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### 2023 board members :

- **President:**
- Cathy Bauer
- **Treasurer:**
- Pam Cowan
- **Secretary:**
- Aileen Naro
- **Associate Member:**
- Emma Townsend
- **Board Members at large:**
- Kathryn Lyons
- Sherri Brown
- Aleta English
- Dianna Amick

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## Presidents Message:

The first year as your regional president went by so quickly, it is hard to believe we are starting a new year already. I would like to take time to review what we have accomplished over the last 12 months and tell you all that we have planned for the year to come.

In **2022** we were able to provide our first hybrid conference since the pandemic began. Our last in person conference was in the fall of 2019, it really felt good to get back together with our members and our vendors at the Friday Center. We had 97 in-person attendees and 53 virtual attendees. This successful event allowed us to justify providing a virtual option for all of our educational offerings going forward. We had attendees from as far away as Hawaii and 11 other states across the country.

In December our board election was held with a 21% participation from our membership as we add new members to our regional board.

### What do we have planned for 2023?

- Our First board meeting where we will have board orientation for our new members. We will review the budget and approve scholarships
- February 11th Digestive Disease Review Course led by past president Dr. Kelly Osborne
- March 10-11 "Spring Fling" Conference in New Bern hosted by Carolina East GI
- The National SGNA annual course "The Power from Within" will be located in Phoenix, Az May 7-9th
- We are actively looking for a location for the Fall conference, if any group is willing to be our host so we can start planning soon after the spring conference is over.
- Hosts will have support for all aspects from the board members
- Hosts will have the ability to showcase their best providers, practitioners and local areas of interest
- Lastly, we are always looking for members that are looking for ways to get involved locally through membership drives at your location of work. Promote membership and what it means to you. If you have ideas that we can support that will increase our membership please do not hesitate to send it to our email address- [www.encsgna@outlook.com](mailto:www.encsgna@outlook.com) .
  - Of the 56 regions across the country our membership numbers are 9th, that is something that we can be proud of. Lets keep moving the bar and get more members involved and show the country that we are the best region in the nation.

**Thank you all for allowing me to be your president again.**

Sincerely,

Cathy Bauer

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