

Memo

To: NACHGR
From: Rebecca Nagy, 2013 President
Date: January 29, 2013
Re: NSGC Activity Update

Following are key highlights of NSGC strategic initiatives and other key activities through January 2013. If you have questions about information not included in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-293-6694 or Rebecca.nagy@osumc.edu.

NSGC Membership

- As of December 31, 2012 NSGC had 2,850 members.
- Dues renewal for 2013 is ongoing.

Board of Directors

- The NSGC Board of Directors meets monthly by phone and will meet in-person March 8-9, 2013 in Chicago, IL.

Education

- NSGC is approved as a provider of CEUs for genetic counselors. Application information is available at <http://www.nsgc.org/CEU/index.cfm>. Please contact Elizabeth Allen at eallen@nsgc.org with any questions.
- The 2013 AEC is scheduled for October 9-12, 2013 in Anaheim, California. Information about the 2013 AEC program is available on the NSGC website: <http://www.nsgc.org/Education/2013AEC/tabid/501/Default.aspx>
- NSGC has many online educational opportunities available for additional continuing education. These cover a variety of topics such as family history, coding and billing and cultural competency. Additional information on these and other course is available to the public on the NSGC website: <http://www.nsgc.org/Education/YearroundEducationalOpportunities/tabid/103/Default.aspx>
- Recent courses of interest include:
 - NSGC's 2012 online course launched in late May 2012.
 - The NSGC Access and Service Delivery Committee has produced two online courses focused on coding and credentialing. These courses have been specifically designed as educational tools to help genetic counselors and other providers navigate the complexities of billing and coding for genetic services. The course focused on coding was updated in January 2013.
 - Recordings of all sessions from the 2012 AEC and Preconference Symposia are available online.

Liaison Activities

- NSGC President Rebecca Nagy will represent NSGC at the American College of Medical Genetics Meeting in Phoenix, AZ in March 2013.
- Barbara Bernhardt is serving as the NSGC liaison to the “value of genetic diagnosis” committee led by Marc Williams from ACMG. The committee will focus on evidence-based medicine and contribute overall to the promotion of genetics professions and genetic services.
- NSGC Past President Angela Trepanier is representing NSGC on the NCHPEG Board of Directors for a second three-year term ending in 2013.
- Jill Stopfer is representing the interests of NSGC and genetic counselors on the ACOG Committee on Genetics.
- NSGC has been given an Organizational Representative seat on the HRSA Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children Subcommittee. Cate Walsh Vockley is representing NSGC in this role.
- NSGC was represented on the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Translating Genomic-Based Research for Health by past President, Cathy Wicklund.
- Stephanie Brewster is representing NSGC as liaison to the ACMG Practice Guidelines Committee.
- Scott Weissman is serving as NSGC representative to both the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC).
- Rhonda Schonberg is NSGC representative to the National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research.
- NSGC Past President Steven Keiles represents NSGC on the National Task Force for Early Identification of Childhood Neuromuscular Disorders.
- Liz Varga is representing NSGC as a member of the Training Residents in Genetics (TRIG) Committee. The TRIG committee is comprised of representatives from pathology and genetics organizations and is focused on ensuring genetics is included in future training of pathology residents.
- Leigha Senter is representing NSGC as a member of the American Association of Oncology Nurse Navigators Advisory Committee.
- Amy Sturm will be representing NSGC at an upcoming roundtable discussion on familial hypercholesterolemia hosted by the Foundation of the National Lipid Association at the CDC.

Government Relations and Advocacy

- NSGC recently released position statements on stem cell research and genetic testing in minors. Several additional statements are in development or revision. All NSGC position statements are available on the NSGC website:
<http://www.nsgc.org/Advocacy/PositionStatements/tabid/107/Default.aspx>
- NSGC is pursuing legislation that will recognize genetic counselors as Medicare providers.
- NSGC has provided ongoing guidance to states pursuing licensure and writing licensure rules and regulations:
 - Issuing licenses: CA, DE, IL, IN, MA, NM, OK, SD, TN, UT, WA
 - Passed bills/in rulemaking: HI, NE, NJ, OH, PA
 - Bill introduced or preparing to introduce bills: CO, CT, FL, ID, KS, MD, MI, MN, MS, NH, NY, OR, RI, TX, WI, VA