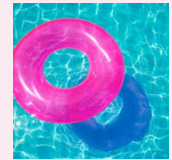




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President's message

Dear Membership,

This is an exciting time for APGNN. We are continuing to grow not only our membership numbers but committee participation and collaboration with NASPGHAN, CPNP (Council of Pediatric Nutrition Professionals), and the newly formed PWG (Psychology Working Group). I had the pleasure of attending the NASPGHAN Council and Foundation meetings at DDW in May as an APGNN representative and was so pleased with all the positive feedback and support I received. The NASPGHAN Foundation has welcomed a new full time staff member, Monique Taylor to advance their efforts. As you all know, millions of children are living with digestive and nutritional disorders and the NASPGHAN Foundation was founded to advance the treatment and management of these conditions. The Foundation Provides CME Resources for members, including slide sets and podcasts. These programs are made possible by support from NASPGHAN Foundation donors. If you haven't checked these out please do. For the first time ever, the Essential Pediatric GI Review Course is available for purchase as an on line resource. Although geared towards gastroenterologists, there is a wealth of knowledge that can be obtained from use by other allied health professionals, and the self-contained go at your own pace learning style should make this even more applicable. The Foundation supports us through the publication of our patient and family educational materials on www.GIkids.org, and also provides the financial support for our Susan G Moyer Research awards annually. Learn more about the NASPGHAN Foundation activities at <http://www.naspgghan.org/content/9/en/NASPGHAN-Foundation>.

The Program Committee is busy making final adjustments to this year's Annual Meeting, which will take place at Cesar's Palace in Las Vegas November 3-4th. Look for other committee updates throughout the newsletter, and consider joining a committee that interests you. If you have already served on a committee and have considered running for office, please reach out to any of our current board if you are interested in learning more about the roles that are open for re-election. We will be selecting a new President-Elect, patient and Family Education Chair, and Research Chair. In order to take part in the reduced

conference rates and to exercise your right to vote, please be certain that your dues are paid and up to date!

Have you encountered someone that has made an impact in your career specifically or more broadly in the field of pediatric gastroenterology? If so, consider nominating someone for either the Mentor Award or the Excellence in Nursing Practice Award.

Deadlines and more information are included throughout the newsletter and on www.apgnn.org.

Hope to see many of you in Vegas in November!

Ryan



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ELECT

Summer is here!!

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! The sun is out, flowers are blooming and we are just a few months away from our annual meeting in Las Vegas! Our Program Committee has planned an amazing conference with engaging speakers and topics that are sure to keep you engaged.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved with our organization,

please consider joining a committee. If you've served on a committee, please think about running for office. We will be selecting a new President-Elect, Patient and Family Education Chair, and Research Chair.

There are still various awards, grants and scholarship opportunities available for APGNN members. They are generous and can help support your dedication, professional education, and hard work! All applications have

the submission deadline of August 1. Please visit www.apgnn.org for more details.

Hope to see you all in Las Vegas!

Amy Donegan RN, APN

President Elect

{ *"When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for stars"* }

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

During this last quarter and with the help of our Past President Diane Kocovsky, we have gotten a lot of the old APGNN records scanned in electronic media. This of course will make it much easier to pass on information during Board transitions. We have recently received \$2000 from Nutricia and \$1000 from Prometheus to support our upcoming annual meeting. We have small proposals and requests out

to many other companies including our previous big donors--Mead Johnson Nutrition and Abbott Laboratories. If you have access to any formula or pharmaceutical reps please don't be shy and ask for donations or funding opportunities of our APGNN conference. Someone on the board can follow up a lead if you have one. Email rosemary.pauley-hunter@boystown.org with any questions or comments.

As of June 1ST, 2017 TOTAL ASSETS = \$ 86,073.84

(LAST quarter--\$69,530)

Checking Account Balance \$ 55,998.48

savings Account Balance \$ 30,075.36

PROGRAM

Registration is now available for APGNN Annual Conference on 11/3&11/4/2017 in Caesars Place, Las Vegas. I have requested 14.25 CEU and 1 Rx CEU from NAPNAP.

I am excited about the final program and hope to see many of you in November!! Registration can be found at <http://members.naspghan.org/annualmeeting>



MEDIA COMMITTEE

Happy Summer!! I hope everyone is getting as much out of summer as me. I've been spending as much time having Pool Saturdays and Pool Sundays as possible

If you follow us on social media, you've probably noticed the addition of Fun Fact Friday. These little nuggets of information are meant to be fun but you never know when a fact on flatulence will come in handy :)

Information about the various awards

and scholarships available for the annual conference can be found on the APGNN website.

Registration information for the annual conference can be found on the NASPGHAN website. There is also information about hotel accommodations at Caesars Palace.

If you have anything you would like to share with our group, please feel to reach out to me at

sharon.perry@uhhospitals.org

Like us on Facebook!!



Follow us on Twitter @APGNN1

PATIENT AND FAMILY EDUCATION

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer, although it is going by so fast. I am very excited to share that Dr. Shehzad Saeed has joined forces with Dr. Tom Sferra in growing the Public Education Committee of NASPGHAN. The collaboration between our two committees will

greatly enhance patient and family education. We are looking at not only expanding education topics but will also be offering a variety of formats in which education can be accessed.

We are always looking for new committee members. Please contact me at

morganp@childrensdayton.org for more information.

A quick reminder that applications are being accepted for the APGNN Excellence in Education for 2017. Please see application details on page 4

“Those who don't believe in magic will never find it”- Roald Dahl



APGNN Excellence in Education Award Recognizing Education Programs of Distinction

Questions should be referred to the APGNN Patient Education Committee Chair

Application Requirements:

Deadline: August 1

Purpose: To honor, recognize and promote excellence in pediatric GI nursing educational activities that improve patient care and provide educational ideas/templates for use with colleagues at APGNN and NASPGHAN. This will in turn help APGNN achieve its objective to be the recognized leaders in GI nursing and family education by members, physicians, nurses, and healthcare consumers.

Award: The winner will be invited to present his/her award-winning program at the APGNN Annual Conference. Funding will be provided for conference expenses: up to \$500 for travel, 2 nights hotel stay at conference rate, and complimentary APGNN conference registration. Details about the awards and the awards submitted will be features in the APGNN newsletter and website as well as presented to members or the public for dissemination and use.

Eligibility: Any APGNN member or other pediatric gastroenterology nurse who has designed and implemented an educational activity (patient/family, peer, or community) that addresses an unmet need may apply. The project may be an individual or collaborative effort where the applicant has held a leadership role or been an integral part of the endeavor.

Coaching: Board members, exclusive of the judging panel, will be available to help identify and coach applicants through the process. The primary coach will be the APGNN Patient Education Committee Chair

Application Submission:

Deadline: August 1

Applications (in pdf format) should be submitted to the APGNN Patient Education Committee Chair (Pam Morgan; morganp@childrendaytons.org). Applicants will then be blinded before being sent to the judging panel. Please type your application in Word. To save as a PDF, go to File: Save As and change the format to .pdf

Judging Criteria:

Each application will be evaluated by a panel of judges comprised of the APGNN Clinical Practice Chair, APGNN President, APGNN President Elect, a Nurse Educator, and a Physician. Applications will be blinded (will not be identified to the judging panel)

A point system will be utilized to determine the rankings:

1. A specific need was identified and well-characterized using current references and objective criteria (20 points)
2. Innovative impact factor of the project. Innovation is defined as addressing an old need in a new way or new need that was previously not addressed (20 points)
3. Were outcomes measurable, met and relevant to the need? If they were not met, were 2-3 learning lessons described? (20 points)
4. Is the educational program reproducible, widely applicable? (20 points)
5. Was the project based on current, evidence-based research and clearly cited? (20points)

Nomination Form:

You may nominate someone for this award, but they will be requires to complete the full application. If you wish to nominate someone, please email the following information to the APGNN Patient Education Committee Chair

- Your name
- Your email address
- Who are you nominating
- Nominee's phone number and email address
- Why are you nominating them

APGNN Wants You!

Consider being a candidate, or nominating another member,
for the following 2017 board positions:

President-Elect-2 year term

Patient and Family Education Chairperson-2
year term

Research Committee Chairperson-2 year term



See full detail on page 8

CLINICAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is having a great summer!

I hope everyone is doing well. We continue to work on our main Clinical Practice Committee projects for the next year. We are working together to create a Certificate of Training Curriculum for new GI nurses and advanced practice providers. This curriculum will be split into sections such as constipation, GERD, Abdominal Pain, FTT, etc. With each topic we will collect all of the available resources we currently have from APGNN and NASPGHAN to start with. Then, we will edit the information to apply to our APGNN audience. Once we compile all information, we will decide

what else is needed to be able to complete Certificate of Training for that particular topic. This would possibly include Guidelines, powerpoint education slides, webinars, videos, etc. The completed curriculum will be available on the APGNN website for all members to access and complete. CEUS will be provided upon completion. The first topic we are working on is constipation.

As a committee we are also currently working on a Basic Liver Disease Module that will be available upon completion for CE credit on the APGNN website.

We as a board are excited about these projects, and the impact they will have on the current and future APGNN members.

I am actively looking for members to join the Clinical Practice Committee to help with these projects. If you would like to join the Clinical Practice Committee and help in creating this curriculum or any other current projects please contact me at dkgarner@texaschildrens.org

Thanks!

Donna

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members!

Marie Ayers, Mary Alice Boulware, Debra Brown, Liz Busch, Melissa Erin Chando, Tametra Currie, Susan Dilday, Caitlin Dolan, Andrea Evans, Lee Gahm, Janet Golden, Keisha Graham, Tiffany Haver, Mary Claire Horton, Clara Huddleston, Suzanne Kavet, Elizabeth Kazaka, Diane Laws, Irene Melo, Lisa Mitchell, Marytonia Mortensen, Katherine Oleksak, Kristine Pullen, Lindsey Quinn, Randa Samaha, Bethany Shovlin, Stephanie Skirka, Mary Smith, Erin Snyder, Susan Soleo, Christine Spainhour, Kim Tabet, Rosalyn Thomas, Tifani Tobe, Faye Ubinger, Rochelle Villenaveo, Teresa Wachs, Amanda Walsh, Whitney Gray, Elizabeth Yarger

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Conference in Las Vegas this year! We really hope you can make it! We will have several opportunities for our members to be involved and many opportunities for networking and socializing.

APGNN members can apply for a Conference Scholarship to attend the meeting. Four scholarships were awarded last year. It covers the full APGNN conference tuition and one night as a single in a hotel room or two nights in a shared room.

We would also like to encourage you to nominate your mentor for the APGNN Mentoring Award: This is an opportunity to honor a professional mentor with a \$250 prize. Consider thanking your physician or nursing mentor at the APGNN social in Las Vegas with this distinctive honor. Information is available both in the newsletter and at www.apgnn.org

We are looking for motivated people in the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Please contact me directly if you are interested – bdiez@psvcare.org



APGNN Membership Application

Type of Membership

- * **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
- * **Institution Group Payment** - Buy 3 get one free dues offer, this offer is available to both new and renewing members from the same institution. New Member Applications and Renewal Invoices for current members must be submitted together with a single payment from the institution in order to qualify.

Information

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:

- 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:

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**
- 2017 Subscription to Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition - \$60.00.**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO APGNN

Credit Card: _____ Card #: _____
Exp Date: _____ Verification Code: _____
Name on Card: _____

Once application is completed send with payment to:

Donna Murphy, APGNN Membership Liaison

NASPGHAN

714 N. Bethlehem Pike, Suite 300

Ambler, PA 19002

Fax # 215-641-1995

Email: dmurphy@naspghan.org

Questions about membership please contact Bernadette Diez at bdiez@psvcare.org

RESEARCH & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE



Hope you are all having a wonderful summer and are planning some personal time to reenergize. It is highly encouraging to see so many of our nursing colleagues participating in research and quality improvement activities! With great excitement, our committee acknowledges the 20 posters submissions for the APGNN Annual Conference! The submissions spanned the following categories: 9 Research, 9 Quality Improvement, and 2 Clinical Case Vignettes.

The areas of expertise include:

IBD: 5

Nutrition: 4

Endoscopy: 4

Function/motility: 3

Other: Liver, Pancreas, EoE, Microbiology: 4

Please plan to attend our 2017 Annual Conference to explore these fascinating topics.

The deadline for the Susan Moyer Nursing Research Grant has just past. This research grant of up to \$5000 is made possible thanks to a generous donation from the NASPGHAN Foundation. We are grateful to NASPGHAN for their ongoing support, which have enabled our membership through the years to participate in research activities. The mission of this one year grant is to help fund GI nursing research. Once selected, our recipients receive the funding support through the year, and when completed, will have the opportunity to present the finding at the Annual Conference. What a truly wonderful opportunity for our members to engage in.

Projects our committee have been working on:

Membership: Mentorship project

Outreach: We are in communication with our CPNP colleagues and hope to begin work on a joint speaker list. We have also reached out to our psychology colleagues.

May you continue to be inspired to ask why and how I can help improve the care for my patients.

Goldie Markowitz, MSN, CRNP
Research Chair



Nominations Committee

APGNN will be holding the Annual Election this August/September. We are looking for APGNN Members in good standing to run for the positions listed below. Each candidate needs to have been a full member for one year preceding each election and have a minimum of one year experience in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and/or nutrition. Eligibility is to be verified by Membership Chair prior to placing their name on the ballot. Each candidate must be in good standing (dues paid to date and continued employment in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, and/or nutrition).

The new term will start at the Annual Meeting in October and be completed at the Annual Meeting 2019. Brief descriptions from our bylaws are listed below for each of the openings. More details can be found in our Officers Handbook found on APGNN.org. Please feel free to contact me at Diane.Kocovsky@boystown.org with any additional questions.

- ◆ The President-Elect performs duties as delegated by the President, serves as a member of the Program Committee and prepares to assume the role of President
- ◆ The Patient and Family Education Chair, under the direction of the Board, guides the Patient and Family Education Committee on the projects assigned and chosen to fulfill the purpose of the Education Committee. The Chair will sit on the NASPGHAN Public Education Committee and participates in tasks assigned
- ◆ The Research Chair educates, enlightens and engenders enthusiasm for the development of research protocols and studies. Solicits and reviews submitted research abstracts for the Annual APGNN conference and solicits and reviews submitted research grants for the NASPGHAN Foundation/APGNN Susan Moyer Research Grant



Advocacy on the Hill

By Camille S Bonta, MHS, Principal, Summit Health Care Consulting

Summer offers an excellent opportunity for federal grassroots advocacy at home, when congressional lawmakers make their way from Washington to their states and districts where they engage in a “listening tour” with their constituents at county fairs, town halls, parades, fundraisers and meetings in their district offices.

This summer, legislation that would undo much of the Affordable Care Act, reauthorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and funding for medical research at the National Institutes of Health are among the critical issues that face lawmakers and to which health care providers and advocates can lend their voices.

Advocates commonly ask me the best way for them to engage with their elected officials. No action is too insignificant — letters, phone calls, emails — but consider this, a 2015 survey of congressional staff found that 94 percent note that “in-person visits from constituents” have some or a lot of influence on an undecided lawmaker — a finding that has been consistent for more than a decade according to a [report](#) released this year by the Congressional Management Foundation. The survey also found that in-person meetings in which legislators and staff have opportunities to interact and develop relationships with constituents are very important for understanding constituents’ views, and that constituents meeting or getting to know legislative assistants and district and state directors is a good way to build those relationships.

In July and August, take a moment to reach out to your congressional lawmakers. Request a meeting, invite them to your practice or find out where they are hosting a town hall session. When you make contact with an elected official, make sure you follow up, friend them on FaceBook and follow them on social media. Become a resource to your lawmaker and build a relationship, regardless of whether you voted for him or her. When you make contact with your lawmakers, relay the results of your interaction with your national society.

In my role as a lobbyist for the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN), I capitalize on the relationships that have been forged between NASPGHAN members and their lawmakers. The foundation that NASPGHAN members laid with congressional lawmakers led to the passage of legislation in 2016 requiring TRICARE to cover medically necessary foods and to the introduction of the Medical Nutrition Equity Act earlier this year that would require all payers to do the same. Taking the bill across the finish line and signed into law will require ongoing advocacy to grow the number of House and Senate cosponsors of this legislation that has the potential to make a big difference in the lives of patients with diseases of the gastrointestinal system and metabolic disorders. [Take action here](#). Your advocacy this summer and throughout the year can make a difference.