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Greetings from the North Country! I can't believe summer is almost over and the kids are back to school. Pretty soon we'll be getting ready for the holidays and putting up the decorations! It seems like I just took mine down last month! Wait a minute.....I did just take mine down last month! Just kidding! It was June. Anyway, I guess the old saying is true. The older we get, the faster time flies. Pretty soon we'll be planning the 1st Annual ASGNA Holiday Party sponsored by IMS. So you know it's going to be a big bash! Stay tuned for more details.

October 15th. October 15th. Why does that date sound so familiar? I know! That's the date for our biggest event of the year... the Fall Conference. I hope everyone has marked their calendars for that Saturday. You should all be getting your brochures in the mail very soon, if you haven't already, and if you don't receive one, please let one of the board members know so we can get one to you. And spread the word to your colleague's who are not members so they can come and join in on the fun! We have a great line up of speakers, vendors, and the atmosphere will be nothing to shake a stick at. I mean, come on, The Pointe! Who could ask for anything more! Deadline for registration will be October 6th, so don't "dilly-dally" in getting it in.

And don't forget to get your applications in for the Wilson-Cook scholarship this year. The winner will be announced at the conference. This is also the time to be thinking about your involvement in ASGNA. We're looking for new members for next year's board and if you've been thinking about getting more involved in the organization, we'd love to have you put your name in for nomination. This year at the conference, we'll be electing a new president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. So get your nominations in soon. Contact Dawn Young if you have any questions regarding the process.

Have a great rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing all of you in October!

Lisa M. Maples, R.N., C.G.R.N.
President ASGNA



**Here are your nominees –
Only one nomination for pres-elect and one for secretary, two for treasurer.**

For President Elect: Carol Kirkby

Education: BSN, RN

SGNA member since 2000

Board positions: ASGNA Education Co-Chair 2004, 2005

Other recognitions:

Crohns and Colitis GI Nurse/Caregiver of the year-2005

Nurse of the Year-1999-Tempe St. Luke Hospital

Currently Works: Phoenix Endoscopy Center-Staff Nurse

Years in GI: 5

Other Memberships: Crohns and Colitis Foundation of America St. Paul's United Church of Christ

What do you see as the major goal for ASGNA to pursue in the next two years? Increasing participation with the GI departments throughout AZ, share practice concerns and information.

What role would play in the accomplishment of these goals?

I would increase e-mail and Website development through the state.

What are your professional goals for the next 5 years? I plan to continue with my GI practice and become certified in GI and become more involved in CCFA.

For office of Secretary: Pat Richey

Education: AD, RN

SGNA member since 1999

Board positions: Secretary/ Treasurer for Mountain West Region 2000-2002, Also responsible for contacting Vendors and organizing displays with Vendors

Currently works: Boswell Hospital: Endoscopy Staff Nurse

Years in GI: 6

Other Memberships: Certified in Neonatal Nursing-NAACOG

Leader with Boy Scouts of America, Church Organist

What do you see as the major goal for ASGNA to pursue in the next two years? To increase membership of techs in addition to nurses and certification of nurses and techs in Endoscopy. To continue offering twice a year education activities and helping with scholarships for tuition.

What role would play in the accomplishment of these goals?

Advertising and encouraging non-members to join while attending Regional educational meetings. Have an ASGNA representative or member in each hospital or Endoscopy unit.

What are your professional goals for the next 5 years? My goals are to be certified in GI and to attend more educational meetings and activities. Also, to again hold as office in the regional or National SGNA.



For office of Treasurer: Dannette Musil

Education: RN, BSN, CGRN

SGNA member since: 1985

Board positions: ASGNA Education Co-Chair 2002, Treasurer for Chicago SGNA 1990-1991

Other recognitions: Presenter on "Capsule Endoscopy" 7/02

Currently Works: Mayo Clinic-Team Leader-GI Clinical Research Nurse

Years in GI: 17

What do you see as the major goal for ASGNA to pursue in the next two years? Regional SGNA has an important role in supporting and providing on-going education for their membership. There is a great opportunity for networking at meetings and sharing of ideas and solutions to common challenges. AGNA should continue to attempt to reach the multidisciplinary teams of GI colleges throughout the entire state.

What role would play in the accomplishment of these goals? I welcome the opportunity to serve on the ASGNA board as Treasurer.

What are your professional goals for the next 5 years? I intend to continue in my role as a Clinical Research Nurse, Study Coordinator for GI related clinical trials and maintain my CGRN.

For Office of Treasurer: Laurie Miller

Education: RN, BS, CGRN

SGNA member since: 1991

Board positions: ASGNA Hospitality Co-Chair 1995

Currently Works: St. Joseph's Hospital-Endoscopy Staff Nurse

Years in GI: 14

Other memberships: Leader for "Brownies"-Girl Scouts of America

Deacon Presbyterian Church

Volunteers giving Flu Vaccinations and BP checks at Church

What do you see as the major goal for ASGNA to pursue in the next two years? To promote membership in ASGNA, to promote its benefits and to encourage GI Nurses to become certified.

What role would play in the accomplishment of these goals?

To help facilitate earlier notification of all ASGNA meetings, assist in promotion of GI review classes and/or study mentor program for nurses who want to become certified.

What are your professional goals for the next 5 years? To maintain my CGRN, to encourage the nurses in my lab to be active in ASGNA and to become certified and be a mentor for new nurses.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Is there anyone who is interested in volunteering for ASGNA Community service projects related to preventing colon cancer? Colon cancer is the second leading cause of deaths related to cancer in the United States.

The ASGNA will be teaming together with organizations such as, The American Cancer Society, to increase awareness through exhibit booths at community health fairs. When we succeed with these fairs, we hope to have a booth at the Women's Expo in 2007. (baby steps first!)

If you are interested in joining the "Prevent Colon Cancer Awareness Team," please contact Patty Clark, RN, CGRN at patricia.f.clark@mayo.edu or call 480-342-2254.



**Treasurer's Report
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**The 26th ANNUAL ASGNA FALL CONFERENCE
at The Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak 7677 N 16th St.
on Saturday October 15th**

Some of the topics will be: GERD, EUS, IV Conscious Sedation and Propofol, Small Bowel Imaging, Advances in Endoscopic Hemostasis and Applying Abdominal Pressure During Colonoscopy.

Brochures will be in the mail shortly.

A block of rooms has been held for anyone attending the conference at the rate of \$149.00 a night. Reservations must be made by September 15. Any reservations made after this date will be based on availability at prevailing rates.

