Committees:

CLINICAL INQUIRY COMMITTEE
The Clinical Inquiry Committee exists to increase the involvement of perianesthesia nurses in evidence-based practice and clinical research through mentoring and education. The committee facilitates the systematic investigation of perianesthesia nursing questions through a research grants program. The committee actively promotes the use of research findings in nursing practice through evidence based practice initiatives, and the dissemination of EBP, QI, and original scientific studies via poster and oral presentations. Members participate on teams to review and rank the available evidence in support of the update and revision of ASPAN's *Perianesthesia Nursing Standards and Practice Recommendations.* The Clinical Inquiry committee collaborates with ASPAN's Education Provider and Clinical Practice Committees. While working to promote ASPAN research priorities, the Clinical Inquiry Committee can network with other nursing organizations to identify current nursing research issues. All perianesthesia nurses can participate in the committee; involvement in research initiatives may depend on educational preparation in research.

CLINICAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE
Perianesthesia nurses from around the world regularly contact ASPAN for guidance on clinical practice questions, many of which relate directly to *ASPAN's Perianesthesia Nursing Standards and Practice Recommendations.* Responding to these inquiries is an important and rewarding way to support colleagues and promote safe, evidence-based care across the specialty. CPC members are typically assigned a question every 2–3 months through a weekly email from the national office and are asked to provide a response within two weeks. Experienced team leaders and the director provide guidance and support as needed. The committee oversees the Excellence in Clinical Practice Award. CPC members also assist with reviewing abstracts for the Celebrate Successful Perianesthesia Practices poster and oral presentations at the National Conference. Serving on this committee provides a valuable opportunity to contribute to the profession and is a pathway to future service on the Standards Committee.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE
Members of the Conference Program Planning Committee are appointed by the Vice President/President-Elect two years in advance of the conference with oversight from the Director for Education and in collaboration with ASPAN's National Office and ASPAN leaders. The committee plans ASPAN's annual National Conference. The goal is to provide members with educational and networking opportunities to enhance perianesthesia nursing practice and provide access to national officers.

EDUCATION APPROVER COMMITTEE
The Education Approver Committee reviews continuing education applications received from ASPAN components and other outside organizations which are submitted for approval before presenting an educational seminar, conference, or education at a component meeting. The Education Approver teams utilize the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC-COA) operational requirements to review and approve each application to enable the applicant to provide educational program contact hours. **BSN required.**

EDUCATION PROVIDER COMMITTEE
The Education Provider Committee works to advance the unique specialty of perianesthesia nursing by assessing the educational needs of members, analyzing areas for strategic growth, planning programs to meet the needs of practitioners in the specialty, implementing seminars throughout the country, and evaluating the quality of our education programs through participant feedback. **BSN required.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE
The Finance Committee's function is to assist ASPAN's Board of Directors, committees, SWTs, etc., with the planning and budgeting needs of ASPAN projects, programs, registration fees and new or revised ASPAN publications. Finance members will be assigned as liaisons to specific components to support and share best financial practices with components under the leadership of the ASPAN Treasurer.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Members of the Standards Committee serve as clinical practice surveyors, monitoring current trends in the healthcare environment and their potential impact on perianesthesia nursing practice. Committee members review, revise, update and amend ASPAN's *Perianesthesia Nursing Standards and Practice Recommendations*. **Applicants must have previously served on the Clinical Practice Committee.**

Strategic Work Teams:

ADVANCING/EMERGING LEADERS SWT
The ASPAN Advancing/Emerging Leaders SWT seeks to expand the skills and abilities of individuals interested in professional growth and development that may lead to various leadership opportunities within ASPAN, their components, or personal leadership endeavors. This SWT creates relationships between current and previous ASPAN leaders and nurses interested in taking a next step in their own leadership potential. Through goal setting and friendly guidance, mentees have the support to attempt actions to expand their own leadership capabilities. This SWT supports personal growth within the context of the organization's mission, vision, and philosophy with the goal of developing future ASPAN leaders utilizing a structured mentorship program.

CERTIFICATION PROMOTION SWT
The Certification Promotion SWT explores strategies to promote certification, support nurses seeking certification, and move towards identifying and implementing alternative options to advance the perianesthesia nursing specialty practice. This SWT will explore ways to increase the number of nurses seeking certification, increase the success rate, and identify opportunities to maintain certification and ASPAN membership.

DEVELOPMENT SWT
The Development SWT promotes public education and obtains funds to support ASPAN educational projects, award scholarships and evidence based research activities. The SWT oversees ASPAN's Scholarship/Award Program. Major activities of the SWT culminate at National Conference, and these include: Silent Auction; a fundraising activity held in the exhibit hall; and collecting/recognizing Hail! Honor! Salute! initiative pledges during the conference's development event. Most SWT assignments are scheduled during or shortly before the National Conference.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS SWT

The Governmental Affairs SWT informs ASPAN leaders and members about federal healthcare related legislative activities. The Governmental Affairs SWT Coordinator emails legislative information to team members. The members then contact their respective component governmental affairs liaisons to disseminate new information and stimulate and guide grassroots member involvement. The SWT encourages ASPAN members to attend the Advocacy Day program offered annually by the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL). Eligible ASPAN members are encouraged to apply for an Advocacy Day program scholarship through the ASPAN Scholarship/Award Program.

COMMUNITY SWT

This SWT works closely with the National Office to develop the Member-Get-A -Member Campaign and the annual PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week (PANAW) campaign celebration. The team coordinates, reviews and presents the Recruiter of the Year Award, Gold Leaf Component of the Year Award, and ASPAN's Award for Outstanding Achievement, while providing component support to address recruitment, retention, and membership activities information.

PUBLICATIONS SWT

The Publications SWT assists in comprehensive reviews and revisions of existing publications and may develop new perianesthesia print material. SWT members participate as reviewers for ASPAN's Specialty Practice Group newsletters and as judges for the annual Component Newsletter Contest.