Largest Perianesthesia Event of 2009!
On behalf of ASPAN’s National Conference Strategic Work Team (NCSWT), I am honored to welcome you to Washington, D.C. and ASPAN’s 28th National Conference. Dreams Create Lasting Legacies offers a vast array of educational opportunity:

- **Sunday evening:** join colleagues for patriotic fun at Component Night
- Visit vendors in the Exhibit Hall. See innovative technologies and industry advances. Ribbon cutting **Monday**
- Delve into hot topics: safety, evidence-based practice, overflow patients, advocacy, & data elements
- Tour historic Washington legacies
- Hear lectures rich with surgical as well as procedure-based content
- Glean ideas to improve practice from Research and Celebrate Successful Practices posters and oral sessions
- **Wednesday evening:** Dance the night away and greet President Lois Schick at the President’s Reception
- Walk the Potomac waterfront
- Shop for friends and colleagues at the ASPAN Shoppe or Silent Auction
- Relax, dine, and enjoy the Gaylord

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**Component Presidents’ Luncheon**
A luncheon honoring component presidents is **today** in Chesapeake 4-5 from 12:00 Noon until 1:45 PM. **Invitation only.**

**CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast**
Tomorrow is CPAN/CAPA Day! Be honored with your certified colleagues at a 6:30AM celebration breakfast in Potomac C-D. **Ticket required.**

Registration
ASPN Registration is staffed **today** from 7:30 AM until 7:30 PM. Located in the Chesapeake & Maryland Prefunction areas of the Convention Center.

**Representative Assembly**
The 12th Representative Assembly (RA), ASPAN’s governing body, convenes **today** in Maryland C-D. Members are invited to observe ASPAN leadership at work! Events:
- **Candidate Presentations** 9:10 AM
- Informal Hearings 10:45-12 Noon
- Hearings & Formal Session 2:15 -5:00 PM

**Hosts and Hostesses**
If you missed Saturday’s orientation, please attend **today**’s session from 4:00pm to 5:00 PM in National Harbor 4.

**ASPN Transitions to “Green”**
Remember: your ASPAN 2009 Conference Syllabus is only available ONLINE. Until June 1, 2009, you may download outlines at www.aspan.org. Click “Events,” then “2009 Conference Syllabus.” **For a fee,** you can print at the Gaylord Business Office.

**Component Night 2009 TONIGHT “Celebrating American Legends”**
The 28th National Conference begins with a tribute to legendary Americans. Wave to your public as you walk in the “Parade of Legends” dressed as your favorite historic character. Your costume might be chosen Most Authentic, Funniest, Brightest, or just plain Best. Food, fun and festivities begin at 7:00 PM in Maryland Ballroom. Many thanks to **Arizant Healthcare** for your generous support of Component Night.
CPAN/CAPA Certification Exams
Best wishes to the 600+ candidates throughout America who sit today for the first CPAN and CAPA certification exams administered by computer.

Dream Walk
ASPAN colleagues woke early to walk along the banks of the Potomac River at sunrise today. This 14th Annual Dream Walk raises funds to support ASPAN's Scholarship programs. Attend the Closing Breakfast to learn which component registered the most walkers and which individual walker raised the most money, thereby earning the "Dream Walker Award" and registration for the 2010 National Conference.

Opening Ceremonies
Introductions, awards and speakers mark the official Conference opening at Monday 9:00 AM in the Maryland Ballroom. Expect Speaker Jay Rifenbary's keynote address, "No Excuses: Incorporating Core Values, Accountability and Balance Into Your Life and/or Career" to uplift you.

First Timers Orientation
Attend the overview of this Conference in National Harbor 2-3 on either Sunday, April 19th from 5:15-6:15 PM, or Monday, April 20th from 12:15-1:15 PM.

Silent Auction**
Shop! Bid often on unique items to benefit ASPAN Development. Please follow the stated bid increments when raising a bid on favorite items. Auction starts Monday at 5:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall. **Donating items? Bring to ASPAN Registration.

Seating in Educational Sessions
An admission ticket is required for all education sessions. Tickets are included in registration materials. **Lost or forgotten tickets will not be replaced.**

Hospitality Desk
The Hospitality Desk is located near ASPAN Registration. Stop by for local maps, advice, sightseeing information or restaurant lists.

Attention REGION I Components
Director Nancy O'Malley invites leaders and members from Region I components to discuss component issues and recognize current component leaders on Monday, April 20, 6:00PM-7:30 PM in National Harbor 13. Snacks served.

National PArtiCUlA rS
National PArtiCUlA rS is published daily during National Conference. To share component plans or content relevant to all attendees, complete a submission form and place in the PArtiCUlA rS box at the Registration desk no later than 11:00 AM on the day before the item should appear. Items are edited & published as space is available.

Missing your March/April Breathline?
Check the ASPAN website! Beginning with the March/April issue, Breathline is only available online. Color, crisp photos, same valuable ASPAN news. Provide your e-mail contact: ASPAN needs to reach you online!

ASPN Shoppe
The ASPAN Shoppe opens today in Chesapeake J-K from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM. Purchase two new ASPAN publications, logo T-shirts and reusable totes. Shop! Buy! Drop your name in the white box for the Daily Drawing, at closing each day.

12-Step Meeting
From 5:05-6:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Updates posted on the bulletin board near ASPAN Registration.

What’s a SPG? Join today!
Specialty Practice Groups (SPGs) focus on perianesthesia topics of member interest. Lunch 'n' Learn meetings this week. Find a SPG matching your interest, meet for lunch! To join a SPG, stop by ASPAN Registration.

Noted on T-shirts sported by National Office staff: "Schick Happens!" Kudos, Lois.