Old Business--Minutes from last meeting were presented and accepted. No other old business.

New Business

- At the 2014 SGNA National Convention in Nashville there was a speaker who talked about a new virus called CRE. At this time, there is no cure and is said to be related to improper or not cleaning of elevators on ERCP scopes. So what is CRE? CRE is (Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae) bacteria. This bacteria are members of related bacterial genera that are commonly found almost everywhere in the world, often colonizing humans and animals (living in or on humans and animals mucosal surfaces, gastrointestinal tracts and on some areas on the skin). However, CRE possess a unique genetic makeup that allows the bacteria to make a component (an enzyme) that protect CRE bacteria from a powerful antibiotic - Carbapenem. The most notable genera that can share and even transfer this genetic trait to other members of the Enterobacteriaceae are E. coli and Klebsiella pneumoniae. Because these bacteria generate similar problems for patients (especially treatment difficulties) most investigators simply group them together and term them CRE bacteria. Similar types of components are termed KPC (Klebsiella pneumoniae carbapenemase) and NDM (New Delhi Metallo-beta-lactamase). This resistance to Carbapenem is not the only reason these bacteria are considered dangerous. The genetics of Enterobacteriaceae are complex; many genera and strains possess genetic material that codes for resistance against many types of antibiotics; unfortunately, as a strain develops resistance to an antibiotic, not only does it become resistant to that antibiotic, the genes that confer resistance to one antibiotic become linked to each other. Consequently, as different antibiotic resistance occurs, the genetic material can become linked together thus conferring antibiotic resistance to several antibiotics in a single bacterial strain. Such bacteria that are resistant to several antibiotics are considerably more dangerous to humans they may infect than are bacteria susceptible to antibiotics.

- Treasurer's Report: After refunding monies to officers for the National conference, the Regions balance is $22,611.70.

- This years 2nd Annual complimentary Endo Nurse and Endo Tech course held at the Cleveland Clinic in Westin provided classroom and hands on experience with GI specific continuing education. Because this has been a great success, they will continue to provide this free education so please plan to attend next year. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and fills up fast so plan to register early when information is posted. More info to follow next year when Cheri McDonough receives the information.

- Our combined Physician and Nurses State Meeting was held in Boca at the Boca Raton Resort September 12-14, 2014. The six SGNA Regions had to come up with $30,000.00 to secure Hotel Rooms before the meeting. Fortunately, Suwannee River area Health Education Center (the company that is helped with programs & registration paid the money up front and we will pay it back the money back in January. Speakers at this year’s conference were excellent and informative.
(Continued) This year, for the combined meetings at Boca, the nurses were only able to obtain 8 Vendors with fewer participants. All of the Regions are discussing whether or not to have separate meetings from the doctors in the future and our region unanimously agreed. It was also suggested to have these meetings on separate weekends and to have all future State meetings in Orlando rather that rotate cities. This concept might help draw more participants within Florida and from other states. Orlando offers a variety of fun and entertainment for all ages that could result in higher amount of attendees. More information will follow when it becomes available.

This year’s Fall Conference will be held in Sarasota at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on Saturday, November 15, 2014. It was proposed to charge the fee of $5 for members and $10 for non-members—all voted yes. The conference will be 1/2 day rather than full day and a light breakfast will be provided. We are hoping Jen from Cook Medical will sponsor breakfast. The last SGNA meeting of the year will follow the conference and all participants are encouraged to attend and will be welcomed with open arms. All officers need to bring 1 new member to the meeting. Board members are asked to bring a basket for the raffle. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle will be sold. We are currently looking for Vendor participation and if you know of any Vendors, who would like to attend, please contact Cheri McDonough or Denise Chambers.

The Leadership Training in Chicago will be on October 31, 2014. The officers discussed and decided not to send any one this year.

Our SGNA Website maintenance was again discussed and a vote was taken and agreed upon to pay the Webmaster a fee of $300. The Webmaster would to help us put info on the site to keep up with current events and information. Please check out the website in the next week or so.

We again discussed the dwindling membership and ways of how to increase membership and participation. We continue to discuss offering 1-hour programs every month or two in the Ft. Myers, Cape Coral and Port Charlotte areas, as these are more centralized areas for the counties this region covers.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Saturday, November 15\textsuperscript{th}, 2014 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

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