

Meet Your New ASPAN Board of Directors

Congratulations to our newly elected ASPAN Board of Directors 2010-2011:

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Bienvenu a lá Nouvelle Orleans!

Welcome to New Orleans for ASPAN's 29th National Conference! We are happy and honored to have you here in our fair city—a city that lingers on the threshold between the Old World and the New, between history and legend. We want you to “pass a good time” celebrating Good Friends... Good Food... Good Music... and a Great Conference.

We're Jazzed You're Here!

Opening Ceremonies Today

Keynote speaker, Bruce Wilkinson CSP, offers tips on reducing life stresses by “bringing balance and enjoyment back into our lives.”

President Theresa Clifford MSN RN CPAN opens ASPAN's 29th National Conference in the Grand Ballroom.

ABPANC Announces New Officers

Congratulations to these newly elected or reelected ABPANC Board of Directors: Betty McMullin, Tony Pridemore, and Alisa Shackelford. Also to Teresa Emmons, ABPANC's new Secretary-Treasurer and Gail Kuhlman who was elected ECC Chair-elect.

CPAN[®]/CAPA[®] DAY

Congratulations to the nearly 9,000 CPAN/CAPA certified nurses throughout the country. Monday's recognition begins with breakfast (doors open at 6:15 am) in the Mardi Gras Ballroom. This year's celebration speaker is Deb Gauldin RN, who is “better than caffeine and she is sure to tickle your funny bone as well as tug at your heart strings. Jump start the day feeling appreciated and celebrated for the important work you do and the amazing person that you are!”

At the breakfast, ABPANC's *Advocacy Award* will be presented to an outstanding CPAN and/or CAPA certified nurse.

Anyone interested in becoming a Certification Coach should consider attending the ABPANC lecture, “Coach the Coaches” Monday, 12:15 to 1:15 pm, Balconies I – J.

Exhibits Grand Opening

Join President Theresa Clifford at 5:30 pm in the Preservation Hall for the ribbon cutting for the Exhibit Grand opening. As you visit vendors, please thank them for their valued support of ASPAN and perianesthesia nursing.

Check out the Silent Auction—all bids benefit ASPAN Development. At the ASPAN and ABPANC booths, leaders can answer professional questions or provide CPAN/CAPA information.

Breakfast (7:00-9:00 am) and Lunch (12:00 pm-2:00 pm) cash concessions are available on Tuesday; breakfast only on Wednesday (7:00-9:00 am).

Practice Exam News

A new version of the CPAN/CAPA Practice exams will be available beginning July 1, 2010. The updated exams and the delivery method have been enhanced. Stop by the ABPANC booth in Preservation Hall to learn more or visit the ABPANC Web site www.cpancapa.org and click on the Certification tab.

Get Them While They're Hot

Come to the LAPAN Hospitality table by the registration desk to get your **Conference pin--** designed with a beautiful blend of New Orleans and ASPAN. For \$5.00 they are a lovely souvenir of this year's conference.

Hospitality hours are from 7:30 to 8:30 am and 12:00 to 2:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and on Thursday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Components Meet and Greet

MASPAN - all MASPAN members are invited to join the MASPAN BOD for a wine and cheese reception on Monday at 7:30 pm. Contact Ann Marie McLaughlin at the Marriott.

New York State Dinner planned for Monday, April 19 at 7 pm at Drago's in the Hilton on Poydras Street at the river. Call Marty Maresco at the Marriott Hotel.

NPANA Luncheon set for Tuesday, April 20 at Marriott 555 Restaurant (in hotel) at 12 noon. Please sign up at NPANA's Message Board.

Component Leadership Meetings

Region 1 component leaders and potential leaders--Join us to meet your colleagues from other components for a time to net-working and recognition.

Monday, 6-7:30 pm

Balcony J

Nancy O'Malley, Region 1 Director

Region 3 Component Leaders Meeting

Just a reminder to Region 3 Component Leaders to attend the Region 3 meeting on Monday from 1800 to 2000 Balcony I.

Region 4 Component Leadership Meeting

Region 4 component leaders will meet from 6-7:15 pm on Monday evening in Galerie 6. Contact Katrina Bickerstaff, Region 4 Director, for more information.

Say What?

Check out the glossary in your registration packet. It's a fun way to get an idea of the local lingo. *Merci* (Thanks) to the three LAPAN districts that sponsored the printing of the glossaries - Atchafalaya Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses, Midstate Association of Louisiana PeriAnesthesia Nurses and Southeast Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses.

Cajun Word for the Day:

How are you this morning?

Kom-on sa va C' matin?

Dream Walk for Development

Participants joined Dolly Ireland, Director for Development, for yesterday's walk along the river. Fresh air, beautiful views of the sunrise on the Mississippi!

ASPAN Shoppe til you Droppe

Something for everyone can be found in the ASPAN Shoppe without a "mailing fee." Whether shopping for yourself or friends, you will find something to enhance your practice, celebrate a coworker's success, or remember New Orleans.

The shop is open during National Conference:

8:00 am – 9 am

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Looking for More Contact Hours?

See what your peers have done to improve their practices and earn additional CEs.

Tonight, ***Celebrate Successful Practices Oral Presentations Part 1*** offers 1 contact hour, 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm. Part 2 Poster Grand Rounds is presented Tuesday morning, 7:00 am – 8:00 am in Galerie 1-3 for an additional 1 contact hour.

The Research Oral Presentations at 7:15 pm in Bissonet Room also offers 1 contact hour and current research supported by ASPAN. The Research Grand Rounds (1 contact hour) are Tuesday morning, Balconies L-N at 7:00 am.

Specialty Practice Groups Meet

Specialty Practice Groups (SPGs) meet today.

At 12:15 – 2:00 pm the ***Informatics SPG*** will hold their annual meeting in Galerie 5.

Perianesthesia Nurse Educator SPG presents Competency Assessment for members only at their 12:15 pm meeting in Galerie 6.

Have you checked the Bulletin Board?

The Bulletin Board is a quick way to get in touch with colleagues or find out what your component is planning.

Did you win at Component Night?

Winners of Component Night Raffles are posted by the Registration desk.