



Summer 2021

### President’s Message

Dear OSGNA Members,

This year has continued to be different for us in the GI world. The COVID pandemic continues to affect our personal and work lives. I hope everyone and their families have been able to stay safe and healthy.

Earlier this year we thought we would be able to plan an in-person conference for our members however due to increased number of cases we have been able to do so. We were fortunate enough to provide some virtual CE offerings this year. Please reach out to us on Facebook or via email to let us know if you attended these events. We would love to hear your feedback on what did or did not work. Also, if you were unable to attend your feedback would be appreciated if you could let us know if there was any conflict or what kept you from attending. We are looking to have 1 or 2 more CE offerings this year, so please continue to check on our webpage [osgna.org](http://osgna.org) and Facebook.

Don’t forget to checkout the SGNA webpage as well for new updates and additional education offerings. There is a podcast also available on the website, Gut to the Chase: An SGNA Podcast.

2021 was the start of a new term for our OSGNA board members. There are still open positions on the OSGNA board,

including President Elect and Newsletter/Historian. On Page 2, we will share the description of these positions and how to inquire if interested.

Lauren Meadors, DNP, CGRN  
OSGNA President

### Officers

- President .....Lauren Meadors  
Contact: [President@osgna.org](mailto:President@osgna.org)
- Treasurer .....Cynthia Austin
- Secretary .....Anita Schuller
- Legislation / Education.....Jessica Miller

### Upcoming Dates

TBD 2022 OSGNA Spring Conference

May 22-24<sup>th</sup> 2022 National SGNA conference  
in Salt Lake City Utah



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## The Scope

### + **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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## The Scope

### + **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:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Mailing Address:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**City:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) **State:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) **Zip:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**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.](#)

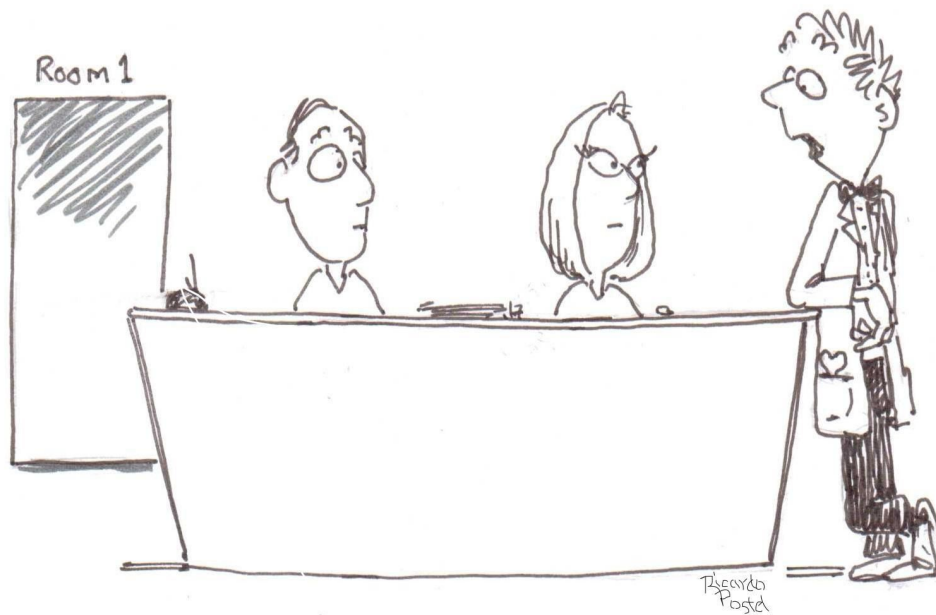
Elected Positions- check the SGNA position that would be of interest to you or your nominee.

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

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



**Department of Gastroenterology**



Let's call it a day, I'm pooped.