OUTSTANDING!

Congratulations to all of us, the Northern California SGNA for winning the award of Outstanding Regional Society, presented at the SGNA 45th Annual Course. See page 2 for our President’s description of the event!

NCSGNA FALL CONFERENCE

For a change of pace, this year our Fall Conference will be in October. We have some great speakers lined up and a Friday evening sponsored event if you want to make it a weekend getaway. Monterey is always a popular destination for our conferences, and we look forward to seeing you there.

NCSGNA’s Fall Conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa on Del Monte Golf Course on Saturday, October 6th

GALA CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO

The GALA Conference will be at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina on September 21 & 22, 2018

In appreciation of NCSGNA’s endorsement of the GALA San Diego Conference, GALA is pleased to waive registration for all NCSGNA members interested in attending this conference.

To register, please click register now and enter promotional code NCSGNA18 at checkout.

If you would like additional details, please feel free to visit their website www.galamelicas.org.

• Keep Your Membership Up-to-Date—SGNA wants to ensure that you have uninterrupted access to year-round member benefits. Visit the Member Center to renew your membership today!
Message from the President

Can’t Rain on Our Parade

This year, I had the pleasure of attending the 45th Annual SGNA Conference at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando. I enjoyed attending the sessions and walking away with more knowledge to help improve my nursing practice. It was also my first time visiting Disneyworld. While it was fun to frolic around in the child-like wonder of Disney, I was not a big fan of the torrential rain storms.

Yeah, I got soaked big time. However, there was a pleasant surprise in my Florida trip. In fact, you could say it was...outstanding.

Congratulations Northern California SGNA, you are OUTSTANDING!

Seriously—it was absolutely wonderful and an honor to accept this award for Outstanding Regional Society on behalf of our group. I am forever grateful for all of the dedication put forth by our Gastroenterology community to help improve the quality of care for patients throughout our region. This award reflects our regional society’s work ethic and professionalism in GI excellence. Now to add to our collection of our other banners...

Next year, SGNA’s Annual Course will take place at the Oregon Convention Center, April 14-16 in Portland. Attending the Annual Course is a great way to network and share ideas with other GI healthcare professionals. I highly recommend it for anyone who is interested in expanding their knowledge (and if you would like to apply for a scholarship, visit our website www.ncsgna.org).

Once again, thank you Northern California SGNA for your outstanding contributions and I look forward to seeing you at our Fall Conference at the Monterey Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Shaleena Kumar, MSN, RN, CGRN
NCSGNA Spring 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

NCSGNA Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 16, 2018
San Jose Room
Walnut Creek Marriott

In Attendance:
Shaleena Kumar President
Ted Miller Immediate Past President
?? President Elect
Kendall Yoshisato Treasurer
Sheila Nuqui Secretary
April Heuschel Director of Education
Ann Hayes Director of Community and Legislative Relations
Elena Gomez Director of Exhibitors
Lydia Blethrow Director of Publicity and Scholarship
Janelle Del Rosario Guest
Nancy Schlossberg Guest

Approval - Board Meeting Minutes Fall 2017 (sent via email previously)
Email was sent out for approval; board members approved
Sheila needs to upload corrected version

Introductions (Guest attendees: Janelle Del Rosario, and Nancy Schlossberg)
Nancy Schlossberg: Consultant, Digestive Health Services at John Muir Health
Janelle Del Rosario: Clinical Nurse II at UCSF Health

Board Member Reports

Shaleena Kumar-President
For spring 2018 conference, we have 220 registrants; if all goes well with details, we might be back here for spring 2019 conference
Fall 2018 conference, Hyatt Monterey is booked for Oct. 6, 2018
To save cost: skip printing syllabus (attendees can download/print from the website), evaluations and certificates online, like SGNA conference, they use company EXPRESS Evaluations: $250 one time fee, $4.25 per evaluation/person; Kendall: another suggestion- online registration, can validate attendance (are we meeting the attendees’ requirement for the contact hours given?), cost around $400 syllabus and another for brochures, roughly around $800/year for printing syllabus and $1,000 printing/sending out brochures. Anne: mailing brochures is an advertisement, especially for older group that are not onboard online, but we can totally rid of printing syllabus
Continue printing brochures
Board Meeting Minutes, cont.

Skip printing syllabus
Print out evaluation form, raffle ticket
Will re-visit using online companies for online registrations, evaluations, printing certificates; on hold for now

April Heuschel – Director of Membership
Evaluations from last conference: Comments not included in the syllabus but people still found areas to write their personal comments: most were complaining about “too cold”, audio visual (video malfunctioning)
Fall conference: Dr. Victoria Yung – Water Exchange Colonoscopy; Dr. Robindra Watson – New Endoscopic Bariatric Procedures: an update on their implementation; Dr. Arek Keledjian: ERCP lecture; Need liver/hepatic topics; For Fall conference 2018, 1 night stay will be provided
Sheila: any GI Tech related topics/ideas (some GI technicians were asking), April has a speaker about abdominal compression?
April need speakers for Fall conference 2018
Ted: UCSF team may be able to reach out to hepatology

Elena Gomez – Director of Exhibitors
21 vendors (companies have merged through the years)
Olympus class tonight: UNIFA platform (digital program) in the Contra Costa Room
Any new vendors: contact Elena (GI meds, equipment, accessories)
IMS merged with Steris, EndoChoice merged with Boston Scientific
With merges, harder to get more vendors
Currently charging $550 from $400 from a few years ago
Electrical outlet should be available in the whole room
Ted: some conferences are charging vendors up to $1000
Maybe charging more depending on the layout is worth discussing
Vendors like when the food is in the vendor room

Ann Hayes – Director of Community and Legislative Relations
Nothing to report, she’s RETIRED!

Kendall Yoshisato– Treasurer
Refer to the past conferences cash summaries handout, the budget is starting to go in the positive direction, starting to make cash flow
With the increase in registration, the budget is starting to balance out
This conference projects to make a positive cash flow
Projecting this conference will hit around $35,0000 which is our normal conference budget
Spring and Fall conferences combined, we’ll likely balance out
In 2017, we gained around $11,000 in grants
$2,000 grant pending from Cook
For now, syllabus will still be printed until further notice
We need brochures to be done early for grant application requiring at least 60
days
April will go to HOD with Shaleena to Florida
BUDGET is PASSED
Refer to Treasurer’s report handout given by Kendall
Marriott Walnut Creek is projected to cost around $24,000 which is way below
our $35,000 budget

Ted Miller – Immediate Past President
Nothing to report

Lydia Blethrow – Director of Publicity and Scholarship
Thank you for the newsletter articles
Dawn wrote a great article, a little glimpse of being a GI nurse in her unit
The next newsletter is in July, an email reminder will be sent in June
Lydia may be interested in Director of Exhibitors
Annie may be interested in Lydia’s position, she is planning to attend the meet-
ing in October
The early bird pricing was easy to implement on the website; Dawn had more
registrations early on and made it easy for her; the prices are set up on the
website
Brochure template uploaded on google drive and the new prices are reflected:

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The master list given was from a few conferences ago
Kendall has access to the online registration
Kendall is requesting SGNA to provide a secured storage space
Dawn got about 150 through the early bird registrations
If Anne is planning to retire from board members, then maybe we can switch her
position to a volunteer activity: writing publications?

Sheila Nuqui – Secretary
Nothing to report
Open Issues

Budget
Board members voted unanimously

Open Board Position
Sheila nominated as president elect
Janelle Del Rosario as acting secretary
Lydia will be trained as Director of Exhibitors, Elena’s last conference will be Fall 2019
April’s position as Director of Education will be Fall 2019
Nancy may be interested in Anne’s position
Dawn will be taking another 2 year term
For fall conference, we will be voting for:
- Director of membership
- Treasurer
- Director of Publicity and Scholarship
- Secretary
- Director of Social Media

c. Venues & Speakers
1. Fall 2018: Monterey Hyatt
   Need to know if any board members are staying for more than one night, so Kendall can secure the rooms for board members before releasing the block of rooms

2. Spring 2019 Conference
   TBD, any suggestions?
   The Nationals will be on April 12th in Portland, Oregon, so for our Spring 2019 conference, we will shoot for early March or mid-March
   Require speakers to send their notes to be reviewed by the board, but not to post if they’re opposed to it. April need the speakers’ Title and Objectives for the brochure

New Business

Open discussion
Leadership Directory
Contact information for the NCSGNA leadership

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NCSGNA Calendar of Events

September 21-22, 2018
GALA San Diego Conference
Waived registration for NCSGNA members!

October 6, 2018
NCSGNA Fall Course
Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa

April 12-16, 2019
SGNA's 46th Annual Course
Portland, Oregon
The NCSGNA Scholarship is open to members only. This information is for informational purposes only. Please download your application from [www.ncsgna.org](http://www.ncsgna.org). You will be asked to provide your:

| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| City/State/Zip Code: |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| Home Phone: |  |
| Employer: |  |
| Work Phone: |  |

What is the scholarship for?

The goal of this scholarship is to help a regional member attend the SGNA Annual Course. One $1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to be used for registration, airfare, and hotel accommodations. Recipients must provide documentation of actual use of funds.

What criteria are used to award the scholarship?

- The applicant’s support of SGNA, both regional and national;
- The applicant’s promotion of GI nursing;
- The applicant’s activities within their hospital and community;
- The applicant’s participation within local, state, and federal government on behalf of nursing and health care issues;
- The applicant’s participation in other nursing organizations.

What is the application process?

Begin by checking off any activities in which you have participated (each category is assigned a point value by the Scholarship Committee). Expand upon these activities, include other areas that you feel demonstrate your qualifications for this award, and add any additional comments. Return this entire form and your comments to the Scholarship Committee Chairman.

Eligible applicants must have been a voting licensed nurse or associate of NCSGNA for two years or more, must demonstrate support of NCSGNA’s goals and objectives, must currently be employed in gastroenterology. Members of the Board of Directors and those who have received an NCSGNA Educational Course grant within the past three years are ineligible.

**ACTIVITIES**

When did you join SGNA/NCSGNA?________

Years in GI Nursing:________

Academic/Professional Credentials:________

Northern California SGNA:________

President: held office

President-Elect: held office

Past President/Historian: held office

Secretary: held office

Treasurer: held office

Director of Exhibits: held office

Director of Scholarship/Publicity: held office

Director of Membership: held office

Director of Education: held office

National SGNA or ABCGN (e.g., HOD Speaker or Vice Speaker; national Board Member):

SGNA Foundation Board Member; SIG Group Coordinator; Annual Course poster presenter, speaker, committee member, monitor or moderator):

Education (e.g., staff in-services, community presentations, teaching student nurses, mentoring new employees):

Government (e.g., special projects, resolutions):

Health Fairs/Other Professional Organizations/GI Nurses Day:

Miscellaneous:

Research/Educational Posters

If your poster is accepted for display at the Annual Course, you may be eligible for a monetary subsidy.

Here’s hoping you will join us at the 2019 SGNA Annual Course!!!