



# ASPAN

American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

## Message from the President

### Fulfilling the Dream with Foresight Vision A World of Belonging, Innovation, and Solutions

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*“Our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children’s future. And we are all mortal.”*

— **John F. Kennedy**

Dear members,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits as we step into the promising year of 2024! As your president, it is my honor to reflect upon our collective achievements and chart a course for the future, one that embodies the values of intentional inclusion, diversity, equity and anti-racism within the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses.

This year, we will steadfastly hold our commitment to diversity - recognizing and embracing the unique perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds each member brings to our organization. By celebrating our differences, we can cultivate an inclusive environment that promotes innovation, collaboration, and lasting change. Let us strive to create a more representative society that values and respects the voices of all its members.

Equity stands at the core of our mission, ensuring that each member has the opportunity to thrive and succeed, irrespective of gender, race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. We envision a future where equal access to education, resources, and leadership positions in perianesthesia nursing is not just a dream, but a reality. By working together, we can identify and dismantle any systemic barriers that may hinder the growth and advancement of underrepresented groups within our profession. We are stronger together by embracing, respecting, and harnessing our differences to increase the volume for innovation, and advance perianesthesia nursing to new heights.

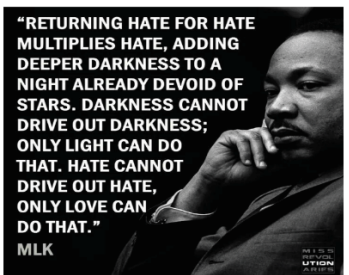
Intentional inclusion means actively promoting and encouraging a sense of belonging, where every member feels empowered to contribute their unique skills and insights. We will redouble our efforts to foster an inclusive culture within our society, one that upholds fairness, respect, and dignity for all. By creating safe spaces for open dialogue, collaboration, and mentorship, we can tap into the immense potential of our diverse membership.

Lastly, we stand firmly in our commitment to anti-racism. Racism has no place within our society, and we cannot be silent in the face of injustice. Through education, awareness, and advocacy, we will work tirelessly to ensure every member is treated with fairness, compassion, and empathy. By rejecting racist practices and policies, we can collectively strive towards a more equitable and inclusive future for all healthcare professionals.

As we embark on this new year, I invite every member of the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses to embark on this journey with us as we launch ASPAN's Big IDEA (intentional inclusion, diversity, equity, and anti-racism). Together, let us champion intentional inclusion, diversity, equity, and anti-racism within our profession and beyond. Our collective efforts will not only shape the landscape of healthcare, but also inspire a brighter, more inclusive society for generations to come.

If you have not done so already, please embark on the challenge to obtain an IDEA badge, developed with our Education Provider Committee and Collaborative Advocacy SWT. The Big IDEA series that was developed will not only uplift you but will inspire you to be empowered advocates for change, and to fight for human rights and the greater good where we all see each other as one.

Thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and for being a vital part of our shared vision. I look forward to the meaningful strides we will make together in 2024 and beyond! I am honored to serve as your president and stand alongside each of you as we continue to make a difference in the lives of our patients. Together, we are a force to be reckoned with, and I am proud to belong to this exceptional community of perianesthesia nurses.



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