

Memo

To: NSGC Liaison Organizations
From: Amy Sturm, MS, CGC, 2019 President
Date: February 4, 2019
Re: National Society of Genetic Counselors Activity Update

Following are key highlights of National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) strategic initiatives and other key activities through January 2019. If you have questions about information not included in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at asturm@geisinger.edu.

NSGC Membership

- As of December 31, 2018 NSGC had 3,935 members.
- Members are currently renewing and joining for the 2019 membership year.

Board of Directors

- The NSGC Board of Directors had an in-person board meeting November 13, 2018 in Atlanta, GA.
- The next in-person Board meeting is scheduled for February 25-26, 2019 in Chicago, IL.
- The NSGC 2019 – 2021 strategic plan has been developed and is available on the [NSGC website](#).

Education and Publications

- NSGC is approved as a provider of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for genetic counselors. Please contact [Tamara White](#), NSGC Continuing Education Coordinator, with any questions.
- The 2019 NSGC Annual Conference will be held November 5-8, 2019 in Salt Lake City, UT. Information is available on the [NSGC website](#).
- 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 competence. Additional information on these and other courses is available to the public on the [NSGC Online Education Center](#).
- Recently released online courses include:
 - *Exome 101*
 - *Rare Disease: Patient and Genetic Counselor Experiences*
 - *Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing 201: Technology, Complex Cases and Resources*
 - *Evidence-based Practice: What it is and Why it Matters*
- Recordings of all sessions from the 2018 Annual Conference and Preconference Symposia will be available in mid-February 2019. Recordings from 2017 are available [online](#).

Liaison Activities

- NSGC Past President Joy Larsen Haidle is serving as NSGC's representative on the American Society of Clinical Oncology's (ASCO) CancerLinQ Oncology Leadership Council.
- Leigha Senter is representing NSGC on an Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigator (AONN+) task force to explore cancer genetic risk assessment education for patient navigators.
- Stephanie Cohen and NSGC Past President Mary Freivogel are representing NSGC on an exploratory task force coordinated by the National Coalition of Breast Centers (NCBC) focused on developing a certificate program for breast cancer risk assessment.
- NSGC Past President Jennifer Hoskovec represents NSGC as liaison to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Committee on Genetics.
- Rachel Mills is representing NSGC on the Inter-Society Coordinating Committee for Practitioner Education in Genomics (ISCC).
- Barbara Bernhardt is serving as the NSGC liaison to the "value of genetic diagnosis" committee led by Marc Williams from ACMG.
- Cate Walsh Vockley represents NSGC as our organizational representative to the HRSA Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children Subcommittee (ACHDNC).
- Past president Cathy Wicklund represents NSGC on the National Academies of Medicine Roundtable on Translating Genomic-Based Research for Health.
- Ashley Parrot is representing NSGC as liaison to the ACMG Practice Guidelines Committee.
- Jessica Everett serves as NSGC representative to the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC).
- Karen Lewis represents NSGC on the AMA CPT/Health Care Professional Advisory Committee Council.
- Rhonda Schonberg is NSGC's representative to the National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research (NACHGR).
- NSGC Past President Steven Keiles represents NSGC on the National Task Force for Early Identification of Childhood Neuromuscular Disorders.
- Alix D'Angelo 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.
- Kristin Vogel Postula is representing NSGC as a member of the American Association of Oncology Nurse Navigators (AONN+) Advisory Committee.
- NSGC Past President Karin Dent is representing NSGC as a member of the Genetics in Primary Care Institute, an initiative of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Heather Hampel is representing NSGC as a member of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT).
- Sarah Kalia is serving as NSGC's representative to the ACMG Incidental Findings Working Group.
- Amy Gaviglio is serving on the March of Dimes Newborn Screening Quality Improvement Work Group on behalf of NSGC.
- Allison Cirino is representing NSGC as liaison to the Functional Genomics and Translational Biology (FGTB) Council of the American Heart Association.

- NSGC Past President Angie Trepanier and Meg Doerr represent NSGC on the G2C2 Committee.

Government Relations and Advocacy

- Several NSGC position statements are in development or revision. All NSGC position statements are available on the [NSGC website](#).
- 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, CT, DE, ID, IL, IN, KY, MA, MN, NE, NH, NJ, NM, ND, OH, OK, PA, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA
 - Passed bills/in rulemaking: HI, IA, LA, MI
 - 20 additional states have bills introduced or in preparation