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The GAPNA Board of Director’s election ballot will be open from May 7 - 31. Please don’t forget to cast your vote. You should have received an email notification with a link to the ballot, along with your designated user name and password. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the National Office (GAPNA@aji.com or 866-355-1392).

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**Hurry! 4 Weeks Left to Nominate Someone for a GAPNA Award!**

- (Due June 1st) -

If you or someone you know excels in any of the six areas listed below in which we bestow an Award for, please let us know. Simply complete the short nomination form and send it to our National Office for admission prior to June 1st. All Awards will be presented during our Awards Dinner at our 31st Annual Conference “Promoting Clinical Excellence Through Vision, Vitality, and Visibility” taking place September 19-22, 2012 at the Red Rock Casino Resort in Las Vegas, NV.

Chapter Excellence

Excellence in Education

Excellence in Clinical Practice

Excellence in Leadership
Excellence in Community Service  Excellence in Research

Please click on any of the Awards above to download the nomination form for said Award. All nominations are due by June 1st. For a more detailed description of each award, please click here.

Maryland Chapter Announces Student Scholarship for GAPNA 2012 Conference - (Due May 15th) -

The Maryland Chapter will choose one lucky student member from their Chapter to be the recipient of their 2012 Student Scholarship. The Scholarship includes a $500 expense allowance towards GAPNA's 31st Annual Conference this September 19-22, 2012 in Las Vegas, NV.

In order to qualify, you need to be a student member in good standing of the Chapter and will need to submit a 250 word essay describing your career goals and how attendance at the conference will enhance your learning and contribute to your professional development.

If you are interested in applying, please click here to download the application form. A copy of the application, along with your 250 word essay, needs to be emailed to Susan Scherr, Maryland Chapter President, at susanjscherr@gmail.com no later than midnight May 15th! Please contact the National Office with any questions.

2 Fellow Magnolia Chapter Members Appointed to Board of Nursing Home Administrators

Governor Bryant of Mississippi recently appointed Lisa Byrd, PhD, FNP, GNP, Gerontologist and Kimberly Ratcliff, MSN, ACNP, two GAPNA Magnolia Chapter Board members and leaders, to the Mississippi Board of Nursing Home Administrators. These Board appointments will allow geriatric advanced practice nursing to assist with influence and impact to quality improvement in nursing home care in Mississippi. Congratulations!

Sonoran (Arizona) Chapter Looking for Leaders to Take Active Role on Board

Jean Stanley, Sonoran Chapter President, is looking for leaders in the Arizona area to volunteer for open and soon-to-be-open Chapter Board positions. Volunteer time is minimal; communication is done mostly via email with quarterly Board calls and a once
yearly in-person Chapter meeting. Depending on the role you volunteer for, your duties would vary. However, all Board members have a responsibility to energize local members to become more actively engaged in education, practice, networking, and legislative advocacy and support the mission of GAPNA at a local level. If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities in the Arizona area, please contact Jean Stanley at jstanley5513@gmail.com or the GAPNA National Office for more information.

**GAPNA's Research Committee Offers Consults at September Conference**

At the 31st Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 19-22, 2012, the GAPNA Research Committee members will provide one-on-one guidance to researchers. To secure your consult, please provide our National Office (GAPNA@ajj.com) with your name, email, contact information and a brief description of the research/project issue that you would like to discuss. Someone that has experience in your research area will set up a time to discuss your research project with you. You will be contacted and a time set up to come meet with a committee member during open Exhibit Hall or lunch on your own time.

**Discount Given to GAPNA Members on AGS Publications**

AGS has offered to allow GAPNA members a discount on the following publications:


*SPECIAL PRICE $95* (regularly $127)

Geriatric Nursing Review Syllabus: A Core Curriculum in Advanced Practice Geriatric Nursing (GNRS3), is a concise, up-to-date, and comprehensive text for advanced practice geriatric nurses.

Learn More

**2012 Edition of Geriatrics At Your Fingertips**

*SPECIAL PRICE $12.95* (regularly $14.95)

An essential tool in evaluating and managing the diseases and disorders that most commonly affect older persons.

Learn More
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Based on the AGS Geriatrics Review Syllabus: A Core Curriculum in Geriatric Medicine, the GRS Teaching Slides Website includes slide presentations in Microsoft PowerPoint on over 56 topics specific to the care of older adults. The website is continually updated with new presentations. Learn More

To order any of the above products, call FRY Communications at 800-334-1429 x2529 or visit www.americangeriatrics.org

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If you or someone you know is looking for employment or your employer has an open position they would like to publicize, please visit GAPNA's Career Section on our website. There are currently 10 positions posted for multiple locations and areas of expertise. If you have questions or would like to post an advertisement, please contact our National Office at GAPNA@ajj.com for a quote.