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**NEWSLETTER**

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

**Dear GHAPP Family,**

I had the opportunity to fly to New Orleans at the end of January to meet with the Board of Trustees (BOT) and other committee chairs and co-chairs to discuss the progress and future of the committee programs. Not gonna lie, the weather was perfect, and the food was great (I ate shrimp and grits twice). It was truly inspiring to see all of the exciting work being done by each of the committees.

This issue will thus focus on – committees! Who they are, what do they do and how to join them? We will provide bullet points for each committee so you can better understand their role and responsibilities. If you want to join, there is also an application to fill out for each committee.

One of the great ideas that came out of the meeting was guest authors for the newsletter. Our first guest author is a BOT member herself – Nicki Schafer. She will discuss in more detail the BOT meeting and plans for the upcoming year. Hopefully, a bit about the NOLA food too.

From a personal standpoint, being part of a committee has been just a joy for me. I enjoy using my brain in a different way that is also helping the APP community. I think we are all feeling the stress and burnout of being in healthcare at this time and the committee work has been a great outlet for me. Joining a committee has deepened my connection to GHAPP and to other APPs with similar passions. I strongly encourage the membership to consider a committee position – perhaps with publications??

In health,

Gwen Cassidy, APN

### EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE



Access Relevant Resources at your Fingertips!

GHAPP ACE (Application for Clinical Exchange) is a medical-based platform that facilitates education, resources, and information for NPs and PAs who treat patients with GI and liver disorders – bringing advanced practice providers to one place, one app, to enhance knowledge in gastroenterology and hepatology.

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**COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Member Engagement Committee (MEC)**

The GHAPP Member Engagement Committee (MEC) is looking forward to the 5th annual conference at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville. Registration is now open! We have exciting new things planned including a social hour for new attendees/members and exercise sessions. For first-time attendees at the conference, we encourage you to visit the MEC table so that we can welcome you to the GHAPP family. We look forward to growing our membership and increasing engagement with our members.

In the pipeline is a member directory to improve our networking opportunities, more details are to come in the near future.

The MEC is looking for new committee members for the upcoming term. The term for new members will begin during the annual conference and requires a 2-year membership commitment, ensuring that 4 of 6 virtual meetings are attended annually.

**The application to apply can be found via the link: Member Engagement Committee Application: <https://podio.com/webforms/27312450/2106331>**

**GHAPP has regional events happening throughout the year and we hope that you can join!**

Please register at: <https://www.ghapp.org/bestofghapp2022>

City	GHAPP Regionals Schedule	Venue
Phoenix, AZ	Thursday, April 14	Hilton Scottsdale Resort
Dallas, TX	Saturday, April 30	Hilton Dallas
Miami, FL	Thursday, May 12	Thesis Hotel
Louisville, KY	Thursday, May 19	Louisville Marriott Downtown
Chicago, IL	Thursday, June 2	Westin Chicago River North
Morristown, NJ	Thursday, June 2	Westin Governor Morris
Atlanta, GA	Thursday, July 14	Hyatt Regency Atlanta Villa Christina
Bloomfield Hills, MI	Thursday, July 28	The Kingsley
Richmond, VA	Saturday, August 20	Hilton Richmond Hotel
Los Angeles, CA	Saturday, August 6	W Los Angeles - West Beverly Hills





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Congratulations to our 2022 Member Spotlights

**January** - Jordan Mayberry, PA, UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX

**February** - Allison Hobbs, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, University of Louisville, KY

**March** - Nana Bernasko CRNP, DNP, WHNP-BC, Penn State Hershey Medical Center, PA

**April** - Geo Mathew, PA-C, Digestive Disease Center, Bakersfield, CA

Our Member Spotlight is shared across GHAPP professional social media platforms including Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. **If you would like to nominate a colleague, please contact Katherine Meneses @ [KMeneses@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:KMeneses@mednet.ucla.edu). Thank you!**

### Evidence-Based Practice and Research (EBP/R) Committee

The Research Committee is now officially known as the **Evidence-Based Practice and Research Committee** (EBP/R)! The name change reflects our desire to be inclusive of all the important work we are doing as APPs across all levels of practice and research.

**Start planning your GHAPP Conference abstract submission now!** Did you know the EBP/R Committee invites abstract submissions across EBP, quality improvement, process, evaluation, program development, historical review, and more? Watch your email and newsletters for information on the abstract submission window, planned categories (disease state, health policy, practice, etc.), prizes, and author guidance. Submissions will be peer-reviewed. Accepted abstracts will be displayed at the 2022 GHAPP Annual Conference as posters. Last year, the top prize for best abstract was a \$100 Amazon gift card!

As a service to the GHAPP community of members, the EBP/R Committee will be sending a **needs assessment survey** later this year. We would like to capture information on what interests you as a GHAPP member, what type of programming you wish to have, and what needs you may have related to becoming the best gastroenterology and/or hepatology provider possible. This information will be used to help GHAPP leadership ensure your needs are met across clinical learning, career advancement/enhancement, project dissemination, and more. Please be sure to respond to the survey when it reaches your inbox.

Our very own **Barbra Cave, Ph.D., APRN** was published with an esteemed group of hepatologists. The article, "A simplified algorithm for managing hepatitis C infection by leveraging telemedicine" is published in January 2022 in *Gastroenterology & Hepatology: Open Access*. As the title suggests, the paper discusses best practices for addressing and managing hepatitis C infections using a telehealth model. Information is tailored for primary care and other non-specialist providers.

**Are you interested in becoming a member of the EBP/R Committee? We have two positions open. To be considered for committee membership, please follow the application link: <https://podio.com/webforms/27387398/2115570>**



## Education Committee

We are very excited about the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> annual GHAPP conference this September and we are looking forward to meeting our newest members and seeing many familiar APP faces in Nashville. In addition to multiple great GI and hepatology lectures, this year's conference will also include some new offerings including an IBD boot camp, a professional development course, and a plenary session targeting the inpatient GI APP.

We would also like to highlight the additional education opportunities the committee has been working on including ten GHAPP regional conferences to be held in AZ, TX, FL, KY, IL, NJ, GA, MI, VA, and CA. More info about these conferences can be found at <https://www.ghapp.org/bestofghapp2022>.

In addition, virtual roundtables focusing on updates in health maintenance for IBD patients will be led virtually in the upcoming months. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for small group discussions with an APP expert.

The GHAPP website [www.ghapp.org](http://www.ghapp.org) continues to be an excellent resource for our members. Please view the Recorded Webcasts, GHAPP FAQs series, and the Abstract Library, which is updated every 2 weeks. These features are valuable for all APP's whether you are just starting out or are a seasoned healthcare provider.

The Education Committee is looking for new members for the upcoming term. Requirements of membership include a 2-year membership commitment, attend at least 75% of committee meetings, complete committee subgroup assignments, respond to committee emails.

**The application to apply can be found at: <https://podio.com/webforms/27387820/2115590>**

Thank you for your interest in the GHAPP Education Committee!

## Publication Committee

The overall purpose of the GHAPP PUB committee is to amplify the APP's role in the GI/Hepatology subspecialty through creating published material for and by APPs in this field.

The goal of the GHAPP PUB committee is to create publications such as a quarterly newsletter and a peer-reviewed academic journal written by APPs in the fields of gastroenterology and hepatology.

The mission of the GHAPP PUB committee is to assist the GHAPP Executive Board by:

- Creating up-to-date content to aid in everyday practice through a newsletter
- Partnering with other GHAPP committees to disseminate updates through the newsletter



- Publishing peer-reviewed research and quality content in the Journal of GHAPP (JGHAPP)
- Partnering with members and research committee to form an editorial board for the journal
- Highlighting the critical role APPs play in providing care for patients with liver and digestive diseases

### Committee member expectations:

- Minimum of 2-year membership commitment
- Create original content for a newsletter
- Originate and design the JGHAPP journal

**The Publication Committee is looking for new members for the upcoming term. The term for new members will begin during the annual conference. The application to apply can be found via the Publication Committee link: <https://podio.com/webforms/27387416/2115571>**

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

### Nicole Martinez de Andino, RD, APRN

In January 2022, BOT members met in New Orleans, Louisiana. Members discussed feedback from the 2021 GHAPP National Conference, 2022 conference planning, and other GHAPP ventures. GHAPP Committee leaders presented ideas for committee membership, current action items, and by-laws. 2021 conference feedback was utilized to build the 2022 conference.

This year's conference will offer more combination plenary sessions, opportunities to dive deeper into the sub-specialties of IBD and Hepatology with Boot Camps, skill strengthening sessions on non-clinical topics, and a 2-hour block of professional development workshop, and a 2-hour evidence-based practice workshop. The "Point Taken Pods" (used in 2021), will again be available in 2022 and will provide feedback on presentation skills. In addition, social engagement will be a focus. Like last year, a yoga class will be offered. This class is popular, so sign up early! We are planning another fun-filled activity, perhaps something Nashville-themed (is anyone up for line dancing?). More details on this to come.

In line with GHAPP's mission and vision, we are pursuing options for continuing education to support our colleagues. Regional meetings will be held again this year, with 8 locations across the country. Furthermore, make sure to download the GHAPP Application for Clinical Exchange or GHAPP ACE app on your mobile device. More options on this app will be forthcoming including specialized education, such as hosting weekly podcasts and webinars. Please join us for the Annual National Conference!

**GHAPP Fifth Annual National Conference**  
**September 29- October 1, 2022**

**Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center**  
**Nashville, TN**

**Registration Now Open!**

**<https://www.ghapp.org/annual-conference>**

***“The 2021 GHAPP Fourth Annual Conference was a true success! With 400 live attendees from 46 states and 200 virtual attendees, we want to thank all of our attendees, supporters and sponsors for a great conference! We are looking forward to our 2022 GHAPP National Conference.”***



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