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Spring 2021

## President's Message

Hello all! I hope that 2021 has been treating everyone well thus far. 2020 was definitely a different experience. We were unable to attend conference and meetings in person. OSGNA's goal this year is to find creative opportunities for our members to obtain CEUs easily and virtually given the ongoing limitations due to the COVID pandemic. Please refer to the OSGNA website and Facebook page to stay up to date on education offerings this year. Several other SGNA regions will be offering virtual conferences this year, you can find more info on these courses on the SGNA website on the event calendar.

March is Colon Cancer awareness month. Colon cancer is the third most common cancer in the United States. It is also the second leading cancer related death in US. We also celebrate GI nurses and associates week this Month. Please share with us what you and your team have done to spread awareness and celebrate your team.

2021 is the start of a new term for our OSGNA board members. Please refer to listed officers in this newsletter. There are still open positions on the OSGNA board, including President Elect and Newsletter/Historian. On Page 3, we will share the description of these positions and how to inquire if interested.

Lauren Meadors, DNP, CGRN  
OSGNA President



## Officers

President .....Lauren Meadors  
Treasurer .....Cynthia Austin  
Secretary .....Anita Schuller  
Legislation / Education.....Jessica Miller

## Upcoming Dates

May 12: OSGNA offering from Healthmark  
May 22: OSGNA offering from Healthmark  
May 22-25: SGNA Annual Course, A Virtual Experience



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## ***Welcome to our newest OSGNA Board members!***

### **Treasurer: Cynthia Austin**

Hello my name is Cynthia Austin. I have always wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl. I personally feel that being a nurse is a calling. I am a graduate of Columbus State and Capital University. I have been a nurse for over 30 years, time flies when you're having fun. I am currently a part of the Service Excellence Council, which is a subdivision of Shared Governance at Grant Medical Center. I enjoy working with the nurses in our department along with our G.I. and Colo rectal Physicians. The highlight of my career was when I had the chance to do medical missionary work in Sri Lanka with a coworker and a G.I. Physician. When I am not working, I love spending time with my son and daughter. I am excited and honored to be a part of the OSGNA board.

### **Secretary: Anita Schuller**

Hello my name is Anita Schuller. I started my nursing career in 2001 in when I graduated with my LPN. I obtained my RN 3 years later. I worked as a Trauma nurse for 8 years at Grant Medical Center. I decided to end my trauma career and worked in outpatient surgery at Knox Community Hospital for 1 year. Following outpatient surgery I took a position as the unit coordinator for the endoscopy department at Knox Community Hospital where I have been for the last 10 years. I love everything about endoscopy and GI. So glad to be part of the team.



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### + **SGNA Leadership Position: President-Elect**

- Making a three-year commitment, the President-Elect serves a one-year term and automatically becomes President upon completion of that year.
- (The President-Elect will assume the Presidency to complete an unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in the office of President.)
- Following the scheduled one-year term as President, this individual serves one year as Immediate Past President.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Voting or life member of SGNA;

#### **Responsibilities and Duties of the President:**

- The President-Elect serves as an understudy to the President, whose duties are:
- Serve as official representative and spokesperson of the Society; communicating the Society's mission, goals and positions to its various publics;
- Preside at all meetings of the Board and the Society;
- monitor emerging issues and evaluate the Society's activities in relation to the needs of the members;
- Mentor the President-Elect and other SGNA leaders;
- Write columns for SGNA News and other publications as needed.

#### **Time Commitment: Estimated minimum of 24hrs/year:**

- Minimum 8hrs/yr attending quarterly meetings, completing follow-up, and prep for next meeting
- Minimum 12hrs/yr attending set up of annual conference and attendance at annual conference.
- Minimum 4hrs/yr contributing to membership growth, region support, and participation in board activities

#### **General Leadership Characteristics:**

- Is committed to and enthusiastic for the mission, goals and strategic plan of the Society;
- Inspires confidence and support among the leaders and motivates others to take constructive action;
- Is fair, open minded and objective; utilizes appropriate information and sound judgment to formulate Board policy and make decisions;
- Is organized and meets timelines;
- Communicates clearly and positively;
- Is effective in public appearances and public speaking;
- Willingly sacrifices spare time, weekends and non-working hours to accomplish the goals of the Society;
- Retires gracefully at the completion of the term of service.
- Willing to travel



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### + **SGNA Leadership Position: Historian**

- A member of the Board of Directors, the Historian works closely with the Board and SGNA Headquarters staff to record the actions of the Board, maintain its standing rules and the Society's bylaws.
- The Historian is elected to a two-year term.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Voting or life member of SGNA

#### **Responsibilities and Duties of the Historian:**

- Serve as a resource to Board members and Regional Societies regarding standing rules and bylaws;
- Support and monitor the Society's mission, goals and positions; communicate the Society's mission, goals and positions to its various publics;
- Evaluate the Society's activities in relation to the needs of the members;
- Manage and produce society's website, newsletters, and photographs
- Attend all meetings of the Society;
- Write articles for SGNA News as needed and requested;
- **Maintain and to continue to collect and curate files, photographs and any other important documents from current and past OSGNA events.**
- Compile a record of the council's activities for the benefit of current and future members

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Please use this form if you are interested in nominating someone, or yourself, for a regional position (President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, or Education/Legislation Designee). A description of each role and corresponding expectations is available on the pages that follow.

The deadline for national nominations is November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020. Please complete this form and e-mail to [president@osgna.org](mailto:president@osgna.org)

**Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Work Phone:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) **Home/Cell Phone:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) **Preferred E-mail:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) **Alternate E-mail:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Elected Positions- check the SGNA position that would be of interest to you or your nominee.

- President Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Historian
- Education/Legislation Designee

**Please write 3-5 sentences why you or your nominee would serve well in this position:**