CTSGNA Nominations and Elections Committee

The CTSGNA Nominations and Elections Committee of 2016 have slated three qualified CTSGNA members to run for two open positions for Nominations and Elections Committee 2017 – 2018. All CTSGNA members will receive an email for the electronic voting. Please select two of the three candidates. For the vote to count you must print your name and membership number on the ballot.

Below are the candidates applications. Electronic elections will occur from October 14th through October 27th. Results of the election will be presented at the CTSGNA dinner meeting on November 10th, 2016.

Sincerely,

Nominations and Elections Committee:

Kathy Vinci ~ Chair
Mary Beth Castle
Barbara Sonne
Name and Credentials/Years in GI Nursing: Donna Jacobs RN, BSN, CGRN, I have 17 years in GI nursing.

Position Desired: Nomination Committee

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position? The knowledge I have gained through 17 years of practicing in GI and many years of experience with the CTSGNA.

Education: Registered nurse, BSN, CGRN

SGNA National/Regional: I am a Certified GI Nurse. I am one of the original instructors for the CTSGNA ERCP Course. I assist Middlesex Hospital with preparation for hosting State meetings.

Involvement: Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects: Over the years I have presented in services to Nurses at Middlesex Hospital on Reflux, and EKG’s. I am an ERCP instructor for CTSGNA Conferences.

What are Your Goals Going Forwards? I would like to increase my involvement with Staff Education and with the CTSGNA membership.

Please answer these two questions:

1. What are your strengths with respect to communication skills? I like to encourage 2 way open communication through various electronic, written and verbal interpersonal modes. I believe in keeping things interesting enough to hold people’s attention and focus on the most important aspects “Be Brief...Be Bright...Be Gone”

2. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a leader? As a Leader, I have many years of Technical experience to impart upon others. As a leader have presented at conferences and hope in the future to increase my knowledge, enabling me to present a more diverse group of topics.

Provide an example of a time when you played a leadership role in an event, an activity or a project: I am currently on the Surgical Value Analysis Committee where I am the person who researches and presents the technical and beneficial aspects of endoscopic equipment among my managerial personnel and peer group.
CTSGNA Leadership Position Application

Name and Credentials/Years in GI Nursing: Linda Hyman RN, CGRN, I have been a GI nurse for 6 years. I was a clinical nurse for CTGI for 1 year and have been a team leader for 5 years.

Position Desired: Nomination Committee

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position? I have attended many CTSGNA meetings and have assisted in hosting and helping at the meetings.

Education: Registered Nurse CGRN

SGNA National/Regional: I am a certified GI Nurse. I assisted at the National GI Nurse Review Course offered in Connecticut through CTSGNA. I have attended a national SGNA class in Phoenix. I have and currently formed and been active in a nursing ministry program at Holy Spirit Church in Newington, Ct.

Involvement: Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects: I have presented a class on abdominal pressure to the staff at CTGI and have written a class on goal setting for the staff as well.

What are Your Goals Going Forwards? I would like to become more involved in CTSGNA.

Please answer these two questions:

1. What are your strengths with respect to communication skills?
   I am available to answer calls and questions. I also, am able to communicate via e-mail as well. I am fair and respectful of others views and opinions.

2. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a leader?
   I am organized and have the ability to be impartial but, I am assertive when needed. I am willing to learn new skills. Having been a GI nurse for several years, I am aware of issues and the problems that we deal with every day. One of my weaknesses is computer skills but, I do have the computer skills needed for this position.

Provide an example of a time when you played a leadership role in an event, an activity or a project:

I have organized and continue to be involved in the nursing ministry at our church. I am able to keep track of current licensing, notes from the meeting minutes, and cover the clinic staffing. I have been a positive influence and have kept the program together for several years.
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Name and Credentials/Years in GI Nursing: Clara Bella Sciarpa Rosa, BSN, RN, CGRN. I have been in GI nursing for 10 years.

Position Desired: Nomination Committee

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position? I have been an RN for 16 years and in healthcare for 20 years. I have strong communication skills and leadership skills.

Education: BSN Utica college of Syracuse (2000), currently enrolled in MSN at Western Governors University

SGNA National/Regional: I am a Certified GI Nurse and a member of SGNA.

Involvement: Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects: In March 2015 I did a presentation on GI scope cleaning.

What are Your Goals Going Forwards? My goal is obtaining an MSN in Nursing Leadership and Management.

Please answer these two questions:

1. What are your strengths with respect to communication skills? I am able to communicate clearly and stay in communication with others.

2. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a leader? My strength is I am good at empowering others and maintain a peaceful demeanor. My weakness is it is hard for me to speak up at work when there is conflict.

Provide an example of a time when you played a leadership role in an event, an activity or a project: I planned a 200 person promo event in San Jose, Ca. I obtained 3 sponsorships for the New Haven LGBT pride and organize monthly events for LGBT women in New Haven, CT.