

# INSGNA Newsletter

## April 2024

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

Happy Spring!! I hope everyone enjoyed the mild winter we experienced, and you are looking ahead to the renewal of Spring!

The Board of INSGNA has been active over the winter months. We have been working on the following:

1. We had two Zoom board meetings for discussion and planning purposes.
2. We chose to cancel our spring 2024 educational conference due to a conflict with IU Health's annual GI Symposium. We would have been competing with them for registrants, vendors, and speakers. We encourage you to attend their conference on April 27th if you need contact hours for certification purposes.
3. We are in the process of planning our fall educational conference. More information will be shared by the program committee.
4. We are working on updating our website to better reflect our board and activities.
5. We are working on updating our policy and procedure manual to better reflect our practices.
6. We have reviewed, condensed, and compiled into one box our historical documents.
7. Melissa Burk and I will be attending the SGNA Annual Course in Louisville, Kentucky in May, and representing our organization during the leadership session.

Please reach out to any board member with suggestions or questions. We are open to all input.

Enjoy your spring and summer!

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**Immediate Past-President, Nominations Chair, Historian: Dianna Burns, BSN, RN, CGRN**

Happy Spring! As I take a few moments to reflect on my involvement with INSGNA, SGNA and ABCGN I feel blessed to have encountered so many great opportunities and friends throughout the years. Though we may not be in contact on a regular basis we always know that we could reach out to each other to “run something by them”. Within our Endoscopy specialty we all have the same conflicts and dilemmas to address daily. What great resources we have at our fingertips.

Have you checked out the SGNA website lately? I recommend you take a few minutes out of your day and look at the valuable information our mother organization has prepared for us. If you are not certified that is another great opportunity to check out the AGCGN website and consider certification. I have proudly been able to tell my patients that I am certified. When you have a service tech come to your house for a repair is it important for you to know or ask if they are certified in their specialty? We have made great strides and will continue to push forward. I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall 2024 INSGNA conference.

**Treasurer’s Report: Deborah Nesbitt, BSN, RN, CGRN**

Checking: \$8,030.79

Savings: \$17,618.29

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

Hello everyone! We are in full swing planning the Fall conference. The conference will be held on September 28, 2024, by Indiana University at Fairbanks Hall. We have new educational speakers coming your way and are super excited about the new topics being provided. Hope to see you all there! Please be on the lookout for your invitation through Eventbrite.

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**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 and Suzanne Goshorn for the Fall INSGNA Conference.

Reminder that scholarship winners are not eligible to win two consecutive years. Application for scholarship is available online and OPEN now.

We are currently accepting applications for the Fall INSGNA Conference. One scholarship is available, the deadline to apply is Friday, August 30, 2024.

### **Website Committee: James Brown, MBA, BSN, RN, CGRN**

Happy Spring! We have been making a lot of updates to our website, so if you haven't checked it out recently, take a look at: [www.indianasgna.org](http://www.indianasgna.org). The website committee is looking to add a social media enthusiast to help with our online presence. If you enjoy connecting with others on Facebook or LinkedIn, and you're passionate about your GI practice, please contact us at [insgna2015@gmail.com](mailto:insgna2015@gmail.com). Our practice is better together!

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### **Membership Committee Chair: Leah Lopez, RN**

I graduated from DePauw University in 2005 with a degree in Journalism. I worked in many industries but found a love for high end serving until deciding to follow in my mother's footsteps and go back to school for Nursing. I graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a BSN in 2018. I earned my nursing stripes on Methodist's Multi-Specialty Unit A6S which was a baptism of fire by quickly becoming the Night Charge before and after Covid. A lifelong friend saved me from the lonely spiral of floor nursing by introducing me to University Hospital's GI/ERCP unit. I immediately fell in love with the multidisciplinary teamwork and advancing world of endoscopy. I truly love going to conferences and learning, then tying what I've learned to actual cases. I believe that my passion could be infectious when other GI nurses and techs realize the amazing procedures, we are all doing daily. I'd love to help INSGNA anyway I can to spread the excitement. I have two goals for the launch of my role as membership chair:

1. I will send out INSGNA pins so our new members are able to proudly display their participation and perhaps spark a conversation with inquiring colleagues.
2. I would love to organize and host a less formal gathering in Indianapolis to invite a new class of endoscopy to INSGNA—something fun and intriguing!
  - If you have joined INSGNA in the last two years and have not received your welcome pin, please email us at [insgna2015@gmail.com](mailto:insgna2015@gmail.com) we'd love to mail you a pin!

### **President Elect: Melissa Burk, BSN, RN, CGRN**

As we begin a new year in INSGNA, we are always looking for volunteers to serve under a committee. If you are interested or have any questions, you can email us at: [insgna2015@gmail.com](mailto:insgna2015@gmail.com). There is also a link on the website to fill out a volunteer survey and more info about the various committees that you can serve on. The committees provide a great way to help promote our local chapter, as well as learn more about our national organization, SGNA. It's amazing what we can accomplish when we come together to help learn about and promote GI health.

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