



President's Newsletter December 28, 2018

Hello NESGNA Members,

I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! We had two fantastic full day conferences for our region this year. We continue to give back to our members by providing scholarships to SGNA annual course and our regional conferences. NESGNA is supported by the vendors who attend the conferences to display emerging technology in endoscopy. We enjoy providing prizes for the members as they visit the vendors.

NESGNA is a strong region, thanks to the board members who volunteer their time to plan GI educational opportunities for our region. We welcomed three new nurses to the board this year, Ellen Goepel, Michele Betinnelli, and Marla Tobin. I embrace their wonderful ideas and input at our meetings. Maria Scholz continues to do a phenomenal job as treasurer. Mary Hourihan, secretary and program director worked along with Sarah Argyropoulos to submit the CEU application to ensure contact hours are provided for the conferences. They both do an amazing job and share ideas on how to implement change for the region. June Guarente, director-at-large, assists at many levels including searching for a new CEU application for 2018 and she continues to offer expert advice on current topics in GI which can be presented at the conferences. Judy Oakes and Julie OGrady are the vendor liaisons and do an outstanding job! I extend a big thank you to the board for all that they do!

In September 2018 the board worked diligently at offering the GI/Endoscopy Nursing Review Course at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. It was a great success with over 40 people attending the course! It was wonderful to see Mary Grealish from our region teach the course! Eileen Murphy and Jennifer Billings won the scholarship to attend the course. We were happy to present this opportunity for nurses to get certified in their specialty!

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of NESGNA these past two years! Thanks again to all the members who support our region! I welcome Sarah Argyropoulos who will serve as president for 2019!

Remember to visit: www.nesgna.org to keep informed of upcoming events!

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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