



# 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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**ASPAN President 2023-2024**

Dear members,

As we wrap up another successful year, I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication and commitment to excellence in perianesthesia nursing. The challenges we've faced this year have been significant, but so have our achievements. Together, we've demonstrated remarkable resilience, adaptability, and ingenuity in navigating the complexities of our profession. Our ability to collaborate and innovate in the face of adversity is a testament to the strength of our community.

As perianesthesia nurses, we understand the critical importance of finding effective solutions to the ever-evolving demands of our field. Whether it's optimizing patient care, embracing technological advancements, or advocating for the well-being of our colleagues, we continue to lead by example in driving positive change. I am immensely proud of the strides we've made in advancing the practice of perianesthesia nursing. Our collective efforts have not only enhanced patient outcomes but have also elevated the standard of care across the industry.

We had great collaboration with other organizations, and we sat at the table to speak up for our perianesthesia nurses. We developed a Waste Anesthesia Gas toolkit. A new resource is almost complete, the *Competency-Based Orientation for the Registered Nurse and Pain Management in the Perianesthesia Setting*. We placed a call for editors to update ASPAN's *A Competency-Based Orientation Program for the Registered Nurse in the Perianesthesia Setting*. We went online with the *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing (JoPAN)*. And we are currently updating ASPAN's *Perianesthesia Nursing Standards, Practice Recommendations and Interpretive Statements* for the 2025/2026 edition. We have so much more to share.

As we look ahead, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to pursuing innovative solutions and best practices. By harnessing our collective knowledge and expertise, we can address the challenges that lie ahead with confidence and determination.

I am honored to serve as your president, and I am continually inspired by the passion and dedication displayed by each of you. Together, we have achieved great things, and I am excited about the possibilities the future holds for our profession. Thank you for an outstanding year. Your contributions have been invaluable, and I am deeply appreciative of your unwavering support. Here's to continued success and progress in the coming year.

With warm regards,

*Alphonzo*