



## ASGNA SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER “WHAT’S THE SCOPE”

### President’s Message 2010

Our National Conference was held April 30-May 5, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. Over 1300 members attended, 11 from Arizona. On April 30, Catherine Yows and I attended the Regional Leadership Session. Cheryl Phillips presented “How to become the Outstanding Region of the Year” and did a wonderful job of representing the hard work of our membership in attaining this honor in 2008. We also attended the House of Delegates and the following resolutions were presented:

- #1 That SGNA require each region to provide a minimum of one contact hour annually that is dedicated to scope reprocessing or infection control as part of their annual re-chartering requirements. NOT PASSED.
- #2 That SGNA’s Practice Committee more clearly state in the Standards of Infection Control in Reprocessing of Flexible GI Endoscopes how scopes should be stored with regard to no sponge or padding on the distal tip of the insertion tubes. PASSED.
- #3 That SGNA write a position statement stating a specific length of time a scope may hang unused before requiring reprocessing prior to next patient use. PASSED.
- #4 That SGNA will provide a quarterly Power Point or other form of static content to members with a focus on regional leadership. Potential topics could include: budgeting, marketing, leadership development, contact hours and sponsorship. Contact hours would be included. PASSED.
- #5 That SGNA develop guidelines on regional Web site content. PASSED.
- #6 That SGNA offers free/nearly free educational offerings with contact hours to its members, online, on a regular basis, i.e. monthly or quarterly. PASSED.
- #7 That SGNA offers the National Annual Course in April. NOT PASSED.

The vote on each of the passed resolutions was close. There were 55 voting members present. At the Re-Chartering Ceremony all 69 regions re-chartered successfully. This years Regional Leadership Conference will be October 29-30, in Chicago, Illinois.

#### 2010 ASGNA Regional Board

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On Friday, Saturday and Sunday Optional Sessions were held and “Secrets of Abdominal Pressure Revealed” was presented by James Pretchel and his co-workers from Mayo Clinic Scottsdale.

On Saturday the ABCGN Certification Exam was offered. The main courses started on Sunday with the opening speaker playing acoustic guitar and the course ending on Wednesday with the speaker demonstrating downhill skiing on a chair. They were both motivational and entertaining.

The sessions during this conference were informative and educational as usual. The Exhibit Hall opened on Sunday with 85 vendors present. Last year SGNA received over \$250,000 in vendor support. Next years conference will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 6-11, 2011. The theme of next year is “The Link Between Practice and Care: Courage, Commitment, and Collaboration”. The National conference will be in Phoenix, Arizona in 2012 and in Austin, Texas in 2013.

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Kendrick, RN CGRN, President ASGNA

### 2010 Future Events

**7/31**-Prescott education meeting

**9/18-19** Arizona Ultimate Women’s Expo held at Phoenix Convention Center 10a-5p

**10/09** ASGNA Fall Conference at Glendale Civic Ctr

**10/30** Undy 5000-location: TBA

**5/6-5/11/2011** SGNA Annual Course: Indianapolis, Indiana

**5/18-5/23/2012 HEY, HEY!!!!** SGNA Annual Course: **Phoenix, AZ**

### Colon Cancer Awareness

ASGNA has been busy focusing on public awareness relating to colon cancer.

We have participated in two Relay for Life events (Surprise and Gilbert). We also had a booth at the Crohn’s and Colitis run/walk at Tempe Town Lakes. Both events were well attended and it was fun to talk to the participants about one of our favorite topics --- colon cancer awareness. Thanks to all who helped out with these events.

Coming up in the next few months are the Women’s Expo (Sept.) and the Undy 500 (Oct.)....please check the website for accurate dates and locations. If anyone wants help with these events, we would appreciate that, please call or email me (623-266-7544) and [jncbauer@gmail.com](mailto:jncbauer@gmail.com) .Thank you, Chris Bauer BSN RN, Colon Cancer Liaison – Phoenix

### Membership Benefits

Starting in June 09, **non-members will be required to pay \$10.00 per contact hour** for education offerings (cash only). Education will continue to be **free to SGNA members**. Members should bring their SGNA membership card to the meetings. Membership cards can be printed from the

SGNA web site. Evening meetings are 1 contact hour. Half-day, Saturday meetings are 2-3 contact hours. Above statement does not apply to the Annual Fall Conference.

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