



**APGNN**

*The Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Nurses*

**President’s Message**

Dear Members,

Many of us will be traveling this week to the APGNN Annual Meeting in Washington DC. Maureen Egan, Program Chair and the entire Program Committee have prepared a fantastic two day conference that will include collaborative sessions with our NASPGHAN colleagues. With several concurrent sessions you will be able to tailor your meeting experience to meet your needs and interests.

Please be sure to stop at the APGNN Membership Booth. At the booth you will find valuable information about our organization as well as membership incentives for 2016.

Committee meetings will be held immediately after the last session on Friday, October 9th. Committees are a great way to get involved. We need people of all experience and interest levels. Please consider sharing your time and talents with your organization.

7:00 in the Jefferson Room on the Concourse level. Be sure to get there early for the Awards Presentation. This is also a great venue to network and get involved!

For those who will not be joining us in DC follow us on our social media feeds. We will be posting pictures and tweets from the lectures throughout the meeting. Look for annual committee reports in the winter newsletter as well as the report from the Annual Business Meeting. If you can’t join us this year, consider applying for a scholarship to next year’s conference.



Diane Kocovsky, APRN  
President APGNN

Join us for the APGNN Social after the meetings. The social will be from 5:30-

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HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON  
APGNN ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 9-10, 2015  
WASHINGTON, DC

ATTEND, PRESENT, NETWORK and LEARN

## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT



After the first year of becoming acquainted with the role, the second year as Secretary/Treasurer has seemed to run much smoother. Bookkeeping duties of balancing the checking and savings accounts monthly and updating the budget to ensure we were sticking close to our projections were performed. Website maintenance has exceeded our projections. Expenses for NASPGHAN assistance are also higher than we predicted in part due to an increase in the rate they were charging per hour and their assistance with shipping the updated handbook. As you recall every member attending last year's meeting received a complimentary copy of the handbook. In addition we gave away 20 complimentary copies as enrollment incentives at the end of last year and have sold approximately 50 more books at a cost of \$40 each.

Again this year, Diane Kocovsky, Ryan Shonce, Lisa Philichi and I worked extensively on fundraising for our annual meeting. Mead Johnson, Nutricia and Abbott Nutrition again contributed to our meeting but we have had denials from grant requests to Shire, Sanofi and Janssen. We still have considerations pending from Salix, Abbvie and Prometheus. Thus far we have received \$25000 toward our projected program costs of \$28,570.

As of September 1st, 2015 total ASSETS = \$ 77,556.88 (last year \$71,134.79)

Checking Account Balance      \$ 47491.52 (last year \$41,074.91)  
savings Account Balance      \$ 30,065.36 (last year \$30,059.88)

### Goals for 2015 were:

- 1) Increase fundraising to a minimum of \$20,000 or more to cover annual meeting costs. I will try to find a conference/mentor to assist in these efforts. GOAL MET
- 2) Continue to convert our record keeping to primarily an electronic format. GOAL MET

### Goals for 2016:

- 1) Possible development of an electronic file and process for grant submissions.

Rosemary Pauley-Hunter, MS, APRN-BC, NP-C, CCRA

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Nancy Murray

**Title:** Research Coordinator

**Employed by:** Boystown Research Hospital and Neonatal Care PC

1. **Describe your role or responsibilities:** A little history: I am a founding member of Pedi GI/Nutrition– Research Nurse. Currently, I am a staff nurse in the NICU and a research nurse at Boystown and Neonatal Care.
2. **What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?** Taking care of babies. I'm a baby person! It is also rewarding helping get good products to market (formula and medications).
3. **Describe one of your most challenging moments:** I sent home some of the first TPN patients in the 1990's. Also, caring for some of the first liver transplant infants.
4. **New goals or plans for the future:** To continue to improve nutrition research and improve infant feeding and nutrition.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT

As president elect I have been quite busy preparing to take the baton from our amazing President, Diane. I have worked with the Program committee to ensure a high quality, diverse conference. I have worked along with Research and Clinical Practice to iron out a few kinks with our first electronic submission process which was a raging success netting 18 poster presentations this year.

I continue to work towards the creation of a certification program for pediatric GI. We have overcome one barrier in that the Pediatric Scope of Practice draft was completed which was a combined effort with NAPNAP, SPN, and Diane was our APGNN representative and is under ANA review. I am currently revising the APGNN Officer Handbook as well, just in time to welcome our newly elected officers!

Ryan

## MEDIA COMMITTEE REPORT

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. I think I have finally mastered Microsoft publisher! This newsletter was certainly easier to put together than the first one. We will be adding a section called Committee Spotlight. to provide a little more information on the responsibility of each committee. That way, when you are ready to volunteer, you will have a better understanding of what each committee does. We also have many posters that will be presented at the APGNN meeting later this week. I want all members to see the great work our members are doing, so watch for a listing of all the posters in the winter newsletter. As always, this is a newsletter for you. If you have ideas of how to make it better, please let me know. We are always looking for new ideas. Lastly, we would really like to focus on our social media presence. Please consider following us on Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn. This will offer more timely communication of information than just the newsletter alone.

Amy Donegan

Media Chair



## COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: CLINICAL PRACTICE

The Clinical Practice Committee is a wonderful way to be involved in APGNN and boost your resume. The committee is always looking for new and engaged members. If you are interested in joining the committee or helping with any of the 2015/2016 projects, please email me. Also, I would like to see someone from APGNN or a Clinical Practice Committee member submit a Clinical Vignette for the Winter Newsletter (again something great to boost your resume). A Clinical Vignette is interesting case you saw or a GI topic that you would like to share with your peers. I am happy to help if someone has ideas for a submission.

As the 2014/2015 year winds down, look for two new phone triages in the members section of APGNN webpage - Fussy Baby and Bleeding in the Pediatric GI Patient. Although we did not complete a learning module this year, several liver power points have been created to help with this next year. In place of the learning module a power point on the ABCs of Hepatology is in review. The goal is to have the Hepatology power point available in the member section for self-guided education. In conjunction with financial support from NASGPHAN and the Digestive Health Institute at Children's Hospital Colorado, the "Poo in You" video was translated in to Spanish and is available on the GI Kids website.

APGNN received 18 abstract submissions this year for the NASGPHAN conference (an all time record!!!). All abstracts were accepted for poster presentation and 3 Posters of Distinction will be awarded money and presented at the annual conference in October. If you are going to the conference in Washington, DC, please don't miss the amazing posters on Friday from 12 – 1pm.

Should you have an idea for a committee project next year or want to join the committee, please contact me.

Kerry Zabriskie Reed, RN, MS, CPNP

Clinical Practice Committee Chair:

## RESEARCH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Living through the recent excitement and much anticipation of the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia in September, has made me realize that we have much to be thankful for. I am extremely grateful for commitment and dedication our committee members have demonstrated. Highlights for this year include adding quality improvement to our purpose, promotion of nursing research, reaching out to national (we are invited members on NASPGHAN Research Committee); as well as being responsive to research and QI initiatives (NOVEL and below). We have the honor to have 18 poster submissions this year: 6 Research; 9 Quality improvement; and 3 Clinical vignette/practice. We are pleased the NASPGHAN/APGNN 2013 Susan Moyer Nursing Research Grant recipient, Sharon Huffman, is presenting her research, *Comparison of Weekly to Daily Vitamin D Replacement in Children with IBD*, at the conference. The 2014 Susan Moyer Grant recipient, Nancy Murray, research is currently underway. Come to the conference to learn who will be awarded the 2015 Susan Moyer Research Grant!

We are asking for your assistance in completing these 2 surveys. The first survey is our research membership survey, so we can better meet your interests and needs. The second survey is a research survey that we have been invited to participate in (see cover letter below). The links are included.

### **Research Membership Survey: APGNN Research/Quality Improvement Assessment Questionnaire**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/apgnresearch>

### **Research Study: Practice Survey: Adherence Monitoring and Intervention in Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology Survey**

<https://cmhredcap.cmh.edu/surveys/?s=THYKX8NH8R>

Hello!

Children's Mercy-Kansas City is conducting a research study of pediatric gastroenterology and hepatology providers around the United States. You are receiving this email/letter because you have been identified as a health care provider that provides specialty care in this field.

We would like to better understand current practices surrounding Medication Adherence Monitoring and Intervention in clinical practice. Pediatric gastroenterology and hepatology providers across the United States are being invited to complete a survey to better understand their clinical services focused on Medication Adherence Monitoring and Intervention. The survey should take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete.

Participation is voluntary. If you are interested in participating, please follow this link and complete the short survey. Please note that **2- and 4-weeks after this original email/ mailing**, two waves of reminder emails/letters will be sent to all participants. If you have already completed the survey, please disregard those reminders.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this important issue. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you prefer not to participate please contact Shawna Ricks, MSN, RN, our research coordinator at 816-234-3197. Sincerely, Michele Herzer Maddux, Ph.D.; Division of Developmental & Behavioral Sciences/Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition Children's Mercy- Kansas City

Wishing you much success as you continue to ask **why** and pursue your research and quality improvement initiatives. It has been a true honor to serve as your chair.

With highest regards,

Goldie Markowitz, MSN, CRNP  
Chair

Denise Pollard-Manigault, PhD, CPNP, MPH  
Incoming Chair



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

With little more than a week until the 2015 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, Membership committee has been BUSY!

Four Annual APGNN Meeting Scholarships were awarded. The recipients include:

### **Kathryn Bauk, CPNP**

UNC Pediatric Gastroenterology.

Kathryn has spent the last 8 months creating “clinical pathways” with her colleagues to standardize care for GI common problems in the GI division. The goal of these clinical pathways is to utilize the most up-to-date, evidence-based data to guide practice and ultimately influence outcomes for patients

### **Kathi Evans, RN BSN**

Division of Gastroenterology at BC children’s Hospital in Vancouver, Canada

Kathi is a 25 year veteran of pediatric GI, is a leader and mentor among her GI nursing colleagues. She will be presenting her first poster this year at APGNN.

### **Shari Huffman, MN APRN**

Nemours Childrens Specialty Care

Shari received the Susan D Moyer Research Award in 2013. She will be presenting her research on vitamin D dosing in children with IBD as a poster at this year’s conference.

### **Jaime Stork, RN BSN**

Boys Town Pediatric Gastroenterology

Jaime moved from general pediatrics to GI 2 years ago. She has filled a key role this year in APGNN as the liaison between membership enrollment and the APGNN website.

### **Congratulations to each of you!**

This year’s mentoring award will be given to Dr. Wallace Crandall at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Dr. Crandall was nominated by Amy Donegan RN, APN who has worked with Dr. Crandall for the past 15 years.

Dr. Crandall is a strong advocate for all members of the GI team, gives recognition to each for their individual efforts. Dr. Crandall’s support includes advice and encouragement to participate in national presentations.

His specific help led Amy to implement a parent mentoring program leading to the development of a new department in the hospital.

Please attend the APGNN social on Friday night to meet Dr. Crandall and acknowledge him as an exemplary mentor.

Look for the APGNN Booth at the conference this year! Board members and colleagues will be there to spread the word about APGNN. Please stop by for a treat or to participate in the recruitment effort!

**Special Announcement:** The new member incentive begins on October 8 and continues to the end of 2015. When four new members join as a group, one membership is free.

For **NAPNAP members** or eligible members, the Joint Membership Agreement continues! There will be a 20% savings for all APGNN members who join NAPNAP!

Robyn Robinson  
Membership Chair



# APGNN Membership Application 2015

## Type of Membership

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**Full** - nursing professions (RN, APRN, LPN) working in GI full or part time, not Industry/Pharma

**Associate** - non-nursing professions (PA, RD, Social Worker) working full or part time in GI, resident outside US/Canada, or anyone (including nursing professions) working in Industry/Pharma

**Joint NAPNAP Membership** - Applicants who are members of NAPNAP will receive a 20% discount

## Information

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address:  Work  Home

Years in GI Practice: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please select the APGNN committee(s) you are interested in:

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**Program** – planning of the annual APGNN conference content, topics, speakers

**Research** – review grant applications, input on research projects

**Pt/Family Education** – creation of patient education materials, multi-media format

**Membership** – provide ideas for recruitment and retention, revise benefits, review award applications

**Clinical Practice** – creation of nursing education modules, multi-media format

**Media** – contribute articles/ideas to quarterly newsletter, facebook and twitter as well as keeping members informed of areas of concern, dates and deadlines

## Payment:

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Annual Dues - \$80 Full Membership / \$55 Associate Membership / \$64 Joint Membership

Optional (please check if you would like to include in your initial payment):

**Clinical Handbook - \$10 for new members while supplies last**

**2015 Subscription to Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition - \$50.00.**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO APGNN

Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Verification Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

## Once application is completed send with payment to:

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Donna Murphy, APGNN Membership Liaison

NASPGHAN

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## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The program committee, with Maureen Egan at the lead is at its busiest right now getting prepared for another awesome annual meeting. This committee has a lot of member support including: Patricia Bierly, Maureen Kelly, Ryan Shonce, Diane Kocovsky, Bernadette Diez, Christina Shuja, Judith Ragan, Amy Painter, Meghan Dalton, Susan Peck, Millie Boettcherm, Carly Mangel, Anne Jest, Elizabeth Malone and Emily Moore.

Below are some highlights of this years accomplishments by the committee:

1. Diane Kocovsky and I attended the NASPGHAN planning meeting for the post graduate course and NASPGHAN conference in January 2015. At that meeting, we made important contacts that helped with the planning of this year's conference.
2. This years conference schedule offers opportunities for participants to attend NASPHAN lectures which help meet their individual learning needs. We will end the conference with a presentation by Psychology "BIO-BEHAVIORAL ASPECTS OF AND TREATMENTS FOR SPECIFIC GI CONDITIONS."
3. We applied and have been approved for 12 contact hours and 1.75 pharmacology hours by the NAPNAP accredited approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. We are getting contact hours for poster and Special interest groups.
4. The syllabus was created and given to NASPGHAN to up load on flash drive to be given to registrants at the conference.
5. We will have online evaluations via a survey monkey created by NAPNAP.
6. Conference evaluations will be tallied after the conference and report submitted to the APGNN board. Speakers will be formally thanked and the results of their evaluations given to them.
7. Ryan Shonce and I have been in the initial planning of the APGNN program at the World Congress in Montreal in Oct 2016. We will be collaborating with the Dietitians in the planning progress.

Maureen Egan  
Program Committee Chair

## PATIENT AND FAMILY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We look forward to announcing and presenting the Excellence in Education Award at this year's annual conference. Please attend the presentation on Saturday at 2pm and if you are not able to be there look for email announcements and posting of the award winner on APGNN's website after the conference.

Congratulations to Pam Morgan RN, BSN who will be the incoming chair of the Patient and Family Education Committee. Amy Painter MSN, FNP will be transitioning responsibilities to her after the conference. APGNN appreciates her three years of service. Pam is an IBD program administrator at Cincinnati Children's. Please email her if you would like to be involved with this committee at [pam.morgan@cchmc.org](mailto:pam.morgan@cchmc.org).



Amy Painter  
Education Committee Chair