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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT REPORT

I would like to congratulate the winners in our 2014 Board of Directors election. Kathy Smith, our present Treasurer, will be President Elect and she will mentor our new Treasurer, Mary Pierce. Mary Catton ran unopposed and will serve another term as Secretary. Welcome to Mary as a new member and sincerely hope this will be a rewarding experience. I know it has been for me. I urge the membership to run for the positions this year. We will need two board members to oversee Membership and Policies & Procedures. Both are two year commitments and you will have help from other Board members to be successful in that position.

As Immediate Past President, my job was to oversee the election for that year. During my years on the Board, we instituted electronic voting for a few reasons. One being, cost by eliminating printing and postage costs and the time factor of ballots arriving within the election period. My concern has been the fact that we have over 200 members at any given time but only 44 voted online this year despite all the announcements and weekly e-mail reminders. I am asking for some feedback from the membership as to what else we can do for more participation in the elections. We have made it very user friendly and offered support if anyone was having difficulty logging into the site. The other hurdle is having correct E-mail addresses for communication to the members. Please update your information with the SGNA as this is where we get our information for Michigan.

In closing, I would like to say it has been a pleasure to serve on the BOD in several capacities and have to admit I will miss working with the dynamic women who make all the educational offerings happen for all of you.

Regards,
Maria Edwards RN
Immediate Past President

We are going green for MSGNA! We will be sending emails with registration information to each member and facility for our **Regional Spring and Fall Conferences.** Attendees will be able to register and pay for the conferences utilizing the MSGNA.org website with PayPal! Vendors will also be able to use PayPal for their table fees! The Board of Directors would like to encourage every member to attach an active email address to their profile on the SGNA website. This email address will be how we communicate with you most, send the Pathfinder, your log in to register for conferences and your log in to vote in our annual election for the Board of Directors! Email addresses for hospitals usually have security settings that will not allow the newsletter to be sent through so we suggest a personal email be used like a gmail or yahoo account.

Sincerely, Sheri King BSN CGRN Newsletter/Website Editor

MSGNA POSTER CONTEST

A task force is being formed to revise our MSGNA Poster Contest to be a "Poster Financial Assistance" Program. Please look forward to the announcement of new information by our President Elect Jenneva Kremke and the Board of Directors

MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2014

Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI

1. President's Report-Patti Yonkovit, RN, BSN, CGRN: Welcome and thanks for attending.

There were concerns voiced about not getting email notice of this conference. An email notification was attempted. Also, there are notifications regarding upcoming conferences in the Pathfinder, on MSGNA website, and flyers available at meetings. There are plans for a flyer to be mailed for notification of Spring Conference.

Please keep your contact information updated on the SGNA website.

Contact MSGNA board members with questions and concerns.
2. Past President's report-Maria Edwards, RN: (Outgoing board member – thanks for all your service, Maria!)

44 votes were cast. Please share ideas on how to encourage members to vote.
Election results: Kathy Smith – President Elect
Secretary - Mary Catton
Treasurer - Mary Pierce
3. Secretary's Report-Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN: MSA Meeting Minutes "MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes", from March 29th, posted in the June, 2014 issue of the Pathfinder.
4. Treasurer's report- Kathy Smith, RN, BSN, CGRN: Checking: \$40,667
Savings: \$24,550.11
5. President Elect report-Jenneva Kremke, RN, BS:

Scholarship winners for this conference: Marianna Burns, Traverse City
Amy Krug, Traverse City
Constance Davenport, Traverse City

Their essays were exceptional.
If you are submitting an abstract for 2015 National Conference, let someone on the board know. We can help with reimbursement.
Will consider setting up Facebook page for MSGNA
6. Newsletter and Website report-Sheri King, RN, BSN, CGRN:

An apology was offered if you did not receive email notification of this conference. Please go to SGNA website to check to be sure your contact information is updated. You can also find free CEs offered on the SGNA website (E-Learning Center). Consider renewing your membership for 2015 through the November campaign. Deadline for articles for the Pathfinder newsletter is November 7th. Please send to

Sheri's work email only.

7. Membership report- Pat Root, RN, CGRN: Current membership is at 235 members (12 new members since spring conference).

8. Policy/Procedure/Bylaws/COMON report-Deb Schroeder, RN, BSN, CGRN:

With nursing shortage, working on ways to retain nurses, such as promoting the use of retired nurses as mentors. Consider sending a letter to your governmental representatives to voice your concerns to possibly help influence change.

9. Vendor Coordinator report-Ruth Dobberfuhl, RN, BSN: Excused Absence: 29 vendors

10. Program Chair report- per Patti Yonkovit, RN, BSN, CGRN (President):

MSGNA Spring 2015, to be held at the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College (Grand Rapids) March 20-21, 2015, hosted by Lorel Baatenburg and the Endoscopy staff at St. Mary Hospital.

2015 SGNA National Conference - Baltimore, Maryland, May 15-19, 2015.

MSGNA Fall 2015, Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, MI, September 11-13, 2015, Munson Hospital Endoscopy staff. Can make a reservation now for you and your family. \$165.35 for standard room; make reservation asking for Michigan MSGNA.

MSGNA Spring 2016, Ann Arbor, MI, (Date TBA) Karen Tingstad and the endoscopy staff at The VA Hospital - Ann Arbor.

11. Meeting adjourned at 1747.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN
MSGNA Secretary

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MSGNA PROGRAM REPORT

MSGNA SPRING 2015

Prince Conference Center (Calvin College)

Grand Rapids, MI

March 20 – 21, 2015

Lorel Baatenburg and the endoscopy staff at St. Mary Hospital will be hosting this great spring learning conference

SGNA 42nd ANNUAL COURSE

“Stepping Forward...Connecting with Our GI Community”

Baltimore, Maryland

May 15 – 19, 2015

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

MSGNA FALL 2015

Great Wolf Lodge

Traverse City, MI

September 11 – 13, 2015

Munson Hospital Endoscopy staff will be hosting this great “up north” fall conference

MSGNA SPRING 2016

Ann Arbor, MI...Date TBA

Karen Tingstad and the endoscopy staff at The VA Hospital- Ann Arbor will host this educational conference

MSGNA FALL 2016

Date and Place TBA

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

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Just a reminder! Hotel rooms!

When a conference is announced in advance, even up to a year in advance, the hotel rooms are reserved. Once MSGNA reserves these rooms, if they go unrented, MSGNA has to pay for at some facilities. At other facilities the more room we reserve, the better the facility rental fees and food fees. We are suggesting that if you have **any** plan to attend a conference, please reserve a room early. You can always cancel it up to 48 hours before the event. MSGNA is spelled out as “Michigan SGNA”. Sheri King BSN

What is C.O.M.O.N?

I'm Debbie Schroeder and in addition to being Director-at-Large of Policy and Procedures I am your representative to THE Coalition of Michigan Organizations of Nursing (C.O.M.O.N). This organization is “dedicated to the advancement of Nursing in the State of Michigan. C.O.M.O.N's mission is to serve as a vehicle that gives all nurses the opportunity to collectively work together to achieve mutually agreed upon goals for Nursing in Michigan”. Membership in C.O.M.O.N includes over 40 different nursing specialty organizations. Some examples are: MSGNA, Academy of Med/Surg Nurses, American assoc. of Critical Care Nurses, Michigan College of Nursing., Michigan Assoc. of CRNA'S. Michigan Board of Advanced Practice Nurses just to give you an idea.

Annually C.O.M.O.N selects an initiative. The last one was in 2012 and it supported the Primary Care Consortium Adult Immunization Initiative. “As more emphasis is placed on the benefits of preventative services at both State and National levels, COMON urges all Michigan nurses to support the Michigan Primary Care Consortium Initiative of improving immunization and primary care access for all Michigan residents”

Some of C.O.M.O.N's Nursing Practice Papers are:

1. Improve Practice for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs):
Definitions, Titles, Licensure, and Practice
This is in Legislature right now. It is Bill # 2 so please write your Representatives and support it.
2. Modernize Scope and Standards of Practice
3. Clarify Delegation of Nursing Function
4. Advance Technology in Nursing practice and Health Care
5. Establish the Michigan Nursing Practice Council

There are several more Nursing recommendations that speak to the delineation of roles for LPN's, Nurse Assistants and EMT's. To get more information about these recommendations' or to read further about C.O.M.O.N you can go to their website. It is *micomon.org*

ABCGN Updates

ABCGN Certification/Recertification Scholarships

The American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses awards scholarships in the spring and fall to aid candidates with financial assistance for certification and recertification. **The next deadline for application is December 15, 2014.** Additional information and application forms can be found on the website.

Recertification Deadline December 31

The Recertification deadline is December 31. **If you are due to recertify in 2014, please submit your online application on or before December 31.** The recertification application can be found on the website. *If at all possible, please send a copy of the conference agenda with your contact hour certificate when you submit for recertification. This helps the evaluation of your application by providing complete information to the audit team. Having the agenda helps to determine if a course was "GI Specific" or not.*

ABCGN Awards Nominations Due February 15, 2015

Each Year, ABCGN recognizes those nurses and facilities who have demonstrated commitment to excellence by validation of qualifications through certification. The awards are presented during the SGNA Annual Course. Nominations for the Excellence in Professionalism, Certified GI Professional of the Year and the Outstanding Region awards are **due**

February 15, 2015. Additional information can be found on the website.

**AIM for Infection Prevention
Assess. Implement. Maintain.**

Participate in the SGNA Infection Prevention Champions Program

The SGNA Infection Prevention Champions Program is the ideal way for your GI/endoscopy unit to provide the very best in patient care. When you appoint a champion for your unit, you are making a commitment to analyze your unit's current infection prevention practices, and identify opportunities for improvement or change. The AIM Program guides participants to **assess** their current practices and **implement** best practices in the first year, while the second year focuses on **maintaining** the optimal infection prevention standards for long-term success and patient safety. The AIM program requires payment of \$250 for the full two-year program. Single-year program options are also available.

Improve patient safety with a developed plan, tailor made for your unit. Learn more about how to **AIM for success** online at www.sgna.org/infectionprevention.

Get the most from your SGNA Membership!

SGNA is constantly working to bring our members valuable educational resources at little or no cost. Have you checked out the free CE offerings from SGNA's online eLearning Center lately? Two new programs have just been added with more coming soon. Check out the [SGNA eLearning Center](#) to access your free CEs.

**Don't miss out on all that SGNA has to offer in
2015, renew your membership today!**

Take Advantage of Free CEs From SGNA!

Did you know SGNA offers free online contact hours to members? You can find free CE offerings in the "[Learner-Driven Education](#)" section of the SGNA Marketplace.

Current Free Online Contact Hours:

1. IBD Module I - 0.8 Contact Hours (GI-specific)
2. IBD Module II - 0.8 Contact Hours (GI-specific)
3. IBD Module III - 0.8 Contact Hours (GI-specific) *Sponsored by AbbVie, Inc.*
4. IBD Module IV - 0.8 Contact Hours (GI-specific) *Sponsored by AbbVie, Inc.*
5. Taking a Mechanistic and Evidence-based Approach Towards Reducing

Risk Associated with Endoscopic Reprocessing - 1.25 Contact Hours (GI-specific) *Sponsored by STERIS.*

6. Fecal Microbiota Transplantation: The Real Poop Scoop - 1 Contact Hour (GI-specific) *Sponsored by PENTAX Medical Company.*

SGNA on Social Media: Join Our Community!

SGNA wants you to join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and now [Instagram](#)! Share, like, follow and add your two cents to SGNA's thriving social media communities!



Check Out the SGNA Online Product Directory



The [Product Directory](#) is a robust, comprehensive and interactive online source for both SGNA members and non-members. It allows users to effortlessly connect to dozens of professional products in the GI/endoscopy field. And, because it is located within SGNA's website there's no need to waste time sifting through numerous, unreliable sites.

Find the perfect products to fit your needs [here](#).

Newly Updated Sedation for Gastroenterology Nurses Website: Earn 1.50 GI-Specific Contact Hours!



Visit SGNA's [new sedation website](#) and explore key information dedicated to help improve the success of endoscopic procedures with safe and effective administration of sedatives and analgesics. Visit this one-stop sedation reference site and **earn 1.50 contact hours (GI-specific)** for education on sustaining sedation levels, matching proper agents to patients and procedures, as well as ensuring overall excellence in nurse-administered anesthesia care.