Welcome to ASPAN’s 38th National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee!

ASPA is delighted that you registered for its 38th National Conference! This year’s conference theme is **Leading with Knowledge – Serving with Heart.** Days filled with educational and fun events await you at ASPAN’s host hotel, The Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, close to many area attractions, shopping, and restaurants.

**Relaxation, Shopping, Entertainment**

Check out [https://www.visitmusiccity.com/](https://www.visitmusiccity.com/) and [https://www.nashville.com/](https://www.nashville.com/) to plan your activities once in Nashville. Some popular attractions to visit include:

- Grand Old Opy House
- Ryman Auditorium, the original Grand Opy
- Country Music Walk of Fame and Museum
- Historical RCA Studio B
- Opry Mills Mall
- General Jackson Showboat
- Hattie B’s famous Nashville Hot Chicken
- Bluebird Café
- Honky Tonk Highway for exciting nightlife, including Tootsie’s Orchid Lounge, The Stage, Legends Corner, and the Second Fiddle
- Fort Nashborough, Nashville’s first settlement
- Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson
- Belle Meade Mansion/Plantation
- Parthenon in Centennial Park
- Cheekwood Botanical Gardens
- Variety of city tours
- Tennessee State Capitol Museum, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Vanderbilt University and Belmont University.
- Several professional sports arenas
- Golf courses nearby
- The “Nash-Trash” Tour to see where the stars live

**National PArtiCUIArS**

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](http://www.aspan.org).

**Host/Hostess Orientation**

Attend one of these orientation sessions to receive your conference assignment and green apron:

- **Saturday, May 4** from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Jackson F, Gaylord Opryland
- **Sunday, May 5** from 4:00 – 5:00 pm in Lincoln C-E, Gaylord Opryland

If interested, you can still become a Host/Hostess. Contact Jamye Gilliard at 931-624-2410 or [jgilliard@bellsouth.net](mailto:jgilliard@bellsouth.net). Active and Retired category members may serve and receive a small compensation.

**Session Moderator Orientation**

If you are interested in serving as a Session Moderator, contact Lori Silva at 209-968-4895 or [loris@panac.org](mailto:loris@panac.org). This is a great way to participate, let others get to know you and meet ASPAN’s speakers.

Orientation for ASPAN moderators will be **Saturday, May 4** from 4:15 – 5:15 pm in **Jackson F** at the Gaylord Opryland. 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, May 4** from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in **Jackson CD** at the Gaylord Opryland.

**Preconference Offerings**

- **Saturday, May 4**, from 8:00 am to 5:45 pm, Brian Harradine, MSN, RN, CNOR, CAPA, Valerie Watkins, BSN, RN, CAPA, and Mary Rachel Romero, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, will present “Perianesthesia Potpourri: What You Need to Know.” This session will address a variety of topics for the preadmission areas.
- **Sunday, May 5**, from 8:00 am to 4:55 pm, Linda Wilson, PHD, RN, CPAN, CAPA, BC, CNE, CHSE-A, ANEF, FAAN, FASPAN, 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**

Preregistration with an additional fee is required for each preconference offering.
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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 website beginning April 26, 2019 through July 1, 2019. 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**
ASPAN's 22nd Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on **Sunday, May 5** from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. The Representative Assembly, facilitated by President Regina Hoefner-Notz, MS, RN, CPAN, CPN, FASPAN, 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 – 10:15 am. The Formal Session of the RA begins at 2:15 pm. ASPAN members are encouraged to attend and observe your ASPAN leaders and organization at work! **Presidential Ballroom A-B.**

**The ASPAN Shoppe: 2019**
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. **Presidential Chamber B.**

**First Timers Orientation**
Get all you can out of this experience! Attend one of the following:
- **Sunday, May 5** from 5:15 – 6:15 pm or
- **Monday, May 6** from 7:00 – 8:00 am

*Both sessions in the Ryman Ballroom.*

**Special Conference Events**

**ASPan 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 at the hotel and takes participants around the resort. It’s a great way to familiarize yourself with the hotel. **Sunday, May 5**, beginning at 6:30 am in the Gaylord Opryland Lobby.

**Component Night:**
*Denim, Diamonds, and Dancing!*
Component night is an evening of fun to share with all the components. Begin your conference week **Sunday, May 5** from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Come dressed in denim, cowboy boots, and add a little glitz if you choose! Get ready for karaoke competition and dancing! Greet old friends and make new ones! Eat, laugh, and have fun with your nursing colleagues! Cash bar. **Presidential Ballroom C-E.**

**CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon**
Honor yourself! Be recognized along with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses at a Celebration Luncheon on **Monday, May 6 in Presidential Ballroom A-B at 12:15 pm**. A special celebrity guest speaker will be announced at a later time. **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 6 at 6:00 pm in Ryman Hall B2-4**. Visit exhibits on **Tuesday, May 7** from 7:00 - 9:30 am, 12:00 - 2:00 pm and 4:00 - 6:30 pm. On **Wednesday, May 8**, hours are from 7:00 – 9:00 am. **Please be sure to thank all of our fine ASPAN exhibitors for their support!**

**ASPan Development Breakfast**
Begin Wednesday morning by supporting ASPAN, earning .75 contact hour, honoring your friends and colleagues, and enjoying breakfast. **Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 – 8:30 am in Ryman Ballroom A-C.**
We are pleased to have ASPAN Past President Terry Clifford, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, FASPAN, as our guest speaker. Come, hear her speak on *Walking the Winding Path*. **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 Regina Hoefner-Notz and ASPAN leaders. Come dressed in your favorite party attire on **Wednesday, May 8, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Presidential Ballroom C-E.**

**Postconference Workshop**
After Closing Ceremonies, more contact hours are available for you! **Spend Thursday afternoon, May 9**, with June Oliver, MSN, RN-BC, CCNS, APRN/CNS, as she presents *The Tale of Two Crises: Opioids and Pain.* Session begins at 12:00 pm. **Preregistration with an additional fee is required. Presidential Ballroom A-B.**

***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 10:00 am to be included in the NEXT day’s newsletter and may be edited for space.**