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## President's Message

I just have to say, summer flew by way too quickly!

Many of you have received the registration brochure for the NASP-GHAN and CHDNF clinical and scientific conference, *A Decade of Progress*. They will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of their partnership November 13-15, 2008 in San Diego, California at the Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel. The meeting will be preceded by a special single topic symposium entitled *The Gut Microbiome in Development, Health and Disease* on November 12, 2008. Although we won't be holding our usual APGNN education meeting, we plan to have our leadership meeting on the evening of November 13 and working and/or committee meetings on the morning and early afternoon of November 14. **The working meetings on November 14<sup>th</sup> will be open to all APGNN members.** Our meetings are always so good for networking and strengthening our organization. Some of the topics we plan to address are updating our strategic plan, putting the final touches on our research grant application and review process, the APGNN website, and our educational program for 2009. I look forward to your participation. You may want to think about joining a committee of your interest now to help with the planning. At the very least, think about what you need from your organization and where do you want APGNN to be in 5 years. Please share your thoughts with us.

I'm very happy to report that we received our first royalty check from Quality Medical Publishing for the **Clinical Handbook of Pediatric Gastroenterology**. So many people tell me they love this book. If you don't have a copy already, you may want to order one for yourself or give one as a gift to a colleague.

I just returned from the World Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition in Brazil. Having the opportunity to discuss so many common pediatric gastrointestinal issues with people from around the globe was stimulating. Not to mention, Iguassu Falls were a truly amazing sight to behold. I am very grateful to all the APGNN members for this experience. My wish for the next World Congress in Taiwan is to have a greater APGNN representation. Perhaps we can give a presentation or plan a workshop. If anyone is interested in developing this idea, let me know. It's never too soon to start working on it.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary-Alice Tully MSN PNP- BC**  
**President APGNN**

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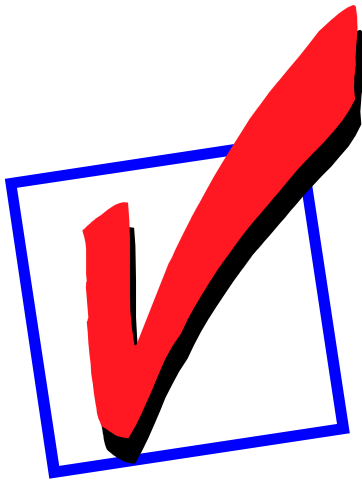
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## Past President's/Nominations Committee Report



### Thanks for making your Vote Count Nomination Committee Report

The 2008 APGNN Election Ballot and Proposal for 6 Bylaw changes were mailed to 277 Full Members Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> with a self-addressed and stamped return envelope (for all but our 10 Canadian Members. Sorry, I could not get Canadian postage for return here in the US). As of Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 58 Election and 58 Bylaw Ballots (21%) have been returned. If you have not already done so, Please keep my Mail Carrier busy by returning those ballots ASAP.

If you are a Full member (not Associate) and never received a ballot, my apologies. Kindly email me at [addie.mcduffie@chkd.org](mailto:addie.mcduffie@chkd.org) with your correct address and I will mail you one ASAP.

As we do not have a conference this year - Election Results will be announced in October via Email and then posted in the December Newsletter.

Thank You.

*Your Nominations Chair/Past President,*

*Addie McDuffie, MS, RN, CPNP*



## President Elect's Report

In my role as President-Elect of APGNN, I am responsible for reviewing and updating our organizational By-Laws. As you know, ballots were recently mailed to all active members for voting on proposed changes to our By-Laws. One of our goals is to have the option for electronic voting in the future rather than relying on mailed ballots which are labor intensive, expensive and do not always result in a high return rate. Having your voice heard through participation in the election processes of APGNN is an important privilege of active membership in APGNN and our hope is to facilitate this process as much as possible.

Like our NASPGHAN colleagues, we also felt it was important to include the word *hepatology* in our mission statement and goals which prompted the decision to include this in proposed By-Law changes as well.

We will update you on the results of the election as soon as they are known and will post the updated By-Laws on our website. Thank you for your active participation in APGNN!

Respectfully submitted,

**Robin Shannon, MS, RN, CPNP**

**President Elect**

## Program Committee Report

The proposed theme for our 2009 conference is *Working Together: Collaborative Practice*. If any APGNN members attending the San Diego conference are interested in helping to plan our next meeting we would love to have your input. We need suggestions for lecture topics and for presenters, especially nurse speakers. If you are not planning on attending the meeting, please feel free to email any ideas to [lwilson@jhmi.edu](mailto:lwilson@jhmi.edu).

***Lindsay Wilson, RN, MSN, CPNP***

**Program Chair**

## Membership Committee Report

### *APGNN Welcomes New Members*

Veronica Bedoya, Research Admin	Durham, NC
Thresa Clavier, RN	Oklahoma City, OK
Stacey Connor, PNP	Birmingham, AL
David Cousino, RN	Chapel Hill, NC
Susan Gunter, RN	Pensacola, FL
Joan Higby, RN	Cincinnati, OH
Julie Jones, RN	Madison, WI
Mary Paolozzi, RN	San Francisco, CA
Ann Weaver, RN	Cincinnati, OH

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Philichi  
Membership Committee Chair

## Editors Note

Please continue to submit articles to [kocovskyd@boystown.org](mailto:kocovskyd@boystown.org) for future publications. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the articles that have been published in previous newsletters. I plan to tap the resources of the Board at our upcoming meeting in San Diego for contact information to reach out to more nurse experts in our organization. Look for election results and by-law changes in the December Edition as well as updates from our work groups in San Diego.

**Diane Kocovsky**  
**Newsletter Committee Chair**

## Upcoming Conference



On behalf of co-chairs Richard P. MacDermott, MD and Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, we invite you to join us December 4-7, 2008 in sunny Hollywood, Florida for the **2008 Advances in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases**.

### **2008 Advances in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases**

*Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's Clinical & Research Conference.*

The state-of-the-art in the investigation, diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory bowel diseases and the information you need to optimize care of your patients.

**More than 80 continuing education presentations**

**An expert faculty, comprised of 58 bench to bedside leaders from across the country**

**Original clinical and translational research abstract and poster presentations**

**Basic Research meet-the-professor sessions**

**Case-based clinical breakout sessions**

**State-of-the-art presentations**

**Pediatric IBD session**

**Debates: Current controversies in IBD**

**Satellite Symposia**

**Fully Accredited for physicians and nurses**

Complete conference information is available at [www.AdvancesinIBD.com](http://www.AdvancesinIBD.com). Register online by November 25 to take advantage of pre-registration discounts!

We are certain that you will find this meeting to be informative and enjoyable. For more information, please contact the conference organizer: Imedex, [meetings@imedex.com](mailto:meetings@imedex.com), tel: 678-242-0906.