

April 29, 2011  
MIDSTATE MEDICAL CENTER

Meeting was called to order @ 6:35 pm by Kathy Vinci.

Secretary's report was read by Chris Sarisley and accepted. A correction was made re: Barbara Sullivan is involved in a CT Medical Advisory Committee with the Crohn's Colitis Foundation of America.

Thanks was given to Michael Morris for the sponsorship of the March meeting at UCONN.

The Beyond the Scope Program will be November 4 (ERCP) Course and November 5 (Saturday Course). Co-Chairs for the program are: Chris Sarisley and Gail Steele. It will be in Mystic at the Hilton Hotel. We are still looking for someone to work with Nancy Covini as Co-Chair for the Education Committee.

The new medical mission scholarship was discussed with the membership. It will be for volunteer work and will require a presentation or a 250 word essay in any SGNA publication. The scholarship at this level will be available to the same individual every other year, just as we do other scholarships at the State level. Applications are now available and follow the same format for other scholarships we are awarding for nationals and for quarterly. Details and forms are on the Web. Kathy and Chris will propose a resolution for a similar scholarship to be created at the National level during the House of Delegates Session in Indianapolis.

The final 3 resolutions were discussed. Kathy and Chris will represent CTSGNA and vote at the National House of Delegates Meetings on these issues as they are presented. They involve:

1. The use of using sterile or tap water in rinsing and working with instruments.
2. Creating a national scholarship for a facility that has demonstrated best practices based on best evidence
3. Creating a membership discount for 2 year term and to change the membership year from March to March.

Barbara Sullivan is the only person who has applied this year to attend the National Scholarship Program in Indianapolis. She was presented with a \$750 check from Michelle Day.

Rita Botelho has received a quarterly scholarship for \$250 as well as Anne Moskal.

Chris Sarisley has been appointed to serve on the National SGNA Task Force in Technology. She also serves on the national level editorial board for the Gastroenterology Nursing Journal. She has donated a text on Clinical Case Studies to CTSGNA which can be used as a starting point for anyone interested in presenting an in-service at their facility.

The June dinner meeting is being held on June 10 at San Soucie Restaurant in Meriden. It is located on the Berlin Turnpike, and will be sponsored by Novartis. Guest speaker is Dr. David Robbins, and he will speak about Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST); Challenges for Gastroenterologists.

All State meetings are on the website. Hartford Hospital will sponsor September, and Manchester Hospital will sponsor October. We are planning for meetings in February, March and April. Please contact Chris Sarisley if you are interested in hosting a meeting at your facility.

A collection is being done for the Crhon's and Colitis Walk to be held at CCSU on May 14. Please register to walk by going to the CCFA website and register with Team CTSGNA. Please encourage your facility and physicians to make donations.

Yale is sponsoring a CMS Conference on June 3 at the Water's Edge in Westbrook for anyone interested in participating in a program that summarizes the annual digestive disease course. 7 contact hours are awarded and the cost to nurses is \$75.

The Hospital of Central CT., New Britain Campus has won the DVD on Metal Stents and cake raffle gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sarisley