



**ASGNA WINTER 2010  
NEWSLETTER  
"WHAT'S THE SCOPE"**



**President's Message 2010**

As 2010 comes to an end so does my year as ASGNA President. Thank you for the privilege of representing you on both the local and national level. I have met a lot of great people and had the opportunity to travel to new places as well.

We continued our mission with educating the public about the need for colon cancer screening with a booth at the Women's Expo September 18-19 at the Phoenix Convention Center and also at the Undy 5000 October 30. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped out at both events.

ASGNA had a very busy year with educational offerings-11.5 CE's. Next year under the guidance of your new president Cathy Yows we will be changing a few things and getting ready for nationals here in 2012.

I encourage all of you to step up and volunteer your time and experience. This is the only way we are going to be able to continue as a region.

Remember to check ASGNA, SGNA and ABCGN websites for further updates, educational offerings and certification information. As always feel free to contact myself or any of the board members with your questions or comments. See you all in 2011.

Suzanne Kendrick, CGRN

President ASGNA 2010

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## ❧ 2010 Election Results ❧

The results of the 2011 election are in. Thank you to everyone who ran for these important positions. Congratulations go out to Maureen Cain, President Elect 2011 and Shannon Connolly, Secretary for 2011 & 2012. We are excited to have both of these GI nurses on the board. They will both bring a great deal of enthusiasm to their new positions. Thank you also to everyone who took the time to vote and let your voices be heard. This professionalism is very important in the continuation of this great organization.

We welcome anyone who is interested in serving on a committee or assisting in the activities of ASGNA. Please contact Cathy Yows. She will be happy to speak with you regarding the needs of the organization.

Thank you again for your involvement in ASGNA.

Linda Dupree MSN RN CGRN

Past President 2010

## ❧ Education and Planning Committee ❧

Cathy Yows is the 2011 ASGNA President and she is seeking individuals to assist with planning the education and activities of our great organization. Contact Cathy at: [Yows.catherine@mayo.edu](mailto:Yows.catherine@mayo.edu).

Our first educational event is planned for GI Nurses and Associates Day at Scottsdale Health on Shea Blvd. This will be a Wednesday evening, March 23, 2011. This will be the first of three educational opportunities in 2011 to achieve our requirement of 6 contact hours.

## ❧ Annual Course May 6-11, 2011 ❧

Indianapolis is the sight for the annual course. Sign-up before March 25 for great discounts. See the SGNA web site for details.

## ❧ Certification Exam ❧

From ABCGN, "beginning December 1, 2010, ABCGN will open its new secure online exam registration system. Candidates will be able to complete the application and submit payment all in one step." The new system replaces the paper system. Registration for the exams will be available during a three month window prior to each exam. The computerized exam will be available May 1-31 and October 1-31. The only time the paper exam will be available is during the annual course on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## ☞ Report of Membership 2010 ☞

**Total Membership:** 146  
**# of Voting Licensed Nurses:** 125  
**# of Voting associates:** 16  
**2010 Membership rank:** 17th of 64 societies  
**Certified members:** 54 (37%)  
**Members that voted in 2010-2011 election:** 21 members (12.8%)  
**Total Revenue:** \$24,790.38  
**Total expenses:** \$22,413.78  
**Net Income:** \$2,376.6

## ☞ Report of Educational Hours for 2010 ☞

*Must offer a minimum of 6.0 Contact Hours per year to retain charter.*

Total Hours offered in 2010: 11.5

**Date of Event: 01/27/10**

Topic: Endoscopic Mucosal Resection

Speaker(s): Ananya Das, MD; Donna Conroy, RN

Number of Hours: 1

Number of Attendees: 42

**Date of Event: 03/24/10**

Topic: Small Bowel Capsule

Speaker(s): Bradford Jones, MD

Number of Hours: 1

Number of Attendees: 40

**Date of Event: 07/31/10**

Topic: Improving Quality in Endoscopy, Ethical Considerations in GI, Colorectal Cancer, Dysphagia

Speaker(s): Monte Anderson, MD; Cathy Yows, RN, CGRN; Dr. Kazi; John Dibaise, MD

Number of Hours: 3.5

Number of Attendees: 95

**Date of Event: 10/09/10**

Topics: ERCP, GI Bleed, PEG Placement, Scope Processing- Best Practices

Speaker(s): Linda Dupree, RN, CGRN; Deloris Hutt, RN; Cynthia DiVenti, GI Tech;

Lauri Rentz, RN, CGRN; Frank Poer, Endoscopy Support Specialist

Number of Hours: 6

Number of Attendees: 94



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