



# Michigan Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kudos to Fran Shultz, B.B.A., RN and everyone on her committee from the University Of Michigan Health System/Medical Procedures Unit for a great job hosting the 2013 Spring Conference, "AMAZE-N-BLUE". We had 133 members registered and 30 vendors present. It was an exceptional conference and in fun, Fran renamed it our MSGNA WINTER-SPRING CONFERENCE.

Thankfully the weather improved just in time and everyone made it safely.

May 17-22, 2013 is the SGNA Annual Course in Austin, Texas. President Elect, Patti Yonkovit and I plan to attend as your representatives at the SGNA House of Delegates and the Regional Rechartering Ceremony. I still remember the first time I attended a SGNA Annual Course it was in the early 1990's. I was totally blown away when I saw approximately 2,500 nurses come together to learn, have fun and take away the knowledge, that makes for better patient outcomes in the practice of Gastroenterology. I would like to encourage everyone to attend! If you would like to go, remember scholarships are available, please apply. If you need more information contact Diane Thompson the MSGNA Program Chairperson.

I would like to reiterate some information covered at the MSGNA General business Meeting. First, MSGNA as a group needs to become more budget conscious. We sustained a loss of over \$8,000 in 2012. I believe we can not continue this way and remain viable as a group. The Board is currently looking for ways to eliminate wasteful spending. However, I can assure you no one on the Board is willing to sacrifice the quality of our future conferences in order to accomplish this. The first step, as Sheri King so well said, is to go green. Believe me this is a lot more difficult than it might sound, because we can't do it alone. It's going to take the collective effort of all our members to make this a success.

I just can't say it enough, please go to the web site and become familiar with it. Last year elections took place electronically so make your voice heard and vote this year as well. Also, we are planning to make the website even more useful by allowing the members to register and pay for the conference on line. You will be able to view the conference syllabus and print it if you choose to do so.

A lot of time and effort has gone into planning these changes and making the website very user friendly. My hope is that these changes make us a stronger organization and one that you can be proud to be a part of.

The MSGNA Fall conference, will be hosted by Jenneva Kremke and the endoscopy staff at McLaren-Lansing on September 20-22, 2013 at the Lexington-Lansing Hotel. I hope to see you in the fall, but first things first, have a great summer.

Marion Smith RN CGRN  
MSGNA President

## **MSGNA Fall 2013 Conference Lineup:**

**Celiac Sprue, GI complications from Exercise/Running, Colon Polyps and Surveillance, Complications Related to Sedation in Endoscopy, ERCP/EUS, GI Bleeds, Barrett's Esophagus, New Treatments for Fecal Incontinence and Hemorrhoids, Bronchoscopy and More!**

## Immediate Past President's Message

I would like to thank the University of Michigan committee for hosting another fine program. I think everyone was happy the weather cooperated and I trust everyone had a safe trip home. At our business meeting, I announced that we need candidates to run for President Elect and two Board of Directors At Large. Please nominate your candidates by contacting me or filling out a nomination form which we will post online and you can mail it to me if you wish. The deadline for nominations will be June 1, 2013 and the candidates will be notified by June 15, 2013. Letters of acceptance, along with a picture and bio must be mailed to me no later than July 1, 2013. The election will commence on August 1, 2013 and run throughout the month. Again, voting will be done via the website and the results will be announced at the General Business Meeting at the Fall conference in Lansing. This will be our second electronic election and we are hoping to have more members vote as we have been sending out the message now for a year. This has been a cost saving measure for our organization and our attempt to go green. We also hope that electronic voting is more convenient for the membership.....PLEASE VOTE!  
Regards, Maria Edwards

**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.

## Why Certify?

**. . . Because the rules are changing.**

In these days of health care reform and cost containment, cross-training, consumer education and self-determination, and managed care, it isn't enough just to be a good nurse. To be competitive, you've got to keep up - and keeping up with modern nursing means getting certified.

### Certification can help you:

- expand your role in providing patient services;
- earn more money;
- advance in your career;
- improve patient care; and
- find greater satisfaction with your job.

All indications are that health care reform and cost containment will mandate more direct patient care by nurse specialists. In the near future, nurse specialists may qualify to perform diagnostic procedures, practice independently, provide care reimbursed by third party payers and manage and follow up on patients. Hospitals and clinics will seek out certified

candidates to hire.

# Check out the Advance Program for the Annual Course being held in Austin Texas May 2013 on SGNA.org

**We are going green for MSGNA!** We will be sending postcards 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 and sponsorship donations! 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. More information will come in the next edition of the Pathfinder due out in July!

Sincerely, Sheri King BSN CGRN  
Newsletter/Website Editor

## MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti

1. Address and President's report-Marion Smith, RN, CGRN: Welcome, reminders to visit the MSGNA web site. As we are working on being budget conscious, we will use the web site more; for instance, to register and pay for conferences.
2. Past President's report-Maria Edwards, RN:
  - Elections to be held electronically again for 2013
  - Nominations for President Elect and BOD members at large (Policy and Procedures) are due by June 1, 2013
  - Election shall run for the month of August
  - Nominees must respond of their intent to run along with their biographical data by July 1, 2013
  - Results will be announced at the Fall Conference General Business Meeting.
3. Secretary's Report-Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN: MSA Meeting Minutes "MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2012" posted in December 2012 issue of the Pathfinder.
4. Treasurer's report-Kathy Smith, RN, BSN, CGRN:  
Checking: \$41,044.85  
Savings:\$24,511.42
5. President Elect report-Patti Yonkovit, RN, BSN, CGRN: Review of Scholarship and Poster Contest for Fall MSGNA conference.
6. Membership report- Chris Pilcher, RN, CGRN: Current membership is at 304 (88 are certified).
7. Policy/Procedure/Bylaws/COMON report-Jenneva Kremke, RN, BS: There will be a COMON meeting in March, will share information as necessary.
8. Vendor Coordinator report-Ruth Dobberfuhl, RN, BSN: 28 vendors for Spring Conference. Please share your appreciation as they come to your units.
9. Newsletter and Website report-Sheri King, RN, BSN, CGRN:
  - Please send Pathfinder articles by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - GI Nurses and Associates Day is March 27<sup>th</sup>; send in any pictures or stories you may have, sharing how you celebrated the day.
  - Make sure that your SGNA profile is up to date, with an active email address.
  - Conference information will be placed on website, with the ability to register and pay for the conference online.
  - Outlines and syllabus for conference will be online, and can be printed ahead of time.
10. Program Chair report-Diane Thompson, BA, LPN, CGN:
  - Scholarships for National SGNA meeting are available, \$500-\$1,000.
  - ABCGN-Cook Medical scholarship information for certification
  - If you are retired, can apply for continuation for \$75 and there is a discount for membership.
  - Upcoming conferences:
    - \*SGNA 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Course, Austin, TX, May 17-23, 2013
    - \*MSGNA Fall 2013 Conference, Lansing, MI, September 20-22, 2013
    - \*21<sup>st</sup> Annual Multi-Regional SGNA Conf., Louisville, KY, October 18-20, 2013
    - \*MSGNA Spring 2014, Date and Time TBA, Sherri King and the endoscopy staff at Henry Ford Hospital-Macomb.

11. Meeting adjourned at 1209.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN  
MSGNA Secretary

## 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.)

## 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
- Allows you to register on-line for MSGNA conferences and to vote in our annual elections when your email address is accurate

## **GI Nurses & Associates Day Celebration**

"The staffs of McLaren Northern Michigan Endoscopy Department and Great Lakes Digestive Health Associates celebrated Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates Day with a wonderful luncheon provided by the gastroenterologists of Great Lakes Digestive Health Associates." In the picture, Dr. Thomas Tietjen and Lisa Rogers.



### **2012 Officers**

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# MSGNA POSTER CONTEST

## MSGNA 2013 Fall Conference

### September 20-22, 2013

## Lexington Hotel Lansing, Michigan

The poster contest will take place at the Fall Educational Course. The prize may be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Place. The following criteria must be met or the poster will be disqualified:

- MSGNA members in good standing for 1 year prior to display date are eligible to participate, current officers and board members excluded.
- The poster shall have a Research, Educational, or Clinical theme and must be related to the field of Gastroenterology.
- Posters shall be submitted on a minimum 2' x 4' up to 4' x 8' background.
- A poster abstract (limit of 250 words) must be made to the MSGNA President Elect by August 1, 2013.

Patti Yonkovit  
920 Ellsmere St.NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505  
[yonkovip@trinity-health.org](mailto:yonkovip@trinity-health.org)

Judging takes place at the MSGNA Fall Educational Course by three members of MSGNA who are not on the Board of Directors. In the event of a tie, the President-elect will select one other impartial person to act as a tie breaker.

Judging is based on the following criteria:

- Visual appeal, neatness, creativity of presentation, relatedness to GI field, complexity of subject, completeness of research, originality, and conciseness.
- There are 50 possible points awarded (see adjoining page, "poster evaluation point system")
- Posters must have been awarded a minimum of 30 points to be considered to represent MSGNA at the SGNA Annual Course.

The names of entrants will be included on the back of the exhibit only and shall be kept anonymous until the announcement of winners is made.

The winner will be expected to do the following:

- Send their abstract to SGNA by the due date.
- Transport, set-up and breakdown the poster at the SGNA Annual Course.
- Enlarge the poster to a 4 x 8 foot display.
- Present the treasurer with the letter of acceptance from SGNA to receive the award to attend the Annual Course.
- 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 listed below will be based on the availability of funds:

- Early Bird Registration
- Airfare/Transportation
- Four nights lodging
- Food allowance- \$30.00 a day for up to five days
- 50% of the poster production and shipping costs

Receipts for the above must be submitted to the treasurer within 14 days to receive reimbursement.

If there is more than one author the award will be divided amongst the authors of the winning poster.

Award benefits are subject to change without notice.



# 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.

MSGNA 2013 Fall Conference  
September 20-22, 2013  
Lexington Hotel  
Lansing, Michigan

Forward completed applications to:

Patti Yonkovit  
920 Ellsmere S. NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505  
Or  
[yonkovip@trinity-health.org](mailto:yonkovip@trinity-health.org)

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 June 1, 2013.**

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**

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 2012 Date: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Spring MSGNA 2013 Date: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Fall multi-regional 2012 Date: \_\_\_\_\_
17. SGNA annual course 2012 or 2013 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MSGNA Scholarship Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**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.)
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.)

## **Calendar of events**

### **SGNA 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Course**

"Aim Higher"

Austin, TX

May 17-22, 2013

### **MSGNA Fall 2013**

Lexington Hotel

Lansing, MI

September 20-22, 2013

Hosted by Jenneva Kremke and the endoscopy staff at McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital

### **21<sup>st</sup> Annual SGNA Multi-Regional Conference**

Galt House Hotel

Louisville, KY

October 18-20, 2013

A true taste of National Course at a price you can afford!

### **MSGNA Spring 2014**

Somerset Inn

Troy, MI

March 28-29, 2014

Presented by Sheri King and the Henry Ford Macomb Hospital Endoscopy Department

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual SGNA MultiRegional Conference**

Radison Kalamazoo

October 2014

**Diane Thompson BA, LPN, CGN, MSGNA Program Chairperson**

**H 810-744-1971**

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## 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).

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.

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