

INSGNA Newsletter

April 2022

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

Happy Spring! It is truly a season of blessings as the earth reawakens with new growth and life, and Covid has declined significantly. I hope you are all taking time for self-care, and that you are able to find some time for relaxation in the months ahead.

Your INSGNA board has had two zoom board meetings in the past three months to continue the work of the organization. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our in-person meeting, to be held on March 5th, due to a lack of registrants. We are asking you, our members, what you would like to see from INSGNA in the coming months. Please let us know whether you would prefer virtual or in person meetings. A few members have reached out to say that they prefer the virtual meetings. What would you like to see? The board would like to have an in-person conference this fall. Would you attend? Please reach out to me or any board member with your thoughts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marilyn Johnston for her service as our Membership Chair. Marilyn has stepped down from the role, and I would like to welcome Angie Arthur as our new Membership Chair. Angie will begin with INSGNA in April.

We recently revamped our bylaws to reflect the needs of our region. Specifically, we have eliminated the qualification that a member must have served as the Secretary or Treasurer before they can accept the nomination as the President-elect. This change was approved by the SGNA Board at their board meeting in February. Our membership will vote on this change at our next virtual or in person meeting later in the summer or early fall. Please reach out to me if you have questions concerning this change.

I look forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City at the SGNA Annual Course! If not, please plan to attend the INSGNA conference to be held this fall!

Nominations and Elections/Immediate Past-President: Dianna Burns, BSN, RN, CGRN

As previously mentioned, 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 and Scholarship and Melissa Burk, Website Committee. Thank you for your willingness to share your expertise and assist with the continues growth of our organization. It has become even more important that we stand strong and become leaders of our Endoscopy specialty during these challenging times. Please consider volunteering to become a committee Chair/member. There are some perks that come along with volunteering as a Chair for a committee. Speak with a Board member for details. We need new and creative ideas!

The Bylaws state specific experience needed qualifying our members for the Board positions. Susan Selking will remain as President for another year; Ann Minnicus will remain as Secretary for another year; and I will remain as Immediate Past-President for another year. Be on the lookout for a vote from our members to change our INSGNA Bylaws in the near future. The changes will provide somewhat less stringent guidelines allowing members to volunteer for Chair positions. 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.

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

Savings Account: \$17,615.24

Checking Account: \$7,756.72

Program Committee: Shelly Oilar, CST

Hello Spring! I think we are all ready for the winter to be over. It has been a long and confusing time for all of us, including our INSGNA. While we did attempt to hold our in-person conference in March, unfortunately there weren't enough registrants to be able to actually hold the meeting. Due to the responses received in the membership poll that was emailed, the INSGNA board has decided to try again to hold an in-person event tentatively on September 10th. The details and the date are not finalized as of yet but keep an eye out on Eventbrite and our website for new information about the conference. We are always looking for hosts for our future conferences as well as anyone wanting to join a committee. Please reach out to any board member if you have an interest in either of these things!!

Education/Scholarship Committee-Anndee Gosnell, MSN, RN, CAPA

We are looking for members to participate in the Education & Scholarship Committee. Goals for the committee include promoting INSGNA involvement in education and ABCGN certification by promoting courses, certification review opportunities and testing dates. Additionally, the committee reviews all submitted applications for scholarship. The committee meets every other month over the phone to discuss and brainstorm. If you are interested in participating in this committee please contact Anndee Gosnell, committee chair at 317-528-1473.



Current Deadlines for CGRN

Spring Exam

Application Window: January 1 - February 28 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time;

Testing Window: May 1 - May 31, candidates will select the time and location through the Prometric website after the application window closes. *You will receive an email after your application has been reviewed with your eligibility ID.*

Fall Exam

Application Window: June 1 - July 31 at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time;

Testing Window: October 1 - October 31, candidates will select their time and location through the Prometric website after the application window closes. *You will receive an email after your application has been reviewed with your eligibility ID.*

2022 Application Fees: SGNA Member: \$430

Applications are being accepted for the various scholarships offered by INSGNA. One scholarship will be awarded annually to cover registration to the Spring and Fall educational courses in the amount equal to that of an SGNA member. One scholarship will be awarded to cover the early bird registration fee to the SGNA Annual Conference. One scholarship will cover cost of certification and re-certification annually.

Criteria for eligibility shall be limited to INSGNA/SGNA members in good standing for a minimum of one year. Scholarship applications must be completed and forwarded to the chair of the Scholarship Committee prior to the deadline. The deadline for the Spring and Fall INSGNA education courses is 4 weeks prior to the

course. The deadline for certification and re-certification reimbursement, after successful passing of exam or re-certification, is December 1st. The deadline for SGNA Annual Education Course is 15 days prior to the early bird deadline. Applications will not be considered if received after published deadline. All applicants will be notified of decision by mail or email. An alternate shall be selected in the event that the winner is unable to attend the course. The winner may choose to apply the monies toward the registration fee, at which time a check will be made out to SGNA, or upon receipt of proof of registration, be reimbursed in the amount of a member fee. A member is not eligible to win two consecutive years.

Each scholarship winner will be required to write an article for the INSGNA Newsletter or give a 15-minute presentation on practice related topic of their choice at the INSGNA educational course. Mentors are available to assist with this. Articles must be written within 60 days of attending the INSGNA/SGNA course. Oral presentations will be presented at the next scheduled INSGNA course.

Please email all application submissions to Anndee.gosnell@franciscanalliance.org and call Anndee @ 317-528-1473 to let her know you submitted an application.

Website Committee-Melissa Burk, BSN, RN, CGRN

Happy spring, everyone! The website has seen some changes after a few software updates, so be sure to check back in for information regarding upcoming events and conferences! The website address is still the same:

www.indianasgna.org

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Minnicus, MSM, BSN, RN, CGRN; Secretary INSGNA