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President's message

Dear APGNN members,

For those of you I don't know yet, I'm Amy Donegan, the new APGNN President for the 2017 – 2019 term. Over the last two years as President Elect, I have been able to meet so many great people and am excited to get to know many more of you in the upcoming years. I want to thank our Past President Ryan Shonce who has been such a great mentor and role model for me. She has left this organization in great shape and my intentions are to continue her positive momentum. I only hope I will be as organized and efficient as she is. For those who know Ryan, I think you will probably agree that's impossible, but I plan to try anyway!

We have just wrapped up another successful annual meeting. Kudos to Maureen Egan, Program Chair and the rest of the program committee for putting on another excellent program. I continue to be amazed at all the interesting and challenging aspects of healthcare our members are involved in. Listening to our presenters inspires me to continue to learn new and better ways to approach patient care. Our interdisciplinary modules continue to be well attended and demonstrate the value of our unique roles. If you were unable to attend this year, consider coming next year to our meeting which will be in Hollywood, Florida. We do have travel scholarships that we award every year to those members that would otherwise not be able to attend due to financial constraints.

Congratulations to Teresa Carroll, our new President Elect! She is a long standing member of APGNN and has served on the Board previously. She has many years of GI experience and is an excellent addition to our current Executive Board. Welcome back Teresa, I am looking forward to working with you for the next 4 years!

Another new face you will see is Liz Burch, our Patient and Family Education Chairperson. Liz has been very active in APGNN for the past few years serving on the Program Committee and the Media Committee. We all fought over having Liz serve on our committees! She is smart, energetic and hard working. She is exactly who we need on our Board! I look forward to Liz being an active Board member for many years!

Goldie Markowitz, Research Chair, will be staying on for a second term. She has significantly elevated the quality and participation of our members in the research realm. Once again, we had a record number of abstract submissions and have an excellent Susan Moyer grant recipient. Goldie has helped us appreciate that we don't need to be doing bench research to still have valuable research ideas and projects that we should share with our members. If anyone is interested in learning more about this committee or how to use QI and research in your own practice, Goldie is your go-to person!

I am excited to announce we are going to pilot a professional mentor program. We plan to start with 10 mentor/mentee matches initially and expand from there once we work out any problems that may arise with implementation. This program is for all APGNN nurses and advance practice providers new to GI. We have mentors with extensive expertise, so I encourage everyone to start thinking about being part of this program.

Throughout the rest of this newsletter, our committee chairs will share all the new and exciting things they are working on. I encourage all of you to consider joining a committee and becoming an active APGNN member. This is an excellent opportunity to network and I cannot emphasize the positive impact it has had in my professional practice.

Warm regards,

Amy Donegan MS, APN



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ELECT

Teresa Carroll from fabulous Las Vegas! I'm honored and excited to be the next APGNN President Elect. I'm even more excited to have seen so many dear friends as well as so many great new faces at our recent meeting in my back yard! I have been working in Peds GI private practice for 15yrs doing a little bit of everything. I joined APGNN in 2003 and enjoyed my time with Membership since 2005. As much as I love caring for "little butts and guts," my

favorite job is being a mom to my 13yr old daughter.

Over the next couple of years I will be learning so much from the strong Board Members we have today and the Past Presidents that continue to support our new growth. I also hope to continue meeting as many of you as I can so that our organization can continue to meet your needs.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. I am looking forward to the next few years!!

Teresa

{ "if you want a happy ending, that depends, of course, on where you stop your story" - Orson Wells }

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Grant donations have been excellent this year with the help of all Board members soliciting from various sources. Mead Johnson has generously supported us with an unrestricted grant of \$15,000. Abbott has granted us funds to cover our Board meeting and another donation for general meeting costs. Nutricia has supported us again this year for \$2000 for the social and for the FIRST time Prome-

theus has given us \$1000 for meeting costs and Nestle has also donated \$5000 as well. Please, I would ask everyone to express gratitude to these vendors at the meeting. We did move \$25,000 from checking to savings this last year. Email rosemary.pauley-hunter@boystown.org with any questions or comments.

As of October 1ST, 2017 TOTAL ASSETS = \$ 101,351.00

(LAST quarter--\$86,073.84)

Checking Account Balance \$ 46,272.29

Savings Account Balance \$ 55,078.71



PROGRAM

The APGNN Annual Conference 2017 was a success. We continued the multidisciplinary approach which has been well received over the past 2 years. We included a parent's perspective with a child with FPIES, which resulted from last year's evaluation.

Participants had the opportunity to attend NASPGHAN concurrent sessions this year. I am looking forward to hearing from the attendees to see if they enjoyed this opportunity. We filmed the modules this year as a pilot project to make the sessions available to member who could not attend the conference. We hope to have the sessions avail-

able on NAPNAP's pedCEs in 2018. Our next conference will be held in Hollywood, Florida. If you are interested in joining the program committee, please e-mail at maegan@nemours.org

MEDIA COMMITTEE

Happy Fall!

I love this time of year!! Cool weather, Halloween, and course, Ohio State football (Go Bucks!!!)

We just wrapped up the annual conference and it was a HUGE success. There were some fantastic topics and amazing speakers. For those of you on social media, thank you for liking and sharing the posts!

I am in the process of adding our

group to Instagram! It's a work in progress to make all the social media accounts link so stay tuned...

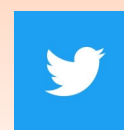
Be on the lookout this year for a member spotlight. We have so many amazing members that it would be nice to learn about some of you!

Published an article? Working on research or QI at your center? We want to know and highlight you!! Let myself or another board member know and we can highlight it in the

next newsletter!!

If you are all about social media and are interested in joining my committee, please feel to reach out to me at sharon.perry@uhhospitals.org

Sharon



Like us on Facebook @APGNN

Follow us on Twitter @APGNN1

PATIENT AND FAMILY EDUCATION

Hello everyone,

My name is Elizabeth Burch and I'll be serving as the new Patient and Family Education Chair for APGNN. I am a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Boston Children's Hospital in the Motility & Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Center, as well as the Aerodigestive Center. I am also the Clinical Coordinator for the Multidisciplinary Functional Abdominal Pain Program at BCH.

My nursing career began at Georgetown

University Hospital in Washington, D.C. where I was a registered nurse on the Pediatric Liver & Small Bowel Transplant Unit. After receiving my Master's degree from UVA, I returned back to Georgetown as a nurse practitioner in Pediatric Gastroenterology, focusing primarily on the IBD population.

I feel that one of the most rewarding aspects of nursing care is the ability to connect with families and help them to un-

derstand the complexities of what their child is experiencing.

I am honored to be serving in this position for APGNN and am eager to hear input from members and collaborate to improve patient and family education.

If you would like to join my committee or have any questions about the Patient and Family Education Committee, please feel free to reach out to me at elizabeth.burch@childrens.harvard.edu

Liz

"Morality is not the doctrine of how we may make ourselves happy, but how we may make ourselves worthy of happiness"- Immanuel Kant

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members!

- ◆ Thank you for the 160 of you who attended the APGNN Meeting at Las Vegas! We hope you had a great time learning and meeting fellow members!
- ◆ Currently, APGNN has 372 members This is a record for the organization!!
- ◆ We have continued our ongoing membership discount – Buy 3 membership; get the 4th membership free for new memberships and annual renewal of memberships
- ◆ The APGNN/NAPNAP Joint Membership Agreement continues. This allows any member of one organization to join the second at a 20% discount
- ◆ The APGNN Excellence in Mentoring Award this year was awarded to Dr. Jeanne Tung from Mayo Clinic Rochester. She was nominated by Diane Kocovsky who had worked with her at the Oasis Summer Camps for kids with IBD. She has been a mentor and friend to Diane for many years
- ◆ The Excellence in Nursing Practice will be awarded to Robin Shannon, MS, APRN, CPNP from the University of Minnesota. She was nominated by Ryan Shonce. Robin Shannon was a former APGNN president. She has helped advance our nursing profession with her passion for guided imagery and hypnosis in the treatment of functional disorders.
- ◆ Two Conference Scholarships were awarded for the 2017 Annual Conference
 - Angie Turner, RNIII, BSN, CPN
Cincinnati Children's Hospital
 - Jerianne Kuntz, RN, BC
Nemours/DuPont Hospital for Children
- ◆ The APGNN mentoring program will start our pilot program. For those of you who are new to Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, please contact us regarding the mentoring program
- ◆ This year, we are working hard to find new ways to engage our membership. Stay tuned for new membership incentives.

For those of you who are interested in being part of our membership committee: please email bdiez@psvcare.org

Bernadette

APGNN Membership Application 2017

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 the 4th 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

Mentoring Program: _____

Would you be interested in being a mentor or would you like to have a mentor to help you work on your professional or career goals? Yes No

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

2016 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:

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



Greetings from Research & Quality Improvement Committee

Committee Highlight, support the mission

APGNN remains highly committed to identifying opportunities for members to participate and mentor others with research projects and quality improvement initiatives.

Poster Presentations 2017 Conference

We are pleased to announce that we had 21 poster submissions and 21 accepted to present their findings at the 2017 Annual APGNN Conference! The abstracts highlight member's projects in the areas of research, quality improvement, and case vignettes. We are extremely proud of the professionalism within our members.

NASPGHAN/APGNN Foundation Grant: Susan Moyer Research Grant 2017 -2018

We were honored to have received several submissions for this year's grant process for the APGNN. The grant was awarded to Whitney Gray, CRNP at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Projects

NASPGHAN Research Committee and Grant Process: Members of the Research Committee met in Chicago in August to review the grant submissions. A special thank you to JoAnne Newton, Children's Hospital of Colorado, who represented APGNN as the 2016-2017 Susan Moyer Grant Award Recipient on the review section

Outreach

Council for Pediatric Nutrition Professionals: We are continuing to look at opportunities to have joint research/quality improvement projects with our dietician colleagues.

At a time of constant change and uncertainty, we must remain diligent in identifying creative systems to support our patients. Do you have tricks for navigating the system, methods for using motivational interviewing, ways to support relaxation, and best practice models for educational programs? This is the task of the Research and Quality Improvement Committee.

Goldie Markowitz, MSN, CRNP
Chair, APGNN Research Committee

Research Member Spotlight

Celicia Williams Little, MSN, CPNP

Celicia obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Florida State University in 2007 and worked on an acute pediatrics unit at Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando, Florida for 5 years before moving to Maryland and working as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner role in an outpatient pediatric GI clinic in 2012. She is the Pediatric Liver Transplant Coordinator at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. Currently, Celicia is attending Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. For her capstone doctoral project, Celicia is focusing on bridging the gap in formal Nurse Practitioner education and specialty preparation by developing, implementing and evaluating an online pediatric GI NP education program that is based on the results of a needs assessment survey (which has been sent to the APGNN members). The 10 module program comes with a pre-test and post-test to evaluate an increase in specialized knowledge gained from the program. A program evaluation is also included to aid in future development of the program in various formats (fellowship, boot camps, online programs, webinars etc). Stay tuned to learn more about her exciting project in the upcoming year!

MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT

Are you passionate about your role in pediatric gastroenterology? Do you want to share your talents and experiences with others? If so, we would love to have you consider running for one of our open board positions! We will be taking nominations for the following positions in the summer of 2018: Media, Clinical Practice, Program and Membership.

If your membership is in good standing and you have been an APGNN member for at least 1 year, you are eligible to run

for any of these positions. Although previous experience on an APGNN committee is a plus and certainly encouraged, it is not mandatory, so it's not too late to join one of the committees now to get a feel if it is a good fit for you!

To learn more, please visit our website <http://www.apgnn.org/?esid=committees> or email me, I would be happy to discuss it with you in detail!

Hope to hear from you soon!

Ryan Shonce, FNP-C Past President

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