

INSGNSA NEWSLETTER

August 2022

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

Happy Summer! I hope all of you are enjoying the summer and avoiding the rise of Covid. It feels like most of us are adjusting to the new normal, and because of that, INSGNA will be hosting our first in person conference since 2019. We hope you are planning on attending the conference to be held on September 10th at Fairbank's Hall in Indianapolis. If you did not receive an Eventbrite invitation to register for the conference, please let me know.

I was fortunate to represent you all at the SGNA Annual Course held in Salt Lake City in May. It was wonderful to be back in person and to have the opportunity to learn and network.

I attended the leadership session held on the Saturday prior to the start of the conference. Very briefly the pertinent items that pertained to INSGNA are as follows:

1. Navigating the virtual landscape going forward. This means that we need to become more comfortable with using Zoom, or a similar platform, for our board meetings and possibly conferences, if that is what our membership requests. Also, utilizing our email, SGNA Communities, the INSGNA website, and the SGNA calendar of events to communicate with our membership.

2. Increase our membership

3. Encouraging volunteerism to benefit both INSGNA and SGNA. Remember that volunteering is providing time/talent for the benefit of others.

And the SGNA strategic plan for the next few years includes:

1. Solidifying the GI specialty

2. Attracting the next generation

3. Driving Education

You will hear more about these initiatives as the year progresses. Please look for communications from SGNA on these topics.

As previously mentioned, we will have an in-person conference on September 10th. During the business meeting the members will have the opportunity to vote on the bylaws change that was approved by SGNA at their February board meeting. 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. Please reach out to me if you have questions concerning this change.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference!

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

As we continue to struggle to fill open positions on our INSGNA Board I hope you have taken the time to read the email sent from our INSGNA President, Susan Selking, addressing the Bylaws change. The INSGNA Board has proposed a bylaw change to SGNA in an effort to fill our open Board positions. SGNA has approved the proposed change and we will be voting on that change at our Fall INSGNA Conference September 10, 2022.

The change is under Bylaw Article VII, Nomination and Elections: 7.022 – President and President-Elect must satisfy the additional qualification of having served as Secretary or Treasurer prior to nomination.

PROPOSED CHANGE: Delete 7.022 due to issues with finding people who are willing to commit to extended amounts of time and positions to serve on the INSGNA Board. We feel that if they have served in a Chair position and they are mentored as the President-Elect then the additional requirement of the Secretary or Treasurer position is not needed.

We appreciate those members that have graciously volunteered to fill the open Chair positions and assist with the growth of INSGNA

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

Checking Account: \$17,615.67

Savings Account: \$5384.89

Program Committee: Angie Aurthur, BSN, RN, CGRN

Please consider hosting a future INSGNA Spring or Fall Conference. We need a host for the fall's conference in 2023. Please contact Angela Arthur the Program Chair at aaarthur@ecomunity.com if interested. The Program Committee will assist in coordinating the program.

Membership Committee: Josh Beard, ASN, RN

As technology and innovation drive advances in the field of Endoscopy, now is the time to join SGNA. There are several key advantages to membership. Stay informed on the latest tools, technology, and safety. Members have access to publications and educational materials. You can also access member only discounts on events, products, programs and training. As a member, there are numerous opportunities for networking, viewing new products, and discounted fees for education and certifications. We are currently reviewing member emails to validate they are up to date. Log into the SGNA website now to take advantage of the mid-year pricing. Don't forget to choose Indiana Region, as your regional society.

Mid-Year Membership:

Voting Licensed Nurse	\$169.10
Voting Associate	\$128.25
Student Member	\$60.00
Non-Voting Affiliate	\$186.20
Non-Voting/Non-Practicing	\$112.10

CGRN (Certified Gastroenterology Registered Nurse) certification exam and study materials are offered at a discounted rate for SGNA members.

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.

Applications are available 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

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! INSGNA has been working hard to offer you educational opportunities, like the upcoming fall conference! Be sure to register and attend - we look forward to seeing everyone. Also, be sure to check back at our website, indianasgna.org for updates and links to the Eventbrite conference registration and lodging information. We also have updates posted to our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/insgna](https://www.facebook.com/insgna)

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