

INSGNA Newsletter

April 2023

Message from the President: Susan Selking RN, BSN, CGRN

Happy Spring! The weather is finally turning warm! I hope you all have time to enjoy the warm weather, Easter, and spring break! I also hope all of you were safe during the the storms we experienced early in the month. Spring brings renewal, and we are also experiencing a renewal with INSGNA. We are seeing a resurgence of interest in conferences and willingness to volunteer to help with the organization. I thank each and every member for staying the course with us as we weathered the past three years!

The spring conference held on March 25th, hosted by the Springmill Surgery Center, and IU, had over 80 attendee's and 12 vendors participate! The speakers were top notch, and we were able to offer 6.5 contact hours. Community North will host the fall conference to be held September 30th. Stay tuned to our newsletters and the save the date for additional information.

The INSGNA board has been actively recruiting new members, and I am happy to say that we had many people express interest in helping with the organization during the spring conference. The committee chairs or officers will be reaching out to everyone who filled out and turned in an interest form. Our elections will be held in late summer and the results will be announced at the fall conference. Please watch your August newsletter for details. Have you noticed the changes with our newsletter and website? We are also actively working on increasing our social media presence. I am thrilled that our organization has revived and is actively growing!

Melissa Burk, President-elect, and myself will be representing INSGNA at the Annual Course in Phoenix, Arizona in early May. We are excited to attend the Leadership Session so that we can continue to bring new ideas to INSGNA. It is a wonderful networking and learning event. I hope that we will see you there!

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

I was so excited to see all the attendees at the Spring 2023 INSGNA Conference. The ability to meet in person again, the networking and the enthusiasm throughout the conference put a big smile on my face. To be honest – I was fearful of the future of INSGNA. We have had an increase in interest and several step forward and volunteer to become involved as committee members and Chairs. THANK YOU!

I have been involved in INSGNA and SGNA at multiple levels and capacities including Board members and Committee members. I found my involvement on the Infection Prevention Task Force very rewarding. ABCGN gave me a level of confidence and professionalism that is hard to describe. I believe my biggest accomplishment was as the President of the ABCGN. In the past 43 years I have built personal and professional relationships that have allowed me the opportunity to network across the United States.

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I have also had the privilege to participate in the development of educational materials for SGNA and ABCGN. The opportunities for education and resources are endless. Please consider taking advantage of our professional organization and the wealth of information available at our fingertips.

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

Checking: \$8,053.01

Savings: \$ 17,616.83

Program Committee: Angie Aurthur, BSN, RN, CGRN

The 2023 Spring Conference was a big success! We had 10 vendors, around 84 attendees, and people still continuing to sign up that day. I am pleased to announce that Community Health Network will be hosting the Fall Conference on September 30. If you know anyone who is willing to volunteer, please reach out to Melissa Burk or myself and we will get them volunteering! There is a lot to do and plan! Huge shout out to everyone who helped make the Spring Conference a success, especially Deb Nesbitt, and Dana Brimer for hosting.

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

Congratulations to our 2023 Scholarship Winners:

Cari Bitner for the Spring INSGNA Conference & Deb Nesbitt for the National SGNA Conference.

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 semi-annually or when needs arise, via Microsoft Teams to discuss and brainstorm.

Applications for scholarships are available online. We are currently accepting applications for the Fall INSGNA Educational Conference. One scholarship is available, the deadline is 4 weeks prior to the course.


Criteria for eligibility of all scholarships 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. Applications will not be considered if received after published deadline. Please email all application submissions to Anndee.gosnell@franciscanalliance.org and call Anndee @ 317-528- 1473 to let her know you applied.

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Membership Committee: Josh Beard, ASN, RN

It was great seeing everyone at the Spring INSGNA conference last month. I had the opportunity to connect with individuals from previous experiences and connect with others that I know will be valuable in the future. For those of you who were able to attend, I hope that your experience was memorable. If you know attendees that are not members, this is a great opportunity to educate them about the discounts we receive for our membership into INSGNA. Membership affords you the following benefits:

	Voting Licensed Nurse Membership	Voting Associate Membership	Non-Voting Affiliate Membership	Non-Voting /Non-Practicing Membership	Guest Membership
	This category includes registered nurses and licensed vocational/practical nurses involved in or associated with the practice gastroenterology.	This category includes technicians and assistive personnel associated with the practice of gastroenterology.	This category includes but is not limited to industry representatives, physicians, consultants and educators without an RN who are associated with the practice of gastroenterology.	This category is limited to retired professionals who wish to be kept informed of industry trends and advancements in the GI field.	Guest membership allows an individual to purchase education through the SGNA Elearning Center, register for events, and make purchases in our SGNA Store.
	\$125 New Member* \$105 Renewing Member*	\$95 New Member* \$80 Renewing Member*	\$125 New Member*	\$75 New Member*	\$0
Rotating selection of 15+ free and 40+ discounted online education modules and webinars (including online CEU opportunities)	X	X	X	X	
Subscription to the Gastroenterology Nursing Journal (a \$145 value)	X	X	X	X	
Opportunity to network with over 7,000 GI nursing professionals through our Communities discussion forums and Membership Directory	X	X	X	X	
Eligibility for SGNA Awards and Scholarships (over \$4,200 in scholarship opportunities)	X	X	X	X	
Free access to the SGNA Patient Resource Repository	X	X	X	X	
Free access to SGNA Practice Guidelines and Position Statements (\$100 value)	X	X	X	X	
SGNA Annual Course Discount of \$150, plus up to \$100 off Optional Sessions	X	X	X	X	
Discount on Infection Prevention Champions Program (\$100 value)	X	X	X	X	
Discounts of \$50 or more on SGNA events such as Train the Trainer & GI Nursing Review Course	X	X	X	X	
\$85 discount on Certification and Recertification with ABCGN	X	X	X	X	
Up to \$595 savings on Certification and Recertification study materials, and live review courses	X	X	X	X	
Access to over 50 Regional Societies	X	X	X	X	
Ability to join SGNA SIGs	X	X	X	X	
Opportunity to Hold Office and Vote	X	X			
Access to the Inside Tract	X	X	X	X	X
Weekly newsletter, This Week @ SGNA, featuring association news, announcements and reminders	X	X	X	X	

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SGNA represents nearly 7,000 GI nurses and associates, including 147 members from the state of Indiana. Below is the cost of each membership.

Voting Licensed Nurse \$130

Voting Associate \$100

Student Member \$50

Non-Voting Affiliate \$130

Non-Voting/Non-Practicing \$80

Check out “Gut to the Chase” podcast. This series is convenient and provides brief details of information important to the Gastroenterology nursing practice. Exclusively available to SGNA members.

<https://elearn.sgna.org/podcasts>

Website Committee/President Elect: Melissa Burk, BSN, RN, CGRN

Thank you to IU Health for hosting a fantastic spring conference! The speakers were informative, and the ability to come together was truly a great experience! We only hope to continue to grow these events and make them an experience you look forward to every spring and fall!

Thank you to everyone who filled out our volunteer surveys. We are currently going through these surveys so we can contact you and connect with those who expressed interest in serving in different capacities for INSGNA. We also appreciate the suggestions that some of you gave for INSGNA to help you in your professional growth. We want this society to benefit you! If you have questions or suggestions outside of the conferences, please reach out to us via Facebook or our email, INSGNA2015@gmail.com so that you can reap the most benefits

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