



Winter 2016

President's Message

Hello!

2016 is quickly coming to an end and everyone is probably busy finishing up their shopping and preparing for family time. I have come to realize that time really does go by faster as we age. I don't know where this year has gone! It has been a hands-on learning year for the OSGNA board members as the majority of us are still fairly new. I would like to thank the OSGNA board members for all their work this year and extend a special thank you to the seasoned members that have been patiently guiding us. We appreciate you so much!

The 2017 Board of Directors election ballot for our regional elections has been on the OSGNA website for voting. We apologize that the ballot was not sent out as in the past via google group. As I stated, we are still new and learning from our mistakes so we will begin utilizing the google group again. There is still time to vote so please return your ballots to us and have a voice in our organization. We are still looking for individuals interested in becoming board members. Being a board member is not a time-consuming commitment and it opens new doors in the way of networking and commitment to your GI profession. If you are interested or just have questions please contact any of the

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Upcoming Dates

- OSGNA Annual Educational Conference: March 18, 2017
- Nurses Day at the Statehouse: March 22, 2017
- OSGNA Annual Course: May 7-9 with optional courses beginning on the 5th.



board members for more information.

Registration is now open for our SGNA Annual Course during the first week of May, 2017. It is bound to be a great one with the location in New Orleans, LA. Keep in mind that you can apply for the SGNA annual Course Scholarship. Visit sgna.org for the application and criteria. Deadline is February 15, 2017. The SGNA also has discounted hotel rates at the Hilton Riverside. Rooms go fast so be diligent in your planning and reservations to ensure a great trip.

Once again I would like to remind everyone of our regional educational conference March 18, 2017 in Cincinnati, Ohio. We are still finalizing the preparations for this event but sincerely look forward to seeing you there! We are lining up our speakers so if there is a topic you would like education on please let us know and we will do our best to incorporate it.

Thank you to all of our members for your patience with us this year. Be safe during this holiday season everyone, enjoy your families and we will see you 2017!

Sheryl Fluegeman, BS, RN, CGRN

President, OSGNA

Open Invitation to All Members

This is an open invitation to all members to attend any quarterly board of director meetings. Our next one will in January of 2017. We need to prepare, educate and mentor those who are interested. SGNA requires that each region provide its members with contact hours, quarterly newsletters and that the board of directors meet quarterly too. We usually meet at the Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio for these meetings. We always meet the evening before the spring educational conference.

There are benefits of being a Board member. OSGNA pays for the Boards annual dues and waives the spring educational conference fees. All of this is dependent on available funds. Please consider pursuing an active interest in OSGNA by contacting any of the board members through this OSGNA website.

Do not forget to renew your SGNA membership for 2017