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President's Letter Lynette Brigham, MSN, CGRN, NESGNA
President 2009

I recently returned from the 36th Annual SGNA conference in St. Louis, Missouri. This year's theme "Your Gateway to Opportunity" delivered on all the promised educational and networking prospects, for both myself, and the other 1200 attendees. On my flight home I began thinking about the effort and man-hours necessary to organize and prepare for a conference of this magnitude. It required a tremendous amount of leadership and dedication from our President, Lisa Heard, the Board and Committee members, and the entire SGNA staff. They all helped make the 2009 conference a success, and I know NESGNA members join me, in congratulating them on a job well done.

This year I had the honor of receiving the re-chartering certificate for our region. I was especially proud because we were also recognized for our support of the Cyber Café. Earlier this year, SGNA anticipated a shortfall in overall revenue and vendor sponsorship, and asked the regional societies to consider making a financial contribution. The NESGNA Board opted to make a donation. I would like to personally thank all our members for your generosity. It was greatly appreciated.

This year's conference is barely over but the 2010 conference is already well into its planning phase. When Teri Vos, our new SGNA President, delivered her address on the final morning of the conference, she announced the theme for next year, "Expanding your Horizons." She spoke about the importance of continuing SGNA's mission, and recognized the value of every member by saying, "you are the SGNA." I was inspired by her words and felt privileged to be a member of such an outstanding organization. I returned home with a renewed sense of purpose, determination and willingness to work harder than ever to ensure our region's long-term success. The prospects are many, the challenges endless, but together, we will accomplish great things.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

NESGNA is once again in the running for the Outstanding Region. One of the requirements is presenters at the Annual Course. This year our region comprised sixteen percent of the nursing/associates faculty.

Special recognition and appreciation to the following: (in alphabetical order)

Linda Corey, Michelle Dearborn, Kate Donovan, Kimberly Foley, Deborah Gates, Donna Girard, Jane Harker, Lisa Heard, Sandra Hession, Jean Killam, Janet King, Barbara Levin, Sherri Nobriga-Bonica, Deborah Palmer, Erik Reilly, Christopher Robbins, Ellen Silvius, Linda Wiebold.

We also had representation from our physicians. Special thanks to Dennis Begos MD, Victor Fox MD, Jennifer Lightdale MD and Andras Sandor MD for sharing their years of experience and presenting very up-to-date lectures. Many members also served as monitors and moderators for the sessions.

We were very proud of Michelle Dearborn and Deborah Gates who did a great job representing us in the Quiz Bowl. They didn't win though, that buzzer was very tricky.

Poster abstracts were presented by: Sherri Nobriga-Bonica, Jacqueline Sciola, Kate Donovan, Kelly Machado, Lisa Heard, Meghan Fredette, Denise Wilson, Erik Reilly and Mary McLaughlin.

Sincere apologizes if anyone was overlooked. Information was obtained from the annual course program.

Call for Nominations

Have you ever thought about joining the board of NESGNA? Well the time is now. We are looking for candidates to fill 4 positions. The President-elect is a 3 year commitment, the treasurer and two directors are a 2 year commitment. Nomination forms can be found on the web site: www.nesgna.org. Remember the information you provide will be posted on the web for the members to read before casting their votes. Forms must be received by Linda Corey no later than September 15, 2009. Ballots will be mailed to members by October 1, 2009. Results will be announced at the Nov. 14, 2009 ½ day seminar.

Please contact Linda at lc Corey51@yahoo.com or any board member with any questions.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to all who received a passing grade on the May certification exam. Names will be posted in the Summer Newsletter.

CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Thinking of sitting for the certification exam this October? Start studying now. The exam will be offered in Boston, October 18, 2009. To find out more information: www.abcgcn.org/certification. As of this writing the site has not been posted. Talking to past test takers, forming a study group makes it more fun and you garner study and test taking tips.

NESGNA Certification Bonus:

All NESGNA members: When you receive notification of passing the certification exam or re-certification, remember to send a copy of the certificate to Christopher Robbins, NESGNA Treasurer, at 21 School St., Reading, Ma, 01867, to receive your bonus!! He must receive a copy by December 31, 2009.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2009

September 12, 2009 Burlington Marriott 7:00AM -12:30PM

November 14, 2009 Newton Marriott 7:00AM - 12:30PM

**The 37th Annual 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.**

Wonder what a SIG is?

**A Special Interest Group meeting is simply a short meeting to discuss an interesting topic. Want to offer 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!!
Sooooooooooooo.....plan now for the fall.**

**Anyone from New Hampshire interested in hosting a SIG meeting?
How about Western MA, Or Rhode Island? Contact Joyce Aspell at
joyceaspell@hotmail.com**

SPOT LIGHT ON..... Boston Endoscopy Center

Boston Endoscopy Center, (BEC) is a privately owned freestanding facility conveniently located in Wellesley Hills, MA. The center opened for business in 2002 and has earned a reputation of providing quality care for patients undergoing colonoscopy and endoscopy procedures on an out-patient basis. BEC is fully accredited by the Association of Accreditation for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAAHC), every three years. Physicians from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Metro West, as well as other hospitals, perform procedures at the center. BEC performs 6100 endoscopic procedures annually. BEC's nursing staff consistently strives for excellence by maintaining ACLS credentialing every two years. The nurses also rotate between admission, procedure and post-procedure areas to maintain proficiency. Most of the center's nurses are active members of the NESGNA and attend the educational seminars offered throughout the year.

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Would you like to see your Unit / Practice "in the Spotlight"? It's as easy as sending a paragraph or two to the Editor.....an attachment in Word document form works best. We'd all love to hear about your practice!!

IT ISN'T EASY BEING GREEN

Continuing our goal to be **GREEN**, we will soon provide the syllabus for seminars ONLY ON-LINE. The syllabus is costly and many are left behind after the seminar. If members insist on receiving the syllabus at the meetings, we will have to increase the cost to attend meetings in order to cover the cost of printing. This change will not take place until September. We have also seen an increase in the cost of the venue and food with a possible loss in vendor support. We are working to keep registrations fees at a reasonable price.

The January and March syllabus is now available on-line: www.nesgna.org.

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Thinking of going to nursing school or advancing your nursing degree, visit www.SGNA.org for scholarship information. The deadline for applications is approaching.



Regional Societies Committee Director Liason Jane Harker hands NESGNA President Lynette Brigham the 2008-2009 NESGNA Charter. We have been a chartered region for 32 years.



Can you recognize these NESGNA members without their scrubs? They are all dolled up for the 2009 SGNA Gala Banquet. Kim Foley, Donna Girard and Linda Wiebold.

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 lcory51@yahoo.com