INSGNA Newsletter September 2021

President's Message: Susan Selking, BSN, RN, CGRN

I hope you all are enjoying your summer, and that you have taken some time to relax and rejuvenate in whatever manner you enjoy. SGNA has had several selfcare webinars this summer that were free to members. I hope you were able to check them out. They are just one of the benefits that SGNA provides to us as members.

The INSGNA Board and committee chairs met in July for our summer board meeting. We utilized the SGNA zoom meeting platform which allowed us to hold our meeting "in person"! It was nice to see everyone! We have several new committee chairs who have taken over for members who have moved on to other pursuits. I would like to thank Michele Tyring, Justin Heit, and Katrina McClain for their years of service to INSGNA. I would like to welcome Anndee Gosnell, our new Education/Scholarship Chair, Marilyn Johnson, our new Membership Chair, and Melissa Burk, our new Website Chair. We look forward to working with you all! All committees continue to look for committee members to assist the chairs with their responsibilities. If you have any interest, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the Board.

We will be holding an in-person fall conference November 6th! Thank you to Michele Tyring and IU Health for hosting! Additional information will be coming but please save the date and join us!

Enjoy the rest of the summer season. Stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you in November!

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Treasurer's Report: Deborah Nesbitt, BSN, RN, CGRN

Savings Account: \$17,613.40 Checking Account: \$8060.72

Nominations and Elections: Dianna Burns, BSN, RN, CGRN

As we continue to struggle day-to-day addressing the safety of our patients, co-workers and ourselves we show strength and dedication in our profession by our continued flexibility adapting to the newly established and everchanging guidelines. It is very important that we continue to grow our profession and rely on each other for support. The INSGNA Board is proud to announce our new volunteers to our Board. We'd like to give a big shout out to Anndee Gosnell, Chair of Education & Scholarship Committee; Marilyn Johnson, Chair of Membership Committee; and Melissa Burk, Website Committee. Thank you all for your willingness to share your expertise and assist with the continued growth of our organization. It has become even more important the we stand strong and become leaders of our Endoscopy specialty. Please consider volunteering to become a committee member. We need new and creative ideas!

There was no election this year. The Bylaws state specific experience needed to qualify for the Board positions. Susan Selking will remain as President for another year; Ann Minnicus will remain in the Secretary position for another year; and I will remain in the Immediate Past President position for another year. Our President-Elect position remains open. It is our goal to mentor our new volunteers into Board positions and continue to be a resource for new Board members. We are looking forward to working with our new volunteers and discussing new ideas for growth.

Membership- Marilyn Johnston, MSN, RN, CGRN

I assumed the Membership Committee this month from Justin Heit who moved to warmer weather last month. The focus of this committee for the next few weeks will be to contact members who have lapsed memberships. I received an email of the 31 lapsed members from the SGNA and will be sending a survey via email to assess the reason for the lack of SGNA renewal. I also would like to have other committee members to help with recruitment efforts to boost

our membership. Any suggestions for recruitment and retention of members would certainly be welcomed. My email address is marrn59@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments.

Education-Scholarship: Anndee Gosnell, MSN, RN, CAPA

The INSGNA Education & Scholarship Committee has been regrouping after our chairperson was nominated for a National SGNA Committee. We are extremely proud of her and the Indiana representation. I am the Nurse Manager for Endoscopy at Franciscan Indianapolis and have been an SGNA member for 4 years. Our committee is seeking more members for the committee, hoping to ensure we have representation from both hospital and ASC based endoscopy areas, nurse and technicians, centers who specialize in manometry, GI or pulmonary procedures. Meetings are scheduled every other month and will be available for all to attend virtually. Please reach out if you are interested in joining our team.

Program Committee: Shelly Oilar, CST

Well summer is wrapping up and the kids are heading back to school. We have made it through some rough and uncertain times with the Covid-19 virus but it appears that we aren't quite out of the woods yet with numbers increasing due to the delta variant. We are hoping that it does not interfere with our plans to host our first live in person conference since all of this started. I am very pleased to announce that IU Heath will be hosting an in person fall conference on Saturday November 6, 2021 at Fairbanks Hall in Indianapolis!! We couldn't be more excited to be planning this and are hoping to see you all there! There may be a Friday evening CEU opportunity but at this time nothing has been locked in just yet. Be on the lookout for that. We are always looking for volunteers to host our upcoming conferences so if you would be interested or like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our INSGNA board members or email us at insgna2015@gmail.com. Keep looking for more information for our upcoming conference on our website or Eventbrite and we hope to see you there!

Website: Melissa Burk, RN, CGRN

Hi everyone! My name is Melissa Burk, and I will be taking over for Katrina as our website chair. I've been working at Community North Endoscopy for 4 years and recently got my GI certification this spring. I'm in the process of learning the website from Katrina, and I look forward to meeting you all at the Fall Conference! Be sure to check the website, <u>indianasgna.org</u> for updates regarding the conference, and to follow our page on Facebook. Take plenty of pictures at the conference and be ready to share so we can all enjoy this wonderful community we have!

Respectfully submitted, Ann Minnicus, MSM, BSN, RN, CGRN Secretary INSGNA