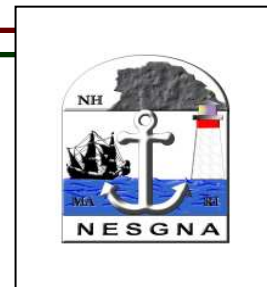




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Please post at work in your GI Unit to share with co-workers.

NESGNA Officers & Board 2009

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*Linda Wiebold,
BSN, RN, CGRN*

President's Letter

Lynette Brigham, MSN, CGRN, NESGNA President 2009

Where did the year go? It seems like only yesterday I assumed my role as NESGNA President. This year has not been without its challenges but, as my term nears completion, I must admit it has been worth it. Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. I am truly grateful for the experience.

As President, my main mission was to continue NESGNA's legacy of providing quality educational programs to our members. I also wanted to further develop our recently instituted "Go Green" initiative. I am happy to report our March 28th seminar syllabus was available exclusively on-line and the feedback was positive. Thank you to those who helped implement this change and to the membership for supporting it. In addition, I felt it was important to update several of our chapter's policies and procedures. I believe I have successfully accomplished these goals, and it is my sincere hope, my tenure contributed to a better overall organization.

This year's election results have been tabulated and the new NESGNA Board members have been chosen. I am confident they will meet whatever challenges come their way when they assume their positions in January 2010.

As I look back on this year, I am proud of our achievements and I leave my position knowing capable people follow behind me. I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. See you in the New Year!

Lynette Brigham

Congratulations to the NEW NESGNA BOARD 2010

President – Mary Grealish, BSN, CGRN
President –elect – Christopher Robbins, RN, CGRN
Secretary – Arlene Myers Mckim, RN, CGRN
Treasurer – Susan Curran, RN, CGRN
Immediate Past President – Lynette Brigham, MSN, CGRN
Board Member – Janet King, BSN, CGRN
Board Member – Michelle Dearborn, BSN, CGRN
Board Member – Linda Wiebold, BSN, CRGN
Board Member – Brenda Walsh, BSN, CGRN

Leaving the board after several years of service:
Linda Corey, MSN, APRN-BC
Joyce Aspell, BSN, CGRN, CNOR

During the next few months, please consider running for a board position. Descriptions of the duties for each office are posted on the web-site. www.nesgna.org.

If you are a member of SGNA, you have received an e-mail asking you to vote for our national leaders. Yes, you may not know anyone but it only takes a few minutes to look at their information and make a choice. Actually, two candidates on the national ballot are from NESGNA. Take a look!

CONGRATULATIONS

Candidates who passed the certification exam offered in October, 2009 are:

Gail Bartlette, BSN, RN, CGRN

Julie Deems, BSN, RN, CGRN

Kimberly Maher-Stamegna, RN, CGRN

Susan Mariani, DIPL, RN, CGRN

Erin McCarthy, AND, RN, CGRN

Nancy Nowak, DIPL, RN, CGRN

Deana Pickett, ADN, RN, CGRN

Geraldine Shea, BSN, RN, CGRN

Mary Walsh, DIPL, RN, CGRN

Please take a minute to congratulate them, this is a great achievement.

REMINDER: All NESGNA members: When you receive notification of passing the certification exam or re-certification, send a copy of the certificate to the treasurer ASAP. You will receive a surprise bonus in the mail.

Mail information to:

Susan Curran at 602 Alder Way, North Andover, Ma. 01845

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2010
January 23, 2010 Newton Marriott 7AM-12:30PM
March 27, 2010 Burlington Marriott 7AM-12:30PM

37th Annual SGNA Course will be
April 30th – May 5th 2010 in Orlando, Florida.

Notice: it is earlier next year. Plan ahead and bring the family for a fun vacation.

NESGNA SCHOLARSHIPS

Three (3) scholarships will be awarded at the January meeting. You do not have to be present to win. But you do need a commitment to attend the SGNA national convention in Orlando, 2010. The scholarships are not transferable and must be used for the convention that year. Rules are posted on the web. Scholarship applications can be downloaded: www.nesgna.org

IN SEARCH OF SPEAKERS

NESGNA is looking for nurses to speak at upcoming seminars. Perhaps there are QA nurses who are proud of a change they have implemented in their units. Why not share this information with your peers? Is anyone doing research in his or her unit or thinking of starting a project? We'd love to hear about it. Who knows you may encourage others to duplicate your research. We understand public speaking can be intimidating but we encourage you to undertake the challenge.

Wonder what a SIG is?

A Special Interest Group (aka: SIG) meeting is simply a short meeting to discuss an interesting topic. Thinking of sponsoring a meeting at your facility but not sure of a topic, call us. Many vendors have lectures “in the can” with CEUs available (such as: hemostasis, ERCP, equipment, bi-caps, scope cleaning, infection control and more).

Best of all, they're FREE!!

If interested in hosting a meeting, contact any board member.

STEPS TO COPY SYLLABUS

- 1) Log onto www.NESGNA.org
- 2) Click on “meeting syllabus downloads
- 3) Double click on topic
- 4) Save to computer, IMPORTANT TO SPECIFY FOLDER TO SAVE IT TO
- 5) Click “open”
- 6) Click “file”
- 7) Click “print preview”
- 8) Click down arrow in “print what”
- 9) Click “Handout 6 slides”
- 10) Then change size to 100%
- 11) Hit print icon in tool bar
- 12) VIOALA – a syllabus

Unfortunately, these steps may not work for all computer software. Use them as a guide and then ask your kids for help.

SPOT LIGHT ON

MERRIMACK VALLEY ENDOSCOPY CENTER

The Merrimack Valley Endoscopy Center opened in 2002. Located within the Pentucket Medical building in Haverhill, MA , it serves the communities along the Merrimack River . Our endoscopy center is an accredited 12 bed, 3 procedure room, single specialty ambulatory surgical center. Approximately 6000 endoscopy procedures are done annually. This busy unit has 8 gastroenterologists and a clinical staff of 13 full time, part time or per diem RNs, including 4 CGRNs, 1 LPN, and 4 full or part time endoscopy technicians. We also have an anesthesiologist or a nurse anesthetist in each of the procedure rooms enabling the use of propofol for sedation. In addition to endoscopy procedures, we also perform BRAVO pH probe studies and esophageal manometry. Small bowel capsule endoscopy, the Smart Pill, and Remicade infusions are done in the gastrointestinal physician’s office, located adjacent to the endoscopy unit.

Nurse Manager: Susan Curran, RN, CGRN

SGNA SCHOLARSHIPS

Thinking of going to nursing school or advancing your nursing degree,
Visit: www.SGNA.org for **scholarship information**. The deadline for
applications is approaching. SGNA also offers several other
scholarships such as:

Membership dues scholarship,
Annual Course scholarship,
Nurses and Associates scholarship

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

NESGNA logo denim shirts will be available for purchase at all ½ day seminars.
\$25.00: Cash or check made out to "NESGNA" only.

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*To post announcements (no job listings, please) in the
newsletter contact Linda Corey at lcorey51@yahoo.com*