

Memo

To: NSGC Liaison Organizations
From: Erica Ramos, MS, CGC, 2018 President
Date: January 21, 2018
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 2018. If you have questions about information not included in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at eramos77@gmail.com.

NSGC Membership

- As of December 31, 2017 NSGC had 3,616 members.
- Members are currently renewing and joining for the 2018 membership year.

Board of Directors

- The NSGC Board of Directors will have seven meetings by phone and three in-person meetings in 2018. The Board last met in person September 12, 2017 in Columbus, OH.
- The next in-person Board meeting is scheduled for January 30-31 in Chicago, IL.

Education and Publications

- NSGC is approved as a provider of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for genetic counselors. Please contact [Erika Bruning](#), NSGC Continuing Education Coordinator, with any questions.
- The 2018 NSGC Annual Conference will be held November 14-17 in Atlanta, GA. 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 website](#).
- Recently released online courses include:
 - *NextGen Sequencing A to Z*
 - *Psychiatric Genetics across Genetic Counseling Practice Settings*
 - *Exome 101*
 - *Rare Disease: Patient and Genetic Counselor Experiences*
- Recordings of all sessions from the 2017 Annual Conference and Preconference Symposia will be available in late January 2018. Recordings from 2016 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 a cancer risk assessment certification for patient navigators.
- Stephanie Cohen is 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.
- Colleen Caleshu is representing NSGC on the Inter-Society Coordinating Committee for Practitioner Education in Genomics (ISCC), a committee formed by the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) to improve genomic literacy of physicians and other practitioners and to enhance the practice of genomic medicine through sharing of educational approaches and joint identification of educational needs.
- 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.
- Cate Walsh Vockley represents NSGC as our organizational representative to the HRSA Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children Subcommittee (ACHDNC).
- NSGC is represented on the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Roundtable on Translating Genomic-Based Research for Health by Past President, Cathy Wicklund.
- Ashley Parrot is representing NSGC as liaison to the ACMG Practice Guidelines Committee.
- Carrie Guy, NSGC Education Committee Vice-Chair, is representing NSGC as liaison to the ACMG Program 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 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
 - 20 additional states have bills introduced or in preparation