



# GUIDING LIGHT

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## 39TH ANNUAL SGNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

May 18-23, 2012

Phoenix, Arizona



**Reserve your spot today!**

## March 24th is the NCSGNA Spring Conference!

Our Spring conference is fast approaching. We have a roster of expert speakers and interesting topics to expand your knowledge in the fields of gastroenterology and nursing. As always, a stunning variety of exhibitors will be present to demonstrate the latest technology, products, and services. There will be time to network and socialize with your peers.

Santa Clara has attractions, events, shopping, and wineries to tempt you to stay a little longer if you want to make the most of your weekend.



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## Message From The President

This year's SGNA theme, "Finding the Leader in You: Making the Choice to Lead," has helped remind me of the nurses and associates that have helped me get to where I am today. In an odd similarity, it also made me think about Disney's *Ratatouille*, in which a little mouse named Remy had dreams and aspirations of being a chef. Remy remembered the saying and title of Chef Gusteau's book entitled *Anyone Can Cook*, whom he was very fond of. Well, I'm sure we all already know how that wonderful movie turned out. Similarly, I know each and every one of us contain leadership qualities within ourselves, whether it is displayed on stage for everyone to see, or in the everyday work that we do when we advocate and provide care to our patients.

As I reflect on my past experiences in GI endoscopy nursing, I am grateful for all of the knowledge, skills, expertise, compassion, and understanding that they provided me throughout the years. I have had mentors in many different capacities -- whether managers or peers, they continually made positive impacts on my professional growth and development, knowingly or not. Keep encouraging each other and be a mentor and a leader to fulfill the mission of SGNA. I am looking forward to another year of exciting and stimulating educational programs and will be seeing you all soon.

Reminders:

March is **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**. The Colon Cancer Alliance (CCA) [www.ccalliance.org](http://www.ccalliance.org), is sponsoring a national "Dress in Blue Day", which will be held on March 2, 2012.

**GI Nurses and Associates Day** is on March 28, 2012. SGNA has a limited number of kits to assist in the celebration. Please go to [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org), click on events, highlight GI Nurses and Associates day, and fill out the form by Feb. 29, 2012.

## Message From Education

The Fall Conference in Kings Beach was a huge success. Thank you for all of your comments and suggestions. Each page returned was read and recorded from meal suggestions to future topics, speakers, and locations. It is your input that helps to make future conferences a success.

The Santa Clara Convention Center is the location of our Spring Conference on March 24, 2012. Hope to see you all there.



## NCSGNA Business Meeting Minutes

### NCSGNA Board Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2012

Present: Mike Wico - President, Kendall Yoshisato - President Elect, Treasurer - Betty Angerman, Secretary and By-Laws - Lois Ermak, Immediate Past President - Mary Veridiano, Community/Legislative Involvement Director - Ann Hayes, Education Director - Madeline Smoley, Membership Director - Heiti DeLucchi, Exhibitors Director - Elena Gomez, and Publicity/Scholarship Director- Lydia Blethrow

Meeting called to order by President Mike Wico.

Board members approved the minutes for the September Board meeting in October. The minutes for the September Business meeting will be amended to include the Board election results held at the North Lake Tahoe Convention Center in Kings Beach, CA.

The Board positions up for election in September 2012 are President - Elect, Publicity/Scholarship, Community/Legislative Involvement Director, and Education Director.

#### Mary Veridiano - Past President

1. The September 24, 2012 conference site in Sacramento has had a name change; formerly the Radisson is now called Woodlake. Address remains unchanged.
2. When the Board meets in March, the list of speakers for the fall 2012 conference should be finalized. The ideal is to confirm speakers at six months, have the speakers' titles and objectives confirmed at three months and sent to ABCGN.
3. The addition of a Website Director to the Board needs further discussion and clarification. Betty will provide an outline of the website content that she has put together, find out the cost to hire a website master to run and maintain the NCSGNA website, and report at the March Board meeting. Thank you Betty.

#### Madeline Smoley - Education Director

1. Eight speakers for the March conference. The number of GI specific units to be determined by ABCGN.
2. Please provide the phone number and email address for all speakers.
3. Betty will do the brochure for the March conference.

#### Lydia Blethrow-- - Publicity/Scholarship Director

1. Request articles for newsletter no later than January 23.

#### Elena Gomez-- - Exhibitors Director

1. Elena will select a Shipping/Receiving contractor to coordinate with the vendors regarding their shipping/receiving needs for the March Conference.
2. Elena will select a service contractor for the electrical needs in the vendor space for the March Conference.



## NCSGNA Business Meeting Minutes, cont.

Kendall Yoshisato - President Elect

1. Attended the Leadership Conference held in Chicago.
2. Kendall was re-elected to the ABCGN Board. Congratulations Kendall!

Betty Angerman - Treasurer

1. Reviewed revised Board members information form. Approved.
2. The Finance Committee completed the 2011 tax year audit and found to be accurate.
3. The Board reviewed the 2011 Treasurer report and approved.
4. The venue site report reviewed and discussed.
5. The 2012 budget worksheet reviewed and Kendall asked that the Website Director fee be added to the 2012 worksheet. Proposed 2012 budget with added Website Director fee approved.

Mike Wico - President

1. Mike to select the GI Nurse's Day gift for NCSGNA members. Thank you!

Kendall Yoshisato and Ann Hayes to investigate an ERCP Conference, hosted by NCSGNA, with a SGNA National Speaker for sometime in 2013.

Thank you Betty for offering your home and providing lunch for this meeting!

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lois Ermak



## Leadership Directory

Contact information for the NCSGNA leadership

Position	Name	Email
President	Michael Wico	<a href="mailto:mikewico@yahoo.com">mikewico@yahoo.com</a>
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Director of Publicity and Scholarships	Lydia Blethrow	<a href="mailto:lydia@lyds.org">lydia@lyds.org</a>

## NCSGNA Calendar of Events

March 24, 2012  
**NCSGNA Spring Course**  
Santa Clara Convention Center

May 18-23, 2012  
**SGNA 39th Annual Course**  
Phoenix, Arizona

September 22, 2012  
**NCSGNA Fall Course**  
Woodlake Hotel, Sacramento



## ABOUT THE NCSGNA SCHOLARSHIPS

The NCSGNA Scholarship is open to members only. This information is for informational purposes only. Please download your application from [www.ncsgna.org](http://www.ncsgna.org). You will be asked to provide your:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### What is the scholarship for?

The goal of this scholarship is to help a regional member attend the SGNA Annual Course. One \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to be used for registration, airfare, and hotel accommodations. Recipients must provide documentation of actual use of funds.

### What criteria are used to award the scholarship?

- The applicant's support of SGNA, both regional and national;
- The applicant's promotion of GI nursing;
- The applicant's activities within their hospital and community;
- The applicant's participation within local, state, and federal government on behalf of nursing and health care issues;
- The applicant's participation in other nursing organizations.

### What is the application process?

Begin by checking off any activities in which you have participated (each category is assigned a point value by the Scholarship Committee). Expand upon these activities, include other areas that you feel demonstrate your qualifications for this award, and add any additional comments. Return this entire form and your comments to:

### ACTIVITIES

When did you join SGNA/NCSGNA? \_\_\_\_\_

Years in GI Nursing: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic/Professional Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

Northern California SGNA: \_\_\_\_\_

President: held office \_\_\_\_\_

President-Elect: held office \_\_\_\_\_

Past President/Historian: held office \_\_\_\_\_

*Secretary: held office \_\_\_\_\_*

*Treasurer: held office \_\_\_\_\_*

*Director of Exhibits: held office \_\_\_\_\_*

*Director of Scholarship/Publicity: held office \_\_\_\_\_*

*Director of Membership: held office \_\_\_\_\_*

*Director of Education: held office \_\_\_\_\_*

**National SGNA or ABCGN** (e.g., HOD Speaker or Vice Speaker; national Board Member):

**SGNA Foundation Board Member**; SIG Group Coordinator; Annual Course poster presenter, speaker, committee member, monitor or moderator):

**Education** (e.g., staff in-services, community presentations, teaching student nurses, mentoring new employees):

**Government** (e.g., special projects, resolutions):

**Health Fairs/Other Professional Organizations/GI Nurses Day:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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### Research/Educational Posters

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**If your poster is accepted for display at the Annual Course, you may be eligible for a monetary subsidy.**

Here's hoping you will join us at the 2012 SGNA Annual Course!!!