

# INSGNA Newsletter

## August 2023

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

I hope everyone has been enjoying this beautiful summer we have been experiencing! I am amazed that it is August already with school and fall activities around the corner.

Melissa Burk, INSGNA President-elect, and myself attended the SGNA Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in May. We had a wonderful time enjoying the educational sessions, vendor exhibits, and networking. We were able to attend the SGNA Leadership Session on Saturday and it created a burst of strategic planning on our part! Luckily, Deb Nesbitt, INSGNA Treasurer, also attended the Conference and so we were able to receive her input on our thoughts as well.

The biggest take away from the meeting was that INSGNA needs to promote our website and social media presence, and to continue to expand our volunteer opportunities. We are considering changing our website host, starting a LinkedIn presence, posting our newsletters consistently to our regional page, and developing a job description for our website chair. The website chair will take on much of our social media presence.

Our volunteer opportunities continue to evolve. At our last conference we asked for volunteers who would be able to help with both small and large opportunities. We had several people respond, and from that we have our new website chair. We also are considering dividing up our education and scholarship committee so that the work can be divided and more focused.

INSGNA elections for officer positions will be held at the Fall Conference on September 30th. We continue to ask for volunteers to work on our committees so that we can have people move up into the officer positions. We are almost there! Dianna Burns, Immediate Past President and Historian, will explain the election in her article later in the newsletter.

I hope to see you all at the Fall Conference on September 30th hosted by Community Hospital North. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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

As we continue our challenge to fill open positions on our INSGNA Board we have limited options of members meeting the qualifications as stated in the Bylaws. The Board continues to mentor new Committee Chairs with the anticipation of the Chairs filling the vacant officer positions. We thank the volunteers that have stepped up and offered their services as Committee Chairs and committee members. It is because of your dedication to our specialty of Endoscopy that we continue to survive as an organization.

### **INSGNA Slate of Candidates 2024-2025**

**President:** Susan Selking, BSN RN CGRN (will remain President x 1 year)  
Assuming the role of Immediate Past President January 2025

**President-Elect:** Melissa Burk, BSN RN CGRN (will remain President-Elect x 1 year)  
Assuming the role of President January 2025  
Position will be filled by a majority vote of the Board January 2025

**Secretary:** Dana Brimer, RN, BSN, CGRN

**Treasurer:** Deborah Nesbitt, RN CGRN

The election of officers will be held at our Fall INSGNA Conference Business Meeting. Due to there being an uncontested ballot there is no need for offering an email vote to members unable to attend the Fall Conference.

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

Checking: \$4,243.14

Savings: \$ 17,616.98

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### **Program Committee: Angie Aurthur, BSN, RN, CGRN**

Hello everyone, we have been working hard getting the INSGNA 2023 Fall Conference to perfection! I am super excited to announce that my home, Community Health Network will be hosting. Please sign up on Eventbrite to reserve a spot, we only have room for 100 guests, and it closes quickly. Also keep an eye for a dinner being hosted by Boston Scientific September 29, the night before the conference, details to be posted soon. As always, any questions don't hesitate to send me an email.

### **Education/Scholarship Committee: Andee Gosnell, MSN, RN, CAPA**

Congratulations to our 2023 Scholarship Winners:

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

Winners are required to submit either an article or do an in-person presentation after the applicable conference. Thank you, Cari for sharing your experience:

*"Thank you to the INSGNA Scholarship Committee for selecting me as a recipient of the 2023 Spring INSGNA Conference Scholarship! I really enjoyed the conference and the location at IU Health North Hospital was very convenient. I like to think of the INSGNA conferences as a GI potpourri, and the spring conference was a perfect mix! Topics ranged from endoscopic procedures, pelvic floor disorders, IBD, and even obesity management. My biggest take away was learning from Dr. Al Haddad that liver biopsy can be performed using EUS. I also enjoyed the opportunity to spend the day with a friend that I used to work very closely with. We carpoled to and from the conference and were able to catch up with each other. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the planning of this event. Hope to see you all in the fall!"-Carri Bitner MSN, RN, CGRN, Digestive & Liver Disorders, Springmill, Indiana University Health Physicians*

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, Friday, September 1, 2023.

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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](mailto:Anndee.gosnell@franciscanalliance.org) and call Anndee @ 317-250-8612 to let her know you applied.

### Membership Committee: Josh Beard, ASN, RN

Our Indiana Region is at 192 active members strong. Membership includes access to Gastroenterology Nursing Journal, The Inside Tract and other SGNA communications. These resources build knowledge through the latest news and information. Members receive up to 50% off CGRN certification and re-certification. Local and national SGNA events are discounted for current members.

Members can tap into the SGNA Career Center where there are over 1500 job postings by 68 different employers. Check out the link for these postings.

<https://careers.sgna.org/>

### How to Refer Members

Share the benefits of SGNA membership with your coworkers, colleagues or friends in GI.

Email your contacts using the link below.

<https://www.sgna.org/Referral-eCard>

**RENEW. REFER. REWARD. REPEAT.**

*"I have been dedicated and inspired at Annual Courses and regional conferences. It has given me a foundation of knowledge that, alongside my clinical practice, has opened up opportunities and shall continue to do so. SGNA enables us to employ best practices and have measurable patient outcomes to enhance the quality of care in GI Endoscopy."*

**GLENNA VERDUGO, RN BSN CGRN, SANSUM CLINIC GI ASC**

*"SGNA has given me a greater appreciation for my specialty. It has helped me keep a fresh outlook about GI patients and filled me with knowledge that I wouldn't have known about because of their fine research and articles that receive and read each month."*

**RICHARD WALKER, ORT, GI LAB LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA VETERANS HOSPITAL**

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### **SGNA Extended Membership**

Voting Licensed Nurse	\$195
Voting Associate	\$150
Student Member	\$75
Non-Voting Affiliate	\$195
Non-Voting/Non-Practicing	\$120

\*\*\*Mid-Year Membership Option available June 1 - October 31

Membership begins the day you join and expires December 31 of the following year

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

I had the opportunity in May to travel to Phoenix, AZ with our President, Susan Selking and Treasurer, Deb Nesbitt to attend the 50th Annual INSGNA Course! In addition to the great speakers and networking opportunities, it was exciting to see the Indiana region involved. Michelle Tying serves on the Board of Directors for SGNA and contributed to the newest Pulmonary Procedure Manual. She and other contributors were signing editions at the conference! Shea Borton presented a poster on behalf of IU Health. INSGNA wants to support more members in their endeavors for education and professional growth. If you are interested in helping on a committee or learning more information about the annual course, email us at [insgna2015@gmail.com](mailto:insgna2015@gmail.com) Next year's SGNA annual course will be held in Louisville, KY on May 9-11, 2024. We hope to see you there!

I'm also excited to announce that James Brown, Director of Endoscopy at Lutheran Hospital, will be assuming the role of Website Chair for INSGNA. He brings with him great experience and fresh ideas to the board. We are excited to welcome him into this role!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Brimer, RN, BSN, CGRN, Secretary INSGNA**