decreasing in many regions and thus decreasing exposure to national SGNA and ABCGN leadership, and whereas the regions could benefit from national leadership support resolve that SGNA and ABCGN provides a tool consisting of a short DVD video, 10-15 minutes in length, of national leadership explaining the benefits of becoming a member of SGNA and their local region and the benefits of certification and re-certification.

**ABCGN has a new toll free phone number: 1-855-252-2246 or 1-855-25-ABCGN.**

**Have questions about recertification or the exam; give us a call on our new toll free number.**

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

Diane Thompson  
BA, LPN,  
CGN  
Program  
Chair  
MSGNA

# Celebrate the SGNA Community with *SGNA News*!

As an SGNA member, you receive an exclusive, complimentary subscription to *SGNA News*, SGNA's quarterly newsletter. Featuring industry updates and special highlights from our GI/endoscopy nursing community, *SGNA News* is a great way to stay current and connected to SGNA and the GI profession. The next issue of *SGNA News* is on its way to your mailbox soon and is now [available online](#). (Note: You must log in on SGNA's Web site to view the issue.)

This issue features inspirational stories and industry news to help you advance professionally including:

- A Unit Spotlight on Gastroenterology Associates in Olympia, WA, which has found success by creating a tight-knit team atmosphere
- How to get involved with SGNA by volunteering your time in a national or regional capacity
- Information on the newest SGNA resource: *GI/Endoscopy Nursing Review: Certification Study Manual*
- A profile of SGNA member Eileen Babb, who shares her knowledge and passion for the profession with patients and colleagues
- Ways to celebrate and share your enthusiasm for the GI profession during GI Nurses and Associates Day, including the enclosed poster and how to order your free GI Nurses and Associates Day kit

Celebrate the SGNA community and check out the latest issue of *SGNA News* [online today!](#)

## Stay Informed, Stay Connected: Update Your Member Profile

Make sure your information is accurate — visit the [“My SGNA Profile”](#) page to review and update your profile. Keeping your member profile current will:

- Allow you to reset your membership's user name and password
- Guarantee timely arrival of your *Gastroenterology Nursing Journal* and *SGNA News* to your preferred address
- Ensure you receive all electronic communications from SGNA Headquarters
- Manage access to your preferred eSIGS, update your regional affiliation and select volunteer preferences

Updating your records has never been easier! Be sure to update your [SGNA Profile](#) today.

## **SedationFacts: Get the Latest on Your State's Sedation Regulations and Earn Free Contact Hours**

Have you visited [SGNA's SedationFacts](#) lately? This comprehensive portion of SGNA's Web site serves as a central repository for endoscopic sedation news, reference materials and guidelines, and a range of information designed to address all aspects of this topic.

Two important reasons to visit [SedationFacts](#) include:

1. Check out the **enhanced section on state sedation administration regulations and standards**. Make sure you are up to date on the regulations and standards for your state. This section includes information from the State Nursing Board, State Medical Board and legislative bodies on each state page, and you'll also find reliable links for additional state-specific resources.
2. **Earn 2.25 free contact hours!** Further your knowledge in sedation by reviewing the [SedationFacts page](#) and complete a short online quiz to earn your free contact hours.

To learn more, visit [www.sgna.org/sedationfacts](http://www.sgna.org/sedationfacts).

## **ABCGN Updates**

### **Volunteers Needed to Staff Audit Committees**

Qualified, highly motivated and professionally committed nurses are needed to assist in recertification packet review and GI-specific reviews. This is a detailed job, requiring approximately 10 hours per month. Committee members serve a two-year term; contact hours will be awarded under Category 11. Please review the following qualifications for committee members prior to submitting your applications.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Maintain GI certification
- Have gone through at least one recertification process (not by testing)
- Currently employed in gastroenterology nursing
- SGNA membership preferred
- Be willing to serve a two-year commitment
- Attend a committee meeting held during the SGNA Annual Course and/or a committee orientation session
- Access to a computer

### **[Committee Volunteer Application](#)**

If you are interested in serving, please fill out the application and return it to



[ebutler@smithbucklin.com](mailto:ebutler@smithbucklin.com) or mail to headquarters: ABCGN, 401 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611 by March 15.

## Product of the Month

Good things come in small packages! The [\*GI Nursing Pocket Guide: Level Two\*](#) is an easily accessible manual, perfectly sized to carry for quick reference to gastroenterology nursing information.

Perfect for GI/endoscopy staff with more than six months of experience, *Level Two* includes information on upper and lower GI procedures, biliary procedures, pharmacology, endoscope charts, safety and terminology.

ISBN: 0-9779065-8-2  
Item#: 325GINPG2  
Member price: \$30.00  
Non-member price: \$60.00

## SGNA Career Center

The **SGNA Career Center** provides added usability for our job seekers and employers, making it even easier to connect people together. To continue your job search through SGNA, you will need to re-post your resume to the new SGNA Career Center. You can take advantage of functionality including:

- **FREE and confidential resume posting** – Make your resume available to employers in the industry, confidentially if you choose.
- **Access to the National Healthcare Career Network (NHCN)** – NHCN is a growing network of more than 250 healthcare associations and professional organizations.
- **Job search control** – Quickly and easily find relevant industry job listings and sign up for automatic e-mail notification of new jobs that match your criteria.
- **Easy job application** – Apply online and create a password-protected account for managing your job search.
- **Saved jobs capability** – Save up to 100 jobs to a folder in your account so you come back to apply when you are ready.

Contact SGNA Headquarters at [sgna@smithbucklin.com](mailto:sgna@smithbucklin.com) with any questions.

## Next newsletter deadline June 1st

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