Welcome to ASPAN’s 36th National Conference . . . Indianapolis...... the Circle City!

ASPN is delighted that you registered for its 36th National Conference! This year’s conference theme is Energizing Generations: The Race to Distinction! Days filled with educational and fun events await you at ASPAN’s host hotel, the JW Marriott Indianapolis, within walking distance to many of the city’s shopping areas, restaurants and outdoor activities.

Relaxation, Shopping, Entertainment
There are lots of things to see and do in Indianapolis. Check out www.visitIndy.com to plan your activities once in Indianapolis. Some popular attractions to visit include:

- Benjamin Harrison House
- Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
- Indiana Repertory Theatre
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Museum
- Indianapolis Museum of Art
- Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library
- Mass Ave. Arts and Shopping District
- Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Monument Circle
- St. Elmo’s Steakhouse
- White River State Park and Gardens
- Indianapolis Zoo, Aquarium, and Botanical Gardens
- Central Canal, a block away from the JW Marriott

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If you wish to volunteer while at the National Conference, you can still become a Host/Hostess. Contact Grace Walke at 317-626-4598 or gleonne@comcast.net. Active category and Retired category members may serve and receive a small compensation.

Session Moderator Orientation
If you are interested in becoming a Session Moderator, contact Laura Kling at 412-610-4162 or lakrnmsn@comcast.net. This is a great way to participate and let others get to know who you are and meet ASPAN’s speakers.

Orientation for ASPAN volunteers serving as moderators will be Saturday, April 29 from 4:15 – 5:15 PM at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. This is the only scheduled orientation session for moderators to learn details of this crucial conference role.

Meet the Candidates
Candidates for positions on ASPAN’s Board of Directors will be available to greet ASPAN members on Saturday, April 29 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in JW 4 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

Preconference Offerings
Two preconference offerings are available:

On Saturday, April 29, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Maureen McLaughlin, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CPAN, CAPA, will lecture on While You Were Sleeping: Essentials of Perianesthesia Nursing. The class will provide the novice and experienced perianesthesia nurse an in-depth review of all things anesthesia and perianesthesia related.

On Sunday, April 30, from 8:00 AM to 4:55 PM, Nancy Strzyzewski, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, will present Perianesthesia Certification Review. This session will cover key topics essential for preparing the perianesthesia nurse to take the CPAN and/or CAPA certification examinations.

Preregistration with an additional fee is required for each preconference offering.

Read the National PArtiCUIArS every day for news and updated information about the day’s conference activities. PArtiCUIArS will be available each morning at the Registration Desk and at www.aspan.org.
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Conference is “Green”
You can help the environment by downloading outlines only for the sessions for which you are registered. Materials will be available on the ASPAN Web site beginning April 24, 2017 through June 1, 2017. Your conference confirmation letter provides the link to access syllabus material online and print your handouts. (Speakers may or may not choose to provide downloadable copies of their PowerPoint presentations to ASPAN.)

Representative Assembly
ASPN’s 20th Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on Sunday, April 30 from 9:00 AM until 5:30 PM. The Representative Assembly, facilitated by President Katrina Bickerstaff, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, will meet for informal hearings during the morning to discuss questions, issues and topics related to where ASPAN is today. The candidates for national offices will make their presentations from 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM. The Formal Session of the RA begins in the afternoon. ASPAN members are encouraged to attend and observe your ASPAN leaders and organization at work! The RA will meet in JW 7-10 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

The ASPAN Shoppe: 2017
For your conference shopping convenience, The ASPAN Shoppe opens daily, Sunday through Wednesday. Hours are posted at the Shoppe. Treat yourself, and the folks at home, to an ASPAN souvenir. Visit our Bargain Table for great buys. Register for the daily drawing!

First Timers Orientation
Get all you can out of this experience! Attend one of the following:
• Sunday, April 30 from 5:15 – 6:15 PM or
• Monday, May 1 from 7:00 – 8:00 AM
Check conference pocket guide for room location.

Special Conference Events

ASPN Development Dream Walk
Grab your sneakers! Participate in the annual walk to raise funds for the activities of ASPAN Development. Enjoy an early morning walk that originates from the hotel and takes you past a variety of local downtown attractions. Sunday, April 30, beginning at 6:30 AM in the JW Marriott Lobby.

Component Night:
From Hoops to Hotrods!
Component night is an evening of fun to share with all the components. Come dressed as your favorite NCAA sports team, player, or racecar driver. Compete at the hoops! Have your picture taken by the INDY car.

Hoosier hospitality is abundant! Greet old friends and make new ones! Begin your conference week Sunday, April 30 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Eat, laugh, and have fun with your nursing colleagues! Cash bar. In JW 5-6.

CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon
Honor yourself! Be recognized along with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses at a Celebration Luncheon on Monday, May 1 at 12:15 PM. Speaker David Glickman, CSP, will present Funny is the New Serious: Changing Your Perspective to Produce Powerful Results. White River F-J. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Support ASPAN’s Exhibitors
A ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the opening of the ASPAN Exhibit Hall on Monday, May 1 at 5:00 PM. Visit exhibits on Tuesday, May 2 from 7:00 - 9:30 AM, 12:00 - 2:00 PM and 4:00 - 6:30 PM. On Wednesday, May 3, hours are from 7:00 – 9:00 AM. Griffin Hall 201-205. Please be sure to thank all of our fine ASPAN exhibitors for their support!

ASPN Development Breakfast
Begin Wednesday morning by supporting ASPAN, earning .75 contact hour, honoring your friends and colleagues, and enjoying a traditional American breakfast. Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 – 8:30 AM.

We are pleased to have ASPAN Past President Susan Shelander as our guest speaker at the Development Breakfast. Come, get inspired! JW 3-4. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

President’s Reception Wednesday Night!
All conference participants are invited to celebrate ASPAN’s year of achievements with President Katrina Bickerstaff and ASPAN leaders. Come dressed in your favorite party attire on Wednesday, May 3, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. JW 5-6.

Postconference Workshop
After Closing Ceremonies, more contact hours are available for you! Spend Thursday afternoon, May 4, with Kim Kraft, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, as she presents Foundations of Pediatric Perianesthesia Care. Session begins at 12:00 PM. Preregistration with an additional fee is required.

Rooms may change. Please check Pocket Guide once at conference for activity locations.

News Items for National PArtiCUlArS
While at conference, please bring news items to the marked box at the ASPAN Registration Desk. You may also email news items to bgodden@aspan.org. Items must be submitted by 11:00 AM to be included in the next day’s newsletter.