

CTSGNA has slated the following members for office:

President Elect	Angel Morales, RN, CGRN
Secretary	Barbara Comstock, RN, CGRN
Treasurer	Janet Cordova, RN, BSN, CGRN, RN-BC, CMSRN
Director	Hala Jaser, RN, CGRN
Director	Lyn Kelley, RN
Director	Kathleen Saunders, RN, CGRN
Director	Carol Stevens, RN, BSN, CGRN, CFER

Attached are Bios of each Nominee. Per new CTSGNA By-Laws, 4 Directors will be selected. Ballots will be emailed when elections commence. Elections will run for 14 days and will be completed 2 weeks prior to November Meeting.

Elections are from: **October 15-October 28**. Contact C. Sarisley at csarisle@stfranciscare.org with any questions. Current CTSGNA Members may vote.

Thank you in advance for voting electronically as we move into this new process.

Nominations Committee

Mary Beth Castle, RN CGRN
Chris Sarisley, MS, APRN, CGRN
Barbara Sonne, RN, BS, CGRN

CTSGNA Leadership Position Application

Submit electronically to Immediate Past President by September 1

Name and Credential Angel M. Morales, RN, CGRN **Years in GI Nursing** 22

Position Desired President Elect

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position?

Clinical experience, leadership, experience in this role previously, knowledge of national and state-level GI practice and SGNA. Hospital and ambulatory-based practice experience.

Education

Registered Nurse, ADRN

Greater Hartford Community College, 1982

SGNA Certified, 2004

Employment

Hartford Hospital 1982 – 2010

Mid-Atlantic Gastroenterology Associates 2011 - 2014

Hospital of Central Connecticut 2014 – present

SGNA National/Regional Involvement

CT SGNA President

CT SGNA Vice-President

Currently CT SGNA Vendor Committee Chair

Active participation in National SGNA 1998 - 2013

Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects

Led Hartford Hospital and Community-based Screening Awareness Initiatives and Quality Improvement Efforts

Hartford Hospital GI RN of the Year

CT GI RN of the Year

CT Nightingale Award

What are Your Goals Going Forwards?

Continue to advance clinical practice improvements, support GI nursing workforce educational efforts and contribute to state and national level SGNA organizational standards.

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Name and Credentials: Barbara Comstock RN, CGRN

Years in GI Nursing: 14

Position Desired: Secretary

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position?

I have been the secretary for the past 2 years. I am computer and internet saavy. I regularly review and revise the policies for various GI procedures in my department. I am familiar with most of the procedures that are performed at Danbury Hospital in the GI lab.

Education

Graduated St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing

Am presently a BSN student at Sacred Heart University

Employment

Danbury Hospital Endoscopy Department 5/2001-Present

SGNA National/Regional Involvement

Attended BTS CTSGNA fall course for 10+ years

Attended SGNA Annual Course 6 times

Attended SGNA Leadership Program

Was alternate for SGNA House of Delegates 2014

CTSGNA secretary 2013-Present

CTSGNA Newsletter Editor 2014-Present

Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects

Presented poster for Annual Course 2 years

Presented program at Annual Course on Hydrotherapy

Presented program at CTSGNA BTS on Hydrotherapy

What are Your Goals Going Forward?

In addition to finishing my BSN, I want to continue to remain involved in SGNA and CTSGNA, and to continue to advocate for the best practice for my patients in GI Nursing.

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Name and Credentials: Janet Cordova RN, BSN, CGRN, RN-BC, CMSRN

Years in GI Nursing: 15

Position Desired: Treasurer

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position? Have experience of financial control and budgeting. I am comfortable working with figures and am organized.

Education: Diploma Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing 1985, BSN St. Vincent's College 2015.

Employment: St. Vincent's Medical Center since 1985. Currently the Coordinator of the GI Department for the last 9 years. Responsible for scheduling and day to day management of the GI Department. Trained in many different procedures in the GI Department. One of two nurses that perform motility testing. Have also worked in the Emergency Department and the Cardiac Cath Lab.

SGNA National/Regional Involvement: Attended National Conferences 2015, 2013, and 2010. Have attended CTSGNA meetings.

Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects: Sponsored CTSGNA Conference at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Presented Nursing Grand Rounds at St. Vincent's Medical Center in the past.

What are Your Goals Going Forwards? Would like to encourage and mentor more GI nurses in becoming certified and becoming more active on a local level. Am currently working on a best practice in relation to scope reprocessing and am presently updating policies and staff competencies.

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Name and Credentials Hala Jaser, CGRN Years in GI Nursing: 4 years

Position Desired: Director

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position?

I have entered GI Nursing and have seen the positive results of belonging to this organization, and would be able to give back from my own experience. I am a team player and would welcome the opportunity to keep a positive focus for growth. I take pride in maintaining constructive morale in my work environment while encouraging others through positive communication. My strong organizational skills and time management allow me to strive to reach goals and exceed expectations.

Education

Associate Degree in Nursing

Employment

Midstate Medical Center

SGNA National/Regional Involvement

I have been a member of SGNA since January 2012 and have actively attended CTSGNA Meetings and educational offerings, including the GI Nursing Review

Course. I have also attended the Beyond the Scope Program for the last 4 years, and attended my first National SGNA Course in Baltimore this past year.

Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects

I have worked in our hospital's programs to promote Colon Cancer awareness, and have participated in a children's event at the Children's Science Center on same topic. I have also worked with the Education Department at Midstate to promote GI certification. I have also been involved with community service at my church related to health screening.

What are Your Goals Going Forwards?

I aim to continuously expand my knowledge in various GI procedures and new technologies that emerge in the GI field. I strive to become a role model to my peers and share learned information and experiences in order to enhance the GI nurses' workforce.

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Name and Credentials Lyn Kelley

Years in GI Nursing 15 years

Position Desired Director

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position?

Team player, able to listen, and possess a solid background and knowledge in G.I Nursing/Endoscopy. Proficient in Advanced ERCP, RFA Halo, and attending Motility/Manometry Course in Denver, Colorado. Preceptor/Instructing GI Techs in their new role in the Endoscopy Department.

Education-

St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, 1994

Attendance at Boston Live GI/Endoscopy Courses

Employment

St. Francis Hospital, Endoscopy 15 years, Charge Nurse 7 years

Hartford Hospital, Cardiovascular Unit

Intensive Care, Mount Sinai

Medical Surgical Nursing, Mount Sinai Hospital

SGNA National/Regional Involvement

CTSGNA ERCP Instructor and-Co-coordinator

Hosted St. Francis CTSGNA Regional Meetings

Attendance at Beyond the Scope Annual Courses in CT

Attendance at National SGNA Course in San Antonio, Texas

Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects

Working to develop GI Tech role in the Endoscopy Department

Set up In-Services for Endoscopy Department

Attend GI Interdisciplinary Department Meetings, representing Nursing

Responsible for Special Ordering of Endoscopy Equipment

What are Your Goals Going Forwards?

I would like to participate on the CTSGNA Board to become more involved with the organization's process. I would like to work with the team of nurses from Connecticut who share a desire to build and strengthen our organization through innovation and a vision for the future.

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Name and Credentials: Kathleen Saunders, RN, CGRN

Years in GI Nursing: 30 years

Position Desired: Director

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position?

In my years as an RN, I was able to pursue several areas of nursing starting out with general medicine then on to telemetry, orthopedics, I.V. therapy, emergency department, interventional radiology and gastroenterology. Working in the Emergency Department introduced me to the ENA (Emergency Nurses Association) where I became active in the local chapter and subsequently held several positions including state council President in 2007. Currently I am Webmaster and Education Chair for CTENA. Presently I am back in school working to complete my BSN.

Education: ADN, Currently pursuing BSN through Chamberlain College of Nursing

Employment: YNHH

SGNA National/Regional Involvement: none

Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects: n/a

What are Your Goals Going Forwards?

Nursing organizations like ENA and SGNA are so valuable for promoting and encouraging education, networking, providing standards and advancing the nursing profession. I have worked in the field of Gastroenterology since 1986, starting off in a private practice and currently in the GI procedure center of a busy hospital. I have attended numerous educational offerings that have helped me improve and keep current in my practice and thought it was time to get involved in CTSGNA to help continue to set and maintain the standards set forth as we face the challenges during the complex and changing times ahead.

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Name and Credentials __Carol K.Stevens_BSN,RN,CGRN,CFER____

Years in GI Nursing__30__

Position Desired __Director_____

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position?

I have 30 years of GI experience and 6 plus years Industry experience. I have mentored several CTSGNA members to become active in Regional/National SGNA. I have had Regional and National BOD experience as President for both.

I have a true passion for GI, the patients and all my GI colleagues across the country. I want to make CTSGNA the best it can be and continue to mentor my CT colleagues to grow into Regional and National Roles.

Education:

BSN from Western Connecticut University

Certified in GI since 1989-CGRN

Certified in Scope Reprocessing -CFER

Employment:

Staff Nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital

Staff Nurse/Clinical Educator at Hartford Hospital

Director of Bloomfield Endoscopy Center

Manager of GI Endoscopy at Hartford Hospital

Clinical Education Specialist for Advanced Sterilization Products (Division of J&J)

Clinical Integration Specialist for Ethicon Endo-Surgery/SEDASYS (Division of J&J)

SGNA National/Regional Involvement:

Regional- President, BOD, Chair of several Educational programs

National- President, BOD, Nominations/Elections Committee, BOD Liaison to Regional Societies, Education Committee, Practice Committee

Speaker at several National/Regional Conferences

Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects

- ASP Webinar in conjunction with Infection Control Today: “Endoscope Reprocessing: Demystifying the Multi-Society Guidelines” (June 2012)
- Reprocessing Endoscope (April 2012)
- SGNA Vendor Program “Leadership in Infection Prevention: Patient and Staff Safety in Endoscope Reprocessing.” (May 2012)
- Endoscope Infection Prevention (September 2011)
- EndoNurse Magazine, “Automated Endoscope Cleaning and Reprocessing”, Carol K. Stevens (October 2011)

What are Your Goals Going Forwards?

To support the CTSGNA to continue to be successful as a Regional Society

To be a mentor to the CTSGNA members

To provide expert direction for CTSGNA BOD decisions that will lead to a successful future