

Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc.	
<i>Board Policy & Administrative Procedure Manual</i>	Policy No: E-3 Page: 1 of 1 Effective Date: 9/85 Revision Date: 2/98,10/99, 10/08, 11/12 Review Date: 2/02, 10/06, 10/08, 10/10, 11/12, 5/15
Subject: Campaigning for Elected Office	
Responsibility: Nominations & Elections Committee	

Policy Statement:

SGNA will promote impartial and unbiased elections for leadership positions and will not allow candidates to campaign for elected office. For this policy, campaigning will mean active solicitation of votes by printed material, mailings, advertising, or telephone or other electronic or audiovisual media.

Focus: SGNA Members

Purpose: To define a policy about campaigning for elected office.

Procedure:

1. Candidates running for SGNA office may not campaign for election.
 - 1.1 No candidates may encourage or permit another person to campaign for them.
2. Regional society newsletters may announce that a person from their regional society is running for national office; the announcement will not be an endorsement or solicitations of votes.
 - 2.1 A regional society may announce the candidacy of their own members, and in the interest of fairness, the regional society must announce all candidates.
 - 2.2 A regional society cannot campaign as described above to increase votes for any candidates.
3. Candidates who are identified as campaigning will be referred to the Nominations and Elections Committee.
 - 3.1 The Nominations & Elections Chair will discuss any information presented implying campaigning has occurred with the candidate in question. Written communication will be sent requesting any campaigning activity to cease.
 - 3.2 If warning given by the Nominations & Elections Chair is not heeded by the candidate, the committee will drop candidate from consideration.