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President's Message

Happy 20th Anniversary! I am really looking forward to seeing you November 13-14 in National Harbor, Maryland for APGNN annual educational course. I hope that you've registered for our program and made your travel arrangements. This year's theme is Working Together: Collaborative Practice. We extend a warm welcome to the other disciplines that work so closely with us in our efforts to give the best care to our pediatric GI patients and families. Our program chair, Lindsey Wilson has put together an amazing program with the help of the program committee and the members who participated in the planning session last November. We thank you all for getting us off to a strong start. You will have another opportunity to help plan next year's program at the program committee meeting on Friday, November 13th at 4:30pm, check your program for location. Please come and share your ideas, it is always your input that secures the program's success.

As Internet Chair, Sue Peck has been working on our website, and we expect the site to be more current and complete this year. And in another of her many hats, Sue, as Past President, has also been receiving nominations for President-elect, Research Chair and Education Chair. Very shortly you'll be receiving ballots to vote via email for our next officers.

Great thanks to our outgoing officers, Karen Sherry and Lillian Sablan for their very productive two terms as co-chairs of the Patient and Family Education Committee. In their collaboration with NASPGHAN, our patient education resources have expanded. I know they will remain actively involved in APGNN.

This will be my last newsletter message as your president and I want to thank you so much for having the opportunity to serve in this role. I love our organization and value the goals of our mission. I'm proud of what we accomplished in the past two years. We now offer an amazing research grant, the CDHNF/APGNN M. Susan Moyer Nursing Research Award. Under Lisa Philichi, our membership chair, APGNN now offers a very comprehensive member benefits package. Make sure you enjoy them.

We've also begun to investigate certification of our members as pediatric gastroenterologist specialists. Perhaps as I continue my work as Past President with LeAnne Vitito, our Clinical Practice chair, we can make this a reality.

Your new president, Robin Shannon will assume the role without batting an eyelash. She is one of the strongest pediatric GI clinicians I know and she shares a strong commitment to APGNN. We have worked very closely together for many years and I am absolutely certain I leave our organization in very capable hands.

My hopeful vision for APGNN's future is one where we have an overwhelming number of applications for poster presentations, the CDHNF/APGNN research grant, the mentor award, scholarship funds, newsletter submissions, leadership nominations, excellence in education awards and committee membership. I am certain that we will continue to work towards our goals and I hope that we all become very active members. I am constantly impressed with the wealth of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition nursing expertise of our membership. But remember, APGNN can only be as strong as it's members are active.

In closing, I want to express my sincere appreciation to my most supportive leadership team: Sue Peck, Robin Shannon, Patty Bierly, Kristin Peterson, Lisa Philichi, Diane Kocovsky, Karen Sherry, Lillian Sablan, Lindsay Wilson, Clare Ceballos, LeAnne Vitito and our near-past presidents, Addie McDuffie and Rose Young. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Mary-Alice Tully, APGNN President

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President Elect Report

As our annual APGNN meeting and educational conference approaches, I have had a chance to look back at the amazing accomplishments of our organization. In the near future, an updated "History of APGNN" will be posted on our website. Our progress has been impressive. We are so grateful for the hard work of all our past Board members and Committee Chairs, our APGNN members and of course the incredible support we receive from NASPGHAN.

As President-Elect one of my roles has been to participate in the NASPGHAN Ethics Committee. Unfortunately, I have attended only one meeting in person but being involved in this committee reinforces the importance of being vigilant in constantly reviewing and updating our Ethics Statement. This too will be posted on our website in the near future for your review. APGNN believes that a Code of Ethics is basic to the conduct of Pediatric Gastroenterology Nursing. We must be always cognizant of potential conflicts of interest and expect a high level of integrity in all professional endeavors.

At our meeting in November I will step into the role of President of APGNN. Having first joined APGNN in approximately 1991, I am very humbled by the honor of assuming this leadership position. I will have very big shoes to fill! I am so grateful for the mentoring I have received over the years from past APGNN Board members to help prepare me for this role. I will continue to seek their support and also ask you, our APGNN members, to communicate your opinions, suggestions and goals as we go forward.

Robin Shannon, MS, RN, CPNP
APGNN President-Elect

Register now for our 20th APGNN conference *Working Together: Collaborative Practice*, November 13th and 14th, 2009. Don't miss out on the chance to get the most current information on many pediatric GI and Nutrition topics as well as the opportunity to network with your colleagues. To register go to www.NASPGHAN.org. We look forward to seeing you there.

APGHN WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Jenny Brady, PNP	Williamsburg, Virginia
Evelyn Buckley, RN	Hartford, Connecticut
Regina Clark, PNP	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Leslie Coda, PNP	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Mary Coleman, LPN	Norfolk, Virginia
Laura Desaulniers, RN	Fairfax, Virginia
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Karine Dupuis, NP	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Connie Eskew, RN	Springfield, Illinois
Mary Fairchild, RN	Kansas City, Missouri
Jean Hammond, RN	Portland, Maine
Martha Holley, NP	Loxahatchee, Florida
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Teri Jackson, PNP	Orlando, Florida
Tera Lota, PNP	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Hilary Marine, PNP	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Goldie Markowitz, PNP	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Anfrea Montalro, RN	Bronx, New York
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Fiona Paul, PNP	Boston, Massachusetts
Rhonda Ragsdale, NP	Kingsport, Tennessee
Bernadette Ray, RN	Portland, Maine
Sherry Renick, RN	Roanoke, Virginia
Mary Rummelein, RN	San Antonio, Texas
Tarah Samuel, PNP	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Cathy Stevens, RN	Roanoke, Virginia
Angie Turner, RN	Cincinnati, Ohio



Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Nurses Nominees for Office – October 2009 Online Voting Open Now

President Elect

Lisa Philichi, RN, MN, ARNP – Lisa has served on the APGNN Board for many years, first as the Chair of Patient and Family Education Committee and then as the Chair of the Membership Committee. Lisa has been very active in APGNN. She has published extensively and was a Co-editor and contributor to the Clinical Handbook of Pediatric Gastroenterology, an APGNN endeavor. She is recognized professionally for her publications and presentations. Lisa received her Masters in Nursing from UCLA and her PNP from the University of Washington, in Seattle. She is currently a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, Washington.

Membership

Teresa Carroll, RN, MSN, PNP – Teresa has been working as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Pediatric GI since 2003. She has been attending APGNN conferences since that time, looking for a way to become more involved. She is excited to participate on the APGNN Board and believes the membership chair is a good fit. Teresa graduated from the University of Nevada. She is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in GI and Nutrition practicing in Las Vegas.

Patient and Family Education

Laurie Weber, BSN – Laurie has been a member of the APGNN Patient and Family Education Committee and the Program Committee. She is a Pediatric Nurse Clinician at the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wisconsin. She believes in Patient/Family Education, having Enteral Feeding information for families that includes a care binder and DVD. Laurie is this year's recipient of the APGNN Excellence in Education Award.

Newsletter

Diane Kocovsky, RN, MSN, APRN – Diane has served as the Newsletter Chair for the last 2 years and she is willing to serve another term. She is behind each and every APGNN Newsletter. Diane received her BSN from the University of Iowa and her MSN from RUSH University in Chicago. She has been involved in Pediatric GI since relocating to Omaha, Nebraska in 2004. With the support of the membership, she is looking forward to serving another term.

Research and Publication

Clare Ceballos, MA, APRN-BC, PNP, WOCN – Clare has been our Research and Publication chair for the last 2 years. She is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. She has several Academic Appointments including Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Columbia University School of Nursing and the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Nursing. Clare has been active in APGNN for many years and is an enthusiastic champion of Nursing Research. Clare is anxious to continue this work by serving another term as Chair of the Research and Publication committee.



Join Us in Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of APGNN

In 1994 an article was published in the NASPGHAN newsletter to solicit interest of Pediatric GI and Nutrition Nurses in forming a professional support network.. Forty five responses were received. This idea of a sister organization was endorsed by NASPGHAN in 1988. Six nurses were invited and attended the NASPGHAN Annual Meeting in Chicago that year. In 1989, the NASPGHAN subcommittee was formed to pursue the organization of a pediatric GI/Nutrition organization. The subcommittee was led by Jay Perlman, President of NASPGHAN and Claire Stackhouse, MSN. Initial officers were Calire Stackhouse, Chair, Marianne Buzby, Co-chair and Susan Peck, Secretary/Treasurer. The organization was named Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Nurses. The mission included promoting nursing research and education in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition, establish standards of nursing practice, created nursing network to enhance professionalism in the discipline and support role development of pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition nurses.

In 1989, the First Annual Meeting of APGNN was held. 25 nurses attended. In 1996, 3 APGNN members attended the World Conference in Toulouse France. In 2000, the World Congress was held in Boston. A three day educational course for nurses was planned and presented by APGNN. In 2004 at the World Congress in Paris, a GERD symposium was presented by APGNN members and 3 research posters were presented by members. In 2007, the APGNN Clinical Handbook of Pediatric Gastroenterology was published by QMP. The editors, Rosemary Young and Lisa Philichi worked closely with members to develop the book. In 2008 the current president of APGNN, MaryAlice Tully attended the World Congress in Iguassu Falls, Brazil. In 2009, we are almost 300 members strong and continuing to grow.

This year's APGNN Annual Meeting marks the 20th Anniversary of our organization. Come join us as we celebrate our history and make plans for our future.

Editor's Note

Happy Fall everyone!

The Board has been busy preparing for the upcoming APGNN Annual Meeting. I am sure it will exceed your expectations. Safe travels to those attending. Take advantage of the time to become active in your organization.

I have lofty goals for newsletter in the upcoming year and need your help meeting them. Please consider joining me on the Newsletter Committee. If you are interested, email me at

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Diane Kocovsky, Newsletter Chair