



# Michigan Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates



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**THE PATHFINDER**  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Things are about to change again. The board will be welcoming our new President, Patti Yonkovit. She will be leading MSGNA in 2014. Jenneva Kremke will become the new President Elect and Deb Schroeder will assume the position on the board covering Policy and Procedures/COMON. Pat Root will take over memberships. I too, will have a new role as the Past President in charge of upcoming elections. All this will be taking place at our transition meeting this November in Lansing. I would like to remind everyone that 2014 will be our **third** year for online voting! Please consider setting up a valid email address; we want all members to have the opportunity to vote and thereby have a voice in the elections. Also, I will be accepting nominations for new positions on the Board. Working on the Board is an enriching learning experience-I can promise that you will be challenged and have fun while serving.

The conferences this year have been outstanding. The Spring Conference hosted by the University of Michigan Health System, Medical Procedures Unit was a great learning experience. Thanks to all for the hard work done by Fran Schultz and her committee. I received a lot of positive feed back from the members who attended this conference. The Fall Conference in Lansing was hosted by Jenneva Kremke and the endoscopy staff at McLaren-Lansing. This was their first time putting on a conference and they did an excellent job! It was a very interesting conference; the program topics were different and unusual. Everyone on the Board appreciates both groups volunteering and working so hard to make these learning experiences a success for MSGNA's members. During the last conference two other groups volunteered to host upcoming conferences. Thank you so much!! I just know Diane Thompson who is the Program Chairperson is as thrilled as I am to have other members step forward to host and plan a future conference. Sheri King and her endoscopy staff from Henry Ford Hospital-Macomb are currently making plans to host the Spring Conference. Our Fall Conference will be replaced by the 22nd Annual Multi-Regional SGNA Conference held this coming year in Michigan. I'm really looking forward to attending this; hopefully you can make time in your busy schedule to come. Diane promises it will be a true taste of a National Conference at a price you can afford.

One of the goals set for the Board in 2013 was to set up online registration and payments for future conferences. Unfortunately this took a little longer than we anticipated. However, in the new year 2014, we will have this completed for the Spring Conference. Please watch your mail for a postcard announcing the conference then log on to the MSGNA web site for instructions regarding registration and payment options. If you have any problems or questions, please contact me by email at [msmith5@dmc.org](mailto:msmith5@dmc.org). I will be most willing to provide any assistance you may require to navigate through the new system.

Well, this just about covers everything for now. I hope you- all MSGNA members- stay healthy and enjoy the holidays. I look forward to seeing everyone at the future conferences!

Marion Smith RN,CGRN  
President MSGNA

## INFECTION PREVENTION CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

SGNA developed and launched the Infection Prevention Champions Program this year. The goal of this program is for each facility/setting across the country to have a team member enroll as a Champion who acts as the link to the most current infection prevention news, helping ensure the most current and safe practices are followed. SGNA makes it easy and provides all the resources to your departments to implement safe and effective practices. We encourage you to visit [www.sgna.org/infectionsprevention](http://www.sgna.org/infectionsprevention) today to learn how you can put your unit at the forefront of infection prevention efforts.

### ABCGN CERTIFICATION NEWS:

In response to inquiries, ABCGN has decided to broaden the areas of study for the CGRN to maintain national certification. Category 13: Involvement in other GI related organizations or publications has been added. Two (2) contact hours per year will be awarded for involvement in these GI focused professional organizations as an officer, committee/task force member at the **regional or national level** or as an appointed publication editor/reviewer. Minimum GI Specific hours granted will be 2, maximum of 10. (Found on the ABCGN website)

Around the time of the Spring 2014 Conference we will start asking for nominations for the election to the Board of Directors. Please consider volunteering for service. There are many benefits to serving on the MSGNA Board of Directors: conference attendance (contact hours) and membership dues are paid. Beyond all that something else happens: friendship, mentorship, camaraderie, teamwork, support, networking, and learning. I have served on the BOD in many roles since I was elected. I have learned so much about our parent organization SGNA, our certifying board, I have been on committees at the national level but most of all I have made really awesome friends who support each other in professional and personal lives.

Sheri King BSN, RN, CGRN,

Newsletter Editor/Website

MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Lexington Hotel, Lansing

1. Address and President's report-Marion Smith, RN, CGRN: Welcome, thank you to the MSGNA Fall Conference planning committee.
2. Past President's report-Maria Edwards, RN:
  - o 45 votes for MSGNA Board elections
  - o President Elect: Jenneva Kremke
  - o Pat Root: Membership
  - o Deb Schroeder: Policy/Procedure/Bylaws
3. Secretary's Report-Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN: MSA Meeting Minutes MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013
4. Treasurer's report-Kathy Smith, RN, BSN, CGRN: Checking: \$49,571.17  
Savings: \$24,527.72
5. President Elect report-Patti Yonkovit, RN, BSN, CGRN: One MSGNA Fall Conference scholarship application. This scholarship was awarded to Lorel Baatenburg. No entry for Poster Contest.
6. Membership report- Chris Pilcher, RN, CGRN: Current membership is at 253, 39 new this year (81 are certified).
7. Policy/Procedure/Bylaws/COMON report-Jenneva Kremke, RN, BS: COMON, 43 nursing organizations in Michigan. Director of Nursing Policy appointed.
8. Vendor Coordinator report-Ruth Dobberfuhr, RN, BSN: 35 vendors for Fall Conference. Please share your appreciation as they come to your units. Need host for 2015 Spring and Fall Conferences
9. Newsletter and Website report-Sheri King, RN, BSN, CGRN:
  - o Please send Pathfinder articles by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - o Newsletter will be emailed and available on MSGNA website.
  - o Log in Password reset option will be available on website.
  - o There is a Board of Director tab on website, with board members emails, if needed for communication.
  - o MSGNA log in: email that is in profile with SGNA, then last name in lower case.
  - o Online registration ready for 2014. You will be able to pay for conference with PayPal, check, or credit/debit card.
  - o There will be a postcard notification of upcoming conference. The actual brochure for conference will be on MSGNA website.

10. Program Chair report-Diane Thompson, BA, LPN, CGN:

- There are 120 participants in attendance for this conference.
- There are scholarship monies available for members for help with membership dues and for conference attendance.
- Upcoming conferences:
  - \*21<sup>st</sup> Annual Multi-Regional SGNA Conf., Louisville, KY, October 18-20, 2013
  - \*MSGNA Spring 2014, March 28 - 29, Sherri King and the endoscopy staff at Henry Ford Hospital-Macomb. Somerset Inn, Troy, MI
  - \* SGNA 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Course, May 2-6, 2014, Nashville, TN
  - \* 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Multi-Regional SGNA Conference, October 17-19, 2014, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI

Additional comments: If you certify or recertify, MSGNA offers a \$100 reimbursement.

11. Meeting adjourned at 0738.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN  
MSGNA Secretary

To the MSGNA Board of Directors and the Entire Membership,

I wanted to thank all of you for electing me to the Board of Directors when I ran in 2011. My term has come to an end, and I thoroughly enjoyed serving on the board for the past two years. I was glad to have an opportunity to give back a little something to the MSGNA for all of the things I have received from it over the many years I have been a member. The board members were a pleasure to work with and made my job so easy. I have learned a great deal and had fun doing it. I highly encourage each and every one of the members to seriously consider running for a position on the BOD when nominations are solicited next year. You reap so many benefits, it is like having your cake and eating it, too! Not only do you get your SGNA/MSGNA dues paid for the length of your service, but you get to attend the MSGNA Spring and Fall Conferences for free, and you have an opportunity to attend the SGNA National Conference in the spring or the Multi-Regional Conference in the fall (add up all the money you save and CEUs you can earn!!). But the best part is working with dedicated professionals, net-working with others, and socializing with wonderful people. What better way to give you and your career the boost it may need to make you the best you can be. That always bodes well for job satisfaction and performance. Heck, I may have talked myself into running again sometime in the future!! Please consider doing yourself and your organization a favor and consider running for the BOD. I guarantee you'll be glad you did, and the membership will appreciate you, too. Thank you all again for the unique opportunity to serve. It was a pleasure.

Chris Pilcher  
BOD for Membership

**ON-LINE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT WILL BE READY IN TIME FOR SPRING 2014 CONFERENCE!!!**

Instructions and brochure will be emailed to all members and to each Michigan facility. Basically you will log on to msgna.org and find the conference date. You will find course information and be linked to our PayPal account for payment by debit or credit card. If you are unable to do that, you are still very much able to mail in a check to our registration person! Stay tuned for more information!

Sheri King BSN, RN, CGRN

Newsletter Editor/Website

**The fall conference in Lansing had great speakers and was well attended. We also had 35 vendors present, including two new companies. Thank you to everyone that spent time with the vendors. They are a wealth of information! Remember to thank them for their support of our organization when you see them. The vendor table fees help us offer the conference to the membership at a lower cost. If there is a particular vendor you have not seen at the conference, please contact me with their information so I can send them an invitation to the next event.**

**Ruth Dobberfuhr RN  
Vendor Coordinator**

Hi to all, in January I will have completed my year as President Elect, my year of relearning “the ropes” of being on the Board of Directors (BOD) of your Professional nursing organization. I’ve learned a lot and remembered a lot! I want to say a heart-felt **Thank you** to all my fellow board members for their mentoring and support.

As Pres-Elect, other than learning, the biggest responsibility of the role is being in charge of the *Scholarship* process and the *Poster* presentation process. The scholarship is the BOD’s biggest way (second only to providing two Educational courses with discounted tuition) to give back to you, our members and supporters. This past year, during our Spring Educational course, we reminded everyone during the general business meeting that funds are available, the scholarship forms are very available; one form designed for the seasoned GI nurse and a second form for our novice GI nurses. I had a poster advertising the Scholarship and the Poster process (with paper applications) in plain view at registration table throughout the course. Still, I only received one application for the Scholarship and no abstracts for a Poster! The applicant, Lorel Battenburg, was highly qualified to be awarded the scholarship and we were happy to award it (tuition for the Fall Educational course) to her. Yet, I know for a fact that there are many of you who are equally as qualified all you have to do is apply! If any of you need any help in accessing the forms and/or requirements **please** feel free to contact any of the board members, we would love to help you.

The Poster process does require an abstract, but don’t let that word scare you! An abstract is a written description of your poster’s concept. An example might start out; “my (our) poster will describe my/our unit’s efforts to improve patient satisfaction scores. The sub group that tackled this drive started with.....” Your poster, if selected would be displayed at the Fall Education course and provide you financial support to bring your poster to SGNA’s National Education course. It can be a teaching poster; it can be the implementation of evidence based practice change in your unit or it can even be a research poster! If you need any support, information, or just “you go get ‘em”

encouragement, again please contact any of the board members.

I'm greatly looking forward to my year as your President and a great year for GI education via our Spring and Fall Educational Courses.

Patti Yonkovit

President Elect MSGNA

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## **MSGNA PROGRAM REPORT**

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

### **MSGNA SPRING 2014**

**Somerset Inn**

**Troy, MI**

**March 28 – 29, 2014**

**Sheri King and the endoscopy staff at Henry Ford Hospital-Macomb will be hosting this great spring learning conference**

### **SGNA 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL COURSE**

**“Blending Our Talents – Orchestrating Better Outcomes”**

**Housing information coming soon**

**Nashville, TN**

**May 2 – 6, 2014**

**Great networking opportunities for nurses and associates in the practice of GI/Endoscopy**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MULTI-REGIONAL SGNA CONFERENCE**

**Radisson Plaza Hotel**

**Kalamazoo, MI**

**October 17 – 19, 2014**

**Michigan SGNA will host this annual conference**

### **MSGNA SPRING 2015**

**Date and Place TBA**

**Lorel Baatenburg and MSGNA members from Grand Rapids endoscopy units will be hosting this learning 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**

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Season's Greetings to Everyone!

The holidays are upon us and another year is just around the corner. Our elections were held electronically again with 45 members voting this time. This year we ran the election for the month of August instead of extending it till the Fall conference. I believe we had about 65 members who voted on line last year but we did extend the voting period as that was the first year we implemented this method. When we used to do the mailing of ballots the range of voters were 70-85. The intention was to save money on all the printing of profiles and postage, not to mention the enormous amount of time it took to assemble the voting package. We also thought that with the convenience of voting on line, more members would have voted. Sheri King sent out weekly reminders throughout the month of August encouraging the membership to vote. I understand that we only had 3 candidates running and only one vote needed to be cast to determine the winners. I would like to appeal to all of the membership to consider running for the Board of Directors in the next election. It has been such a rewarding experience for me to work with such professional and dynamic women to bring educational programs for all of you. Next year proves to be exciting as Michigan will host the Multiregional conference in Kalamazoo. I think the other states will be impressed by the fine program and what we are doing in Michigan.....PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A PART OF IT. We need fresh ideas to keep our organization moving forward so I would like to encourage all of you to run for office. Everyone on the Board has a specific job but we help and support each other so you are never floundering. Let's have a REAL election next year with several candidates for each position. I would like to thank everyone who has run in the past and please consider running again. All the forms can be found on our website or contact me if you have any questions.

On that note, I would like to congratulate Jenneva Kremke who will be our next President Elect. Pat Root will oversee Membership as a Board Director and Deb Schroeder for COMON and Policies & Procedures/Bylaws also a Board Director. 2014 should prove to be an exciting year for the MSGNA! Wishing all of you and your families safe and joyous celebrations during this holiday season. Have a Holy Holiday!

Maria Edwards

Immediate Past President

## ***Tentative Spring 2014 Outline***

**Nutritional Support: TPN**

**Eating Disorders & Treatment**

**GI Emergencies Including Foreign Body**

**IBD: Failure of Routine Treatment & Use of Biologics**

**TIPS Procedure**

**EBUS**

**Bariatric Surgery Follow Up Care and Complications**



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