

Happy New Year!

I am honored to be the CTSGNA president for 2019 and thought I'd update you on what's coming up and what's new.

1. Your new board is Barbara Comstock (immediate past president and president-elect), Rose Leitner-Byrnes (secretary), Janet Cordova (treasurer), Meg Ramsay (Board of Directors), Kathleen Saunders (Board of Directors), Mary Jason (Board of Directors), and Kathleen Radecki (Board of Directors). We had a very productive first meeting and have decided to focus on the bylaws this year while continuing to promote membership and benefits. In addition, we are considering new venues for Beyond the Scope and are looking for suggestions.
2. We have our first membership meeting of 2019 on February 21 at Midstate Medical Center (435 Lewis Ave, Meriden) in conference rooms 2&3. Our educational session will be "Therapeutic Endoscopic Mucosal Resection", presented by Boston Scientific. Arrival is 6pm with a quick meeting at 615 and lecture at 630. (flyer attached)
3. At the February meeting there will be a vote on decreasing the quorum for voting to 3% in order to align with national SGNA.
4. **Applications for scholarships to the national conference are due by the February meeting.** Applications should be submitted to Barbara Comstock, scholarship committee chair.
5. It's time to make your travel arrangements for Nationals! The conference is April 14-16 in Portland, Oregon. There are a few of us from Connecticut that will be making the cross-country trek for this wonderful conference.
6. Download the SGNA on the Go app and/or explore the SGNA communities (a professional social media) at <https://communities.sgna.org>
7. Please consider lending your talent to CTSGNA. We are always looking for committee members and board members. This is a wonderful organization!
8. Meetings planned for the rest of this year are:
 - a. March 21- Middlesex; we will need to vote on resolutions
 - b. May 23- HOCC New Britain
 - c. June 20- dinner meeting TBA
 - d. September 19- Norwalk
 - e. Beyond the Scope- TBA
 - f. November dinner meeting TBA; elections

Thank you to the sites that volunteered to host educational meetings!

In closing, I'd like to thank our board of directors and committee members for their all their efforts and thank all of you for recognizing the benefits of being an SGNA member. I will do my best as your president this year and welcome your suggestions/comments. I can be reached at 203-537-5225 or jojorn88@gmail.com

Regards,

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