



The Scope

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

2010 OFFICERS

As the New Year approaches, it is time for me to write my last message as President of OSGNA.

This has been a wonderful experience for me and I am thankful for the opportunity. I would like to thank all of my fellow board members, Joan, Kim, Shirley, Tina and Val. I feel very blessed to have worked with all of you. Thank you all for your support and for sharing your vast knowledge, not only with me but all of us. I have really enjoyed working with all of you.

I would encourage each and every one of you to consider becoming more active in OSGNA this coming year. You could start out by helping out at the registration table at a meeting, volunteer for the planning committee or share your knowledge and expertise by presenting at a meeting.

Our spring meeting will be in Columbus this year. Check our website for updates on the date and location. I would like to thank all members who took the time to mail back their ballots. Don't forget to vote on the national level by logging on to the SGNA website. Voting starts this month.

I wish all of you and your families a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,
Debbie Vance, RN, CGRN



2010 President, Debbie Vance

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- Past PresidentKim McNary
- President ElectJoan Metze
- SecretaryTina Schaeublin
- TreasurerTina Woods
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- EducationVal Karlosky

LEGISLATION

by Shirley Flowers

The Multi Regional SGNA Education Conference was held in Schaumburg, Illinois in October, with over 200 participants registered for the day and a half conference, of

those registered 8 ventured into the Chicago land area from Ohio. After Kim and I were introduced as the Ohio members of the Multi Region SGNA committee, I gave a rousing "Go Buck" to the crowd. The following morning after the Buckeyes lost to Wisconsin, I heard a lone "Go Bucks" from the audience as Nancy the committee member from Wisconsin gave me hug and a pat on the back! Plans are well under way for next year's Multi regional conference, which rotates to the "Cheese State" and will be hosted by the Wisconsin SGNA. The conference site is slated to be held in Waukesha, Wisconsin, I'm told that is not too far from Milwaukee.

Upcoming Events

OSGNA is once again proud to be one of the co-sponsors of *ONA Nurses Day* at the Statehouse. The event as in the past, takes place in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. The date is Wednesday March 23, 2011 from 8:00AM – 1:30PM, followed by an optional 2 hour CE program on Safe Staffing Law in Ohio. Members of co-sponsoring organizations are eligible for the reduced registration fee. Registration opened up in November. Go to the ONA web

Dates to remember:

- Next board meeting: January 22, 2011, at Max & Emma's in the Roberts Center
- Spring meeting in Columbus
- Nurses Day at the State House, March 23, 2010
- SGNA National Conference, May 6-11 in Indianapolis, IN

site for more information about the day's events as well as to register. This has historically been a sold out event.

OSGNA Education Conference - Our next annual education conference will be held in the Columbus area. The Education committee has been working on a line up of speakers and timely topics based on your suggestions with the goal being educational and relevant topics for both novice and seasoned digestive health team members alike.

The 38th annual National SGNA Conference will be a little closer to home next year. The dates are May 6 – 11 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS

Candace Miller, BSN, RN, CGRN - successfully passed the recent AB-CGN certification exam. Candace is a staff nurse in Endoscopy at the Ohio State Univ. Medical Center.

The American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) recently recognized Riverside Endoscopy Center in Steubenville Ohio and The Toledo Clinic Outpatient Surgery Dept in Toledo Ohio as part of its Unit Recognition Program for those units meeting ASGE guidelines on privileging, quality assurance and Endoscopy processing as well as CDC guidelines. Go to the Endonurse web site for the complete list of units recognized.

Please remember to go on the SGNA web site and vote in the SGNA election, in addition to being a part of the process of choosing SGNA leaders your voting counts towards our goal of being Region of the year! With OSGNA members presenting at the Regional and National level, serving on national committees as well as our

community outreach projects, we are well on our way to qualifying! I thank you for your vote of confidence and your continued support and look forward to working with you in the upcoming New Year! Seasons Greetings to all and Happy New Year

Shirley

I hope you all are having a great holiday season. It is hard to believe that 2010 is almost over. I truly don't know where this year has gone. Looking back over 2010 we have had many accomplishments as a regional society. We have updated the OSGNA website. We will be totally green after March, 2011, if we pass the change to our bylaws, that all voting on issues be done online. We are working with the New York region to offer free CEs to our members. We continue to co sponsor the Nurses Day at the Statehouse in Columbus and the Colon Cancer Awareness Walk in Cincinnati (we hope to expand to Columbus this year). We had a great Regional meeting in March and participated in the multistate conference that was held in October. Our region is blessed to have many members on national committees and national boards. This year was an election year for our Regional Board. I want to thank all those who took the time to fill out the ballot and send them back to me. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome the 2011-2012 board members:

President: Joan Metze

Past President: Debbie Vance

President elect: Terrie Geil

Treasurer: Karen Strader Helton

Secretary: Kim McNary

Education/Legislation: Shirley Flowers

Newsletter/Historian: Sandy Amos
I want to personally thank Debbie

Vance for all she did for the region as president these last two years. She did a great job and has been a great mentor to me. I want to thank Tina who has been our treasurer. She did a great job and has volunteered to mentor Karen as she transitions into the treasurer role I also want to thank Val for the many years she has been a board member. She was co-chair of education for at least six years. I also want to congratulate her on her recent marriage. Val, I wish you and your husband a lifetime of love and happiness. It is time for all of us to renew our membership to SGNA. You can do it on line either by going directly to sgna.org or to osgna.org and click the [sgna](http://sgna.org) link. It is so important that we all do this.

It is also important that we all take the time to vote in the national election. The voting is taking place now. We are in the process of filling out the application for region of the year and membership voting is an important piece to this application process. Please do this right away. We will be calling you also to remind you to vote.

Also we are taking applications for the Genia Spaulding award. There is a description of the award and the application process on the website. Please fill out the application and appropriate paper work and send it by January 12, 2011 to:

Joan Metze, 7280 Redridge Drive
Cleveland, Ohio 45002

Also there is an application form on the website for scholarships that we award to members to help pay for GI/SGNA/OSGNA events and products. These are also due by January 12, 2011. Please send them to Joan Metze at the above address. I hope you all have a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2011.

-- Joan Metze