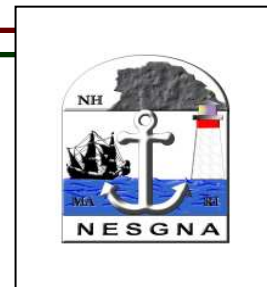




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Please post at work in your GI Unit to share with co-workers.

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President's Letter

Lynette Brigham, MSN, CGRN, NESGNA President 2009

Labor Day is upon us. Where did the summer go? I hope everyone made the best of it and enjoyed some well-deserved time off. Fall heralds change - cooler temperatures, colorful foliage, and yes, the return to school. Rest assured, while you were relaxing on the beach, climbing in the Whites or exploring exotic far-away places, the NESGNA board members were busy planning the upcoming educational offerings. Please join me in the coming months and take advantage of these learning opportunities. You will not be disappointed.

In keeping with the spirit of learning new things and the inevitability of change, please remember to access NESGNA's website and download the syllabus prior to the September and November meetings. I realize this requires a little effort on your part (and it may present a technological challenge for some) but the overall cost savings to our chapter and the environmental impact is certainly worth it.

It is hard to believe I am more than midway through my term as President. In fact, the next nomination/election process is rapidly approaching. As always, we rely on volunteers to fill these important roles. I know there are many eligible candidates within our society. Please take a few minutes to review the positions available on the website. If you are interested, or you know someone who is, submit a nomination form. I strongly encourage you to take on the challenge and contribute to our group by sharing your expertise with us. I assure you, the time and energy required will be well worth your while. I look forward to working with you.

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

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 seminar.

Please contact Linda at corey51@yahoo.com or any board member with any questions. Applications will also be available at the September 12 seminar at the registration desk.

SPOT LIGHT ON MOUNT AUBURN HOSPITAL

Mount Auburn Hospital, located in Cambridge, Ma., is a regional teaching hospital affiliated with Harvard Medical School. It was founded in 1886 and serves the residents of Cambridge and surrounding communities and has 200 inpatient beds. The hospital recently completed a new expansion project. Mount Auburn is accredited by JCAHO and is a member of the AHA, the Council of Teaching Hospitals and the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The Endoscopy Unit, located on Wyman One, provides care for both inpatient and outpatient adult populations. The Unit consists of an admission area, 6 procedure rooms and a 9 bay recovery area. Services include a wide variety of screening, diagnostic and interventional procedures, averaging approximately 9000 procedures yearly.

Our Professional Nursing Team includes: a Nurse Manager, Clinical Mentor, 12 RNs, 4 techs and 2.5 Unit coordinators. The nursing staff rotate through all areas of the Unit in a team approach to patient care. **By: Linda Wiebold, BSN, RN, CGRN**

CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Thinking of sitting for the certification exam this October? Start studying now. The exam will be offered at the University of MA - Boston Campus, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, Ma on October 18, 2009. To find out more information:

www.abcgcn.org/certification. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Amy Morang, BSN, RN, CGRN
Elaine Smokler, DIPL, RN, CGRN
Lynette O'Neil, BS, RN, CGRN
Maura Forsyth, ADN, RN, CGRN

Andrea Lynch, DIPL, RN, CGRN
Joanne Ames, RN, CGRN
Maura Flynn, MSN, RN, CGRN

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

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2009

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

November 14, 2009 site to be determined 7:00AM - 12:30 PM

**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

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.

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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. 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*