

Scope Scoop



President's Message

Calendar of Events

October 14-16th, 2005

Multi-Regional
Conference
Indianapolis, IN

October 16th, 2005

Certification Exam at
Multi-Regional
(See CBGNA.org for
information)

November 12, 2005

GI Update
Bloomington, IL
CEU's available
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February 24-25, 2006

CISGNA Spring Con-
ference
Urbana, IL
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It's hard to believe that fall is almost here. Where has the time gone? I have met so many wonderful people thru the networking of SGNA functions. Before becoming president of Central Illinois Region, I was active on both the communication committee and the education committee. On the communication committee I helped sit up the tri-fold display board at area dinner conferences and would introduce speakers. It was just a small part in supporting professional membership and involvement in CISGNA. On the education committee, I worked with the spring "Voices in GI" conference. I started out that first year by helping to put together the syllabus and stuffing it into binders. The next year I designed the current "Voices" logo and brochure. I now have a small group that helps with the registration process each year.

These activities have brought me not only closer to my co-workers but also to other nurses in the region. At these functions we talk about family and home and of course we also talk about our jobs; what works well, what we struggle with, and what we need to make life better.

At Leadership Conference in Chicago two years ago I found out more about SGNA as an organization, what it had to offer me as a nurse and also what I had to offer SGNA. I ran for president elect of CISGNA that fall and won. There have been many nurses before me to help guide me and act as wonderful resources. I have never felt alone. If one of the past presidents didn't know the answer there was always SGNA home office to call on. Having attended two annual courses now, the girls at SGNA headquar-

ters seem like old friends. How great is that!

Next year I will have the pleasure of being Yvonne's resource as she steps into the presidents' role. Who will be there with us? Returning in her second year as treasurer is Kellee Herschelmann from Decatur. Also returning in her second year is our newsletter editor, Janet Moser from Danvers. We have two open positions; president elect and secretary. Which one do you want? We would love to have you! With committed members we can continue to grow our region and offer quality educational opportunities.

Thank you,
Annett Schmit, RN
President 2005

New Members

Welcome new members! We have had 17 new members join since January 2005. Our current membership to date is **86**.

Susan Archambo
Abby Charfauros
Celeste Coverdill
Annette Delathower
Mary Harris
Jessica Hatfield
Anne Heredia
Mary Herrell
Maureen Knox
Christine Lubben
Cynthia Swanson
Donna Utzinger
Mernice Wakefield



Could this be you?

CISGNA President-elect

Benefits of office:

1. Yearly SGNA membership dues are paid.
2. Eligible for \$1000.00 tuition and travel expenses to annual course.
3. Attend all expense paid Fall Leadership Conference in Chicago.
4. Tuition to CISGNA spring conference paid.
5. Participate in National SGNA House of Delegates as an Alternate.
6. Network with other GI professionals on a region and national basis.
7. Nice way to have fun taking part of a wonderful organization while transitioning into a leadership role.
8. Develop and grow personally and professionally. (many employers reward professional involvement.)

Duties of Office:

1. Term in office one year; elected by CISGNA membership.
2. Serve as a resource to committee chairpersons,

volunteers and members.

3. Perform duties delegated by the president.
4. Perform duties of president in his/her absence.
5. Serve as alternate to SGNA House of delegates.
6. Rotate to office of President, in second year.
7. Act as Chairperson for the Program/Planning Committee.
8. Set goals and begin making plans for the presidential year.
9. Submit written reports to Executive Board as stated in manual.
10. Attend Fall Leadership Conference.
11. Attend 2-3 Executive Board meetings per year.
12. Attend CISGNA spring and fall business meetings.

CISGNA Secretary

Benefits of Office:

1. Yearly SGNA membership dues are paid.
2. Tuition to CISGNA spring conference is paid.
3. Network with other GI professionals.
4. A nice low profile way to participate in CISGNA leadership.
5. Develop and grow personally and professionally. (many employers reward professional involvement.)

Duties of Office:

1. Two year term in office.
2. Serve as a resource to committee chairpersons, volunteers and members.
3. Compile minutes of all CISGNA meetings.
4. Archive minutes in permanent folder and on CISGNA lap-top.
5. Submit written reports as stated in the manual
6. Attend 2-3 Executive Board meetings and the CISGNA spring and fall business meetings.

If either of these two open CISGNA positions interests you, please speak to a current board member. Fall elections will be November 12th during the fall business meeting held at the Fall Update in Bloomington. You will need to prepare a short biography about yourself to present to the voting members.

Attention All Techs and Associates!

There is now a GI Technical Specialist Course available on-line at www.sgna.org. The cost is \$20 per contact hour for SGNA members and there are 8 separate modules. Scholarships are available for SGNA members (forms are found at our CISGNA website). An SGNA membership cost is \$105 per year and automatically makes you a member of the CISGNA and eligible for available scholarships. Upon completion of the 8 modules you will receive an Official Recognition of Completion and a lapel pin.



Scholarship Awards!

Congratulations to Arlys Carmien, Jessica Hatfield, Kay Marvin, and Marcia Walker who have been awarded the \$125.00 scholarship to multi-regional SGNA conference in Indianapolis, October 14-16.

Thank you for all of your contributions to CISGNA and to nursing!

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Annett.Schmit@gmail.com to be added to the list.

