

## ***Recharge Your Spirit, Focus on Scope of Practice At ASPAN's 28<sup>th</sup> National Conference***

### ***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 28<sup>th</sup> 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***

ASPAN 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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**.

### ***ASPAN 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](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Rifenburg'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 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-6:15 PM, or **Monday**, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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

### ***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 PartiCUIArS***

*National PartiCUIArS* is published daily during National Conference. To share component plans or content relevant to all attendees, complete a submission form and place in the *PartiCUIArS* 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!

### ***ASPAN 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.