

*DSGNA MINUTES  
JUNE 11, 2007*

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.  
Members present: Elaine Rogers, Sue Hickin, Karen Bell,  
Ellen Bowden, Lynne Powell, Anne Marie Delle'Donne,  
Melinda Huffman, Kathy Stranahan and Karen Chatham*
- II. Secretary's minutes read, accepted and seconded.*
- III. Treasurer's report read, accepted and seconded.*
- IV. Old Business*
  - A. National Conference Wrap- Up*
    - 1. The attendance was best ever. 2000 people  
attended. Last year there were 1700 attendees.*
    - 2. 3 million dollars was donated to the Education  
committee.*
    - 3. One of the new items the Education committee  
put out this was a pocket guide.*
    - 4. Anne Marie attended the weekend course. All  
lectures where GI driven except maybe 2 hours.*
    - 5. Melinda asked how everyone felt about the  
conference. The comments that some of the  
lectures were basic; and then some where a little  
over their heads. Melinda stated having gone to  
several National conferences you really have to  
read the abstracts before signing up for the  
lecture. Another comment was; Being so local,  
it kind of took some of the flare out of it*

*Jumping down to New Business*

*Multi Regional*

- 1. Multi Regional will be held the weekend of April 11<sup>th</sup>  
thru the 13<sup>th</sup>*

2. *Melinda stated that Delaware will be doing the brochure this year.*
  - a. *They will be doing templates of the previous brochure and the speaker's letter. This will make things easier for the committee in the future.*
  - b. *Some of the speakers will be: Kathy Dykes- Why be a member of the SGNA, ½ hour on benchmarking, (Delaware to find someone to speak on benchmarking, hope to get someone to speak on our level), Lynn Thomas-Ergonomics, Mark to get someone to speak on ERCP's- possibly Dr Eaton, There will be a panel discussion on managing your GI unit (Elaine's name came up to be on panel). The audience will get a chance to ask the panel questions. The experts will be someone from a Hospital, a Dr's office and a Free standing Unit. Also other subjects will be Caponography and Electrcardery. Sunday, there will be someone speaking on H'Pylori, Esophageal Cancer (A patient who has had esophageal cancer {a nurse} will speak about her perspective of what it was like. Dr Raymond is also giving a speech.*
  - c. *Next Multi Regional meeting will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Back to old Business*

- B. *Membership Drive.*
  1. *Each One Reach One. (Rocky Mount got the flag this year.*
- C. *Web site.*
  1. *Still need some Pictures of committee members*

2. *Melinda's daughter, Patty, has been working on a new Logo for all to vote on. She has found a great picture of the Blue Hen. Karen asked what was going to be for Maryland. The Lazy Susan was a suggestion. Patty to work on. Once picture ready everyone to vote on.*
  3. *Brochure is done, Website is almost done. Melinda will E-mail members the Logo to vote on when up and running.*
- D. *Everyone needs to update their E-mail addresses. The plan is to E-mail all members the meeting notice and take the 42 cent stamps and mail Dr offices and other facilities, in hopes to increase memberships.*
- E. *Fall Education Day Planning*
1. *Dates in question will be either October 27<sup>th</sup> or November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*
  2. *Speakers include: Dr Dave, Wendy-Colon Cancer, Dr. Quevatieh-bronchs, Debbie Krohn (Karen Chatham to check on) legal issues in nursing, Steris-care and handling of endoscopes, a Pharmacist to speak on GI specific drugs, Michelle Thomas-colon cancer surgery and Melinda-colon cancer.*
  3. *Melinda will need speakers confirmed by July 9<sup>th</sup>; and speakers bio and objectives by July 30<sup>th</sup>.*
  4. *Continental breakfast to be at 7:00. Meeting to start at 8:00 am.*
  5. *Fees: Members \$60, and non-members \$75.*
  6. *Lynne suggested instead of snacks on the breaks, to just have a beverage break. This will also save in the expense.*

7. *Karen asked what vendors are being charged: Melinda stated that she believed the last time it was \$450-\$500. Karen also asked about the fee for speakers. The last time the nurses that spoke did not require a fee. Some Dr's however, may have been paid. Karen to look into charges.*

*V. New Business*

*A. Resolutions*

1. *Melinda not sure of the final vote on resolutions, however, the resolutions that Delaware submitted were accepted.*
2. *The resolution for the commercial, nobody voted against.*
3. *Melinda sponsored a new resolution allowing regions to access to names and addresses of other regions. They are charging 5 cents per name and address. This will be a once a year thing.*

*B. Web Site.*

1. *There will be a newsletter that Melinda will Initially write. It will contain information of what is happening with the members and their units or facilities. Sort of like a gossip columne. Everyone will have the opportunity to tell what's been going on.*

*C. National Poster Submission*

1. *Melinda got to vote on the Educational posters at Nationals this year.*
2. *Melinda would like to see our region participate next year. The total points for posters are 40 points. Fifteen of which are very easy to get if*

*you follow the rules. You get 5 points just for using thumb tacks that nationals provide. The other 10 are for having a card with your name, your contacts (resources), and region name. The remainder of points are subjective.*

*3. Melinda asked for ideas: She suggested; How to start a web site, and How to start a Free Standing Unit. Hope to have other suggestion for the September meeting. Abstracts are due in January 2008.*

*VI. Meeting motioned to adjourn. Motion Seconded*

*VII. Next meeting at 7pm September 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the Naticoke Memorial Hospital Cancer Center, Seaford, Delaware.*