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President's Message

Happy summer! It's that time of year when the days get longer, and what a good thing for APGNN members. That means you have more time to apply for APGNN awards including NASPGHAN/ APGNN Susan Moyer Research Grants, Education in Excellence Award, Mentor Award, and Conference Scholarships (deadline August 1st).

I hope you plan to attend the APGNN Annual Meeting in Chicago, **October 11-12, 2013**. If you register by **July 29th** you will receive the early bird conference rate. Patty

Bierly, Program Chair, and her committee members have planned a 2 day conference that I am sure you will find invaluable for your GI role. Many of the topics will be led by a panel of GI experts. Pharmacology contact hours are also available this year.

Speaking of Patty, you may have already read the interesting case study she wrote in the *Practice Resource Section* found on our website home page. Did you happen to also notice that the home page has a new look? Check-out APGNN's concisely written mission and enhanced

member benefits, too.

These changes are a result of a productive Board Retreat and the hard work of Sandra Matthews, APGNN Secretary.

Please take time to read this informative newsletter produced quarterly by Shabina Walji-Virani, Newsletter Chair. I encourage you to then get busy taking advantage of the APGNN opportunities. Enjoy those long summer days!

Lisa Philichi.

APGNN President
2012-2014

APGNN Annual Meeting
October 11-12, 2013
Chicago, Illinois

In this issue:
Awards and Scholarships Deadlines

Awards and Scholarships for the Annual Meeting

Conference Scholarship

Have you considered applying for a **Conference Scholarship**???

Are you considering attending our annual meeting in Chicago this year???

- Financial support covers conference tuition and hotel (double room)

- Available to **3** full members and **1** associate member

- Must be a member for minimum **6 months**

- Must be in good standing (**dues paid up!**)

- Selection criteria based on how the recipient plans to apply confer-

ence information to their practice/patient care (submit this in writing)

Application deadline

August 1st, 2013

Please submit your application to TeresaCarroll1@hotmail.com



Excellence in Mentoring

If you have a special Nurse/Physician Mentor in your career, please consider submitting a letter summarizing how your mentor has fostered your professional development.

This award recognizes a **nurse or physician mentor** that has provided guidance and direction

toward nursing excellence to an APGNN member during the past 36 months.

The only exclusion criterion is that one can not be a recipient for two consecutive years.

The mentor who is selected as the recipient of the award will be honored with a check in the sum

of \$250 - to be presented by his/her nominating APGNN member during the Annual Meeting.

Deadline for submission is approaching,

August 1, 2013

Please submit to Teresa Carroll, Membership Chair at TeresaCarroll1@hotmail.com.



APGNN Susan Moyer Research Award

We invite all APGNN members to submit abstracts for presentation at the 2013 APGNN Annual Meeting. The APGNN Annual Meeting offers a unique opportunity for you and your

colleagues to present and share interesting and innovative research findings and clinical reports with your nursing peers. The poster session at the APGNN conference will include

both Clinical Research and Clinical Vignettes. Please go to the APGNN website for more details.

<http://apgnn.org/cms/en/ResearchAbstractSubmission-Form.aspx?menuid=56>



Excellence in Education

Our committee is currently working on a project to submit over ten new handout materials to be published on GI Kids within the next few months. From expounding on stool colors or probiotics, we have tried to provide relevant information for your patients' questions in a readable format. We are also wrapping up data analysis of our educational needs survey that will be presented in the Fall. Now we need your help! Keep us busy by submitting for the APGNN Excellence in Education Award and win free travel to NASPGHAN in 2013!

Eligibility: Any APGNN member or other pediatric gastroenterology nurse who has designed and implemented an educational activity (patient/family, peer, or community) that addressed 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.

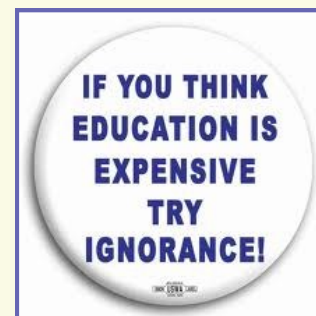
Award: The winner will be invited to present his/her award-winning program at the APGNN Annual Conference. Funding will be provided for conference expenses: travel, hotel, and registration. Details about the awards submitted may be featured on the APGNN newsletter/website.

[See here for more details about the award.](#)

Thanks,

Amy Painter

Patient/Family Education Committee Chair



Poster of Distinction

This is your chance to showcase all the work you do with children and families with GI illnesses. The abstract submission forms can be found on the **APGNN website**. Poster of Distinction Awards will awarded to the top 3 submissions according to the criteria that are outlined on the website. These winners will also be asked to give a brief (5 minutes

with maximum of 3 power point slides) oral presentation summarizing the poster content during the course. For questions please contact ryan.shonce@carolinashealthcare.org

Deadline is August 1st, 2013



www.GIKids.org is the patient outreach and education effort of NASPGHAN and the NASPGHAN Foundation. APGNN has been involved in the development of this timely patient and family oriented education material, which was formerly on the CDHNF & NASPGHAN sites.

Committee Reports

Research

Grant Announcement

Over the last year we have reviewed various aspects of research. NOW is time to consider submitting a grant application for the NASPGHAN/APGNN Susan Moyer Research Awards. Three awards are available ranging from \$500 to 1500 and due **August 2, 2013**. Our committee has simplified the application process and online submission instructions are found at: <http://www.naspghan.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=611>

These grants will be judged by 2 APGNN members, one NASPGHAN member and an ad hoc member if needed. Please contact rosemary.pauley-hunter@boystown.org and our committee would be happy to assist with the application process.

Annual Meeting Research Event

We are excited to have Goldie Markowitz CRNP as our featured research speaker at this year's annual meeting. She has extensive research experience and will be speaking on Navigating the IRB—Institutional Review Board. The IRB is there for patient protection and often times they are seen more of a Foe than a Friend to those of us trying to work within their guidelines. I'm sure Goldie will have some great tips for us and we look forward to hearing her ideas.

"That's the Way We Have Always Done It"

Nursing research by the practitioner is important as we develop our profession. It is no longer acceptable to use the excuse noted above. We are the ones who know the patients the best! Research provides the evidence-based data to utilize new ways to assess, evaluate, and deliver nursing care to benefit our patients. In addition we gain benefits as research will allow professional growth and create leadership characteristics for personal growth.

Membership

2013 Summer Membership Update - 274 members total!

Welcome to the following new members:

Kristin Hood, PNP (Orlando, FL)
 Elizabeth Malone, PNP (Washington DC)
 Mary Kay Alford, PNP (Baltimore, MD)
 Ashley Siekman, NP (Grand Rapids, MI)
 Kristi Bauer, RN (Wausau, WI)
 Amber Umlauft, RN (Wausau, WI)
 Adrienne Truxillo, PNP (New Orleans, LA)

Karen Trebels, PNP (Park Ridge, IL)
 Cynthia McNutt, RN (Cincinnati, OH)
 Sharon Perry, RN (Cleveland, OH)
 Brittany Brauch, RN (Baltimore, MD)
 Jami Pavink, PNP (Grand Rapids, MI)
 Alexandra Carter, RN (Baltimore, MD)
 Sybil Atkin, FNP (Kansas City, MO)

Please start thinking about attending our annual conference in Chicago. APGNN has conference scholarships available for both full and associate members in good standing! **Application deadline is August 1, 2013!**

Clinical Practice

The Clinical Practice Committee has been quite busy this quarter! We put the finishing touches on a new e-learning module on Crohn's disease, and hope to have it published online for use in the Fall. It is an excellent resource for new (or new to GI) staff to learn about this condition and to get CEU credit for completion. Are you interested in creating more learning resources such as phone triage protocols or e-learning modules for other topics? If so, we would love you use your energy and expertise on the committee, please email me ryan.shonce@carolinashealthcare.org to sign up or learn more. Have you had an interesting case this year? Have you worked on a GI topic that you would like to share with your peers? If so, we are still looking for vignette submissions for poster presentation this Fall. The deadline is fast approaching but it is not too late! Submission forms and further information can be found online www.apgnn.org under the "call for abstracts" link.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Chicago in October!

Ryan Shonce, MSN, FNP-C
 Chair Clinical Practice Committee

Past President

Be part of APGNN Leadership! We can't do this without you!
We are currently accepting nominations for the following positions:

1. **President-Elect:** 2-year position, after which position holder becomes President for 2-years, then Past-President for 2 years.
2. **Treasurer:** 3 year term

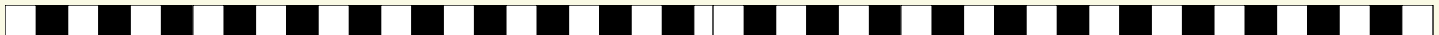
President-Elect and Treasurer are Executive Officer Positions and the nominee must have been a full member for one year preceding the election and a minimum of 1-year experience in pediatric GI and/or nutrition

3. **Patient & Family Education Committee Chair (2 years)**
4. **Research & Publication Committee Chair (2 years)**

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A COLLEAGUE!

Mentoring and assistance is available for all positions! We are a fun group and the time commitment is very manageable! For more information see our website, www.apgnn.org or contact Robin Shannon, Past President at rspnp@comcast.net

ELECTION WILL BE HELD BY ELECTRONIC BALLOT SUMMER 2013!



"Do you have an interesting patient that presented with abdominal pain and the final diagnosis is not GI related, if so consider presenting a "Zebra" at the next APGNN conference. Please contact Patty Bierly at bierly@email.chop.edu



Treasurer

Income received year to date

Dues received: 12,725.00 - **this represents 168 members paid in full - have you paid your 2013 dues???** If not, be sure to do so ASAP so you are eligible for the membership discounts and benefits, including reduced rate to attend the annual conference in October!

Fees billed: 250.00

Interest Income: 5.98

Expenses year to date include:

Online Bookeeping/banking/accountant fees - 855.40

Office (Naspghan salary support, postage) - 660.59

Conference Expenses - 1250.00

Board Retreat - 6519.00

Travel- 134

Conf. Call Expense - 79.91

Alliance Nursing Organization Membership - 1000.00

Website - 1325.00

Projected expenses for rest of the year include conference costs (Speaker & CEU expenses, travel, social event, breakout snacks, etc) - budgeted for additional **\$ 24370.00**. We are applying for educational grants to help offset some of the conference expenses. **Again, if your dues are not up to date, please submit ASAP - we do not receive the registration fees for the conference as these go to Naspghan to help pay for the conference meeting rooms, included meals, AV equipment, etc. Thus, we depend on our membership dues and grants to meet our conference budget!**

Current balances as of 6/18/13

Savings 30,047.74

Checking 28,848.12



Member Spotlight



Nannette Blois-Martin,
MSN, RN, CPNP

Employer: New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Nunnlee Pediatric Speciality clinic, Wilmington, NC

Contact: 919-270-6781

Email: Nbmartin8690@gmail.com.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Pediatric GI nurse practitioner, work with general GI issues with specialization in feeding problems, with oral aversion, NICU transitions and aerodigestive problems

Most Rewarding Aspect of your Job:

Being able to work with challenging children and their families on almost daily basis, coordinating their care and providing continuity of care.

Most Challenging Moments:

- 1) Time constraints
- 2) Insurance issues.

New Goals or Plans for the Future:

- 1) Orchestrate better collaboration between the clinic and University of North Carolina. North Carolina Children's Hospital to coordinate and improve the care of children living in the south east part of the state.
- 2) Formulate a feeding team/ program that focuses on the feeding issues and nutrition of the NICU graduate babies.
- 3) Outreach care to under-served and military families in our state.

What to Expect at the Annual Meeting This Year??? A sneak Peak!!

Conference will grant **12 contact hours**.

On Friday join your fellow members for special interest group. Sign up for one with registration.

IBD

Liver

Advance Practice Nursing

GI Clinic or Hospital Nursing

Endoscopy or Procedures

Our keynote speaker is **Barb Bancroft, PNP**.

Livin', Laughin', and Learnin' ... through the Years

Join Barb down a hilarious trip of memory lane through the last 30 years of nursing and medicine. Barb highlights the many advances in the clinical field as well as the changes in the workplace over the years. She emphasizes the importance of

"keeping up" with the ever-changing world of science and technology, the importance of collaborative care with not only health professionals, but also with patients, and the importance of maintaining one's health while balancing everyone else's lives. You will leave the seminar with a renewed sense of self and professionalism, not to mention laughing your way to the produce aisle.

APGNN ANNUAL MEETING
ATTEND, PRESENT, NETWORK and LEARN



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Happy Summer to all our members,

The APGNN Board is very excited to bring to you a very engaging and interesting conference this year in Chicago. The variety of topics and the expert panel of presenters will provide the members with up to date information in their pediatric GI specialities.

Furthermore, I encourage members to participate and apply for different awards that APGNN presents to it's members. We hate to see the award money going unclaimed because we did not have applicants.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the conference in October. Please take advantage of the early bird special and register in time.

Sincerely,

Shabina Walji-Virani

Newsletter chair

Shabina.Walji-Virani@childrens.com

**APGNN ANNUAL MEETING
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS
7/29/2013**



**Early Bird Registration
rates expire on **July
29, 2013.****

**Please register for the con-
ference before that to take
advantage of the discounted
rate.**

**Don't
Miss
Out!**