

Welcome to the ASPAN 29th National Conference!

The Perianesthesia Event of 2010!

Welcome to New Orleans and the 29th Annual ASPAN National Conference *Roots of Knowledge, Seeds of Transformation!* Some highlights of the upcoming conference:

- ***Sunday evening:*** kick off Conference at Component Night, a fun meet-and-greet time with a Mardi Gras focus this year
- The Exhibit Hall opens on ***Monday evening*** at 5 pm in Preservation Hall. Join the vendors to see the latest and greatest in technology and healthcare
- ***Monday-Thursday*** attend educational sessions with the potential to obtain contact hours in a variety of topics including current hot issues and the latest updates on evidence-based practices. Be sure to attend the *Research and Celebrate Successful Practices* posters and oral sessions
- ***Wednesday night*** join outgoing President Terry Clifford at the President's Reception as she celebrates the conclusion of a very successful year!
- Don't forget to have fun, tour the French Quarter and the Garden District, visit the RiverWalk and take part in the glorious dining experiences that make New Orleans the fabulous city it is!
- Keep balance in your life and enjoy your time at the ASPAN National Conference

Registration Now Open

The Registration Desk is now open in the Preservation Hall Foyer on the second floor from 7:30 am -7:30 pm. Please stop by to register and pick up your conference materials.

Remember: ASPAN no longer provides a syllabus at conference; all conference topics and speaker-provided materials are available online at www.aspan.org.

Seating in Educational Sessions

All sessions require an admission ticket. Check your registration materials carefully when you receive them. **Lost or forgotten tickets will not be replaced.**

Credentials Booth is Open

The Credentials Booth is open inside Salon D today between 7:30- 8:50 am. Be sure to stop by if you need to credential for the Representative Assembly.

Representative Assembly Meets Today

Speaking of the Representative Assembly (RA) today is the big day. ASPAN Directors and component representatives meet to decide the future path of ASPAN. At this exciting meeting, held from 9 am – 5 pm in Salon D, you are welcome to come and see ASPAN in action, as new officers are elected, the new Standards and Guidelines are approved, and the business of ASPAN is handled.

Silent Auction Items

Your donations to the auction can be left at the ASPAN Registration Desk. The auction starts Monday at 5 pm in the Exhibit Hall

ASPAN Development Dream Walk

The ASPAN Development Dream Walk kicked off this morning at 6:30 am. Didn't have a chance to participate? It is not too late to make a donation to ASPAN Development to help support ASPAN members with scholarships and grants. Look for details of more upcoming events hosted by ASPAN Development throughout the week. Remember ASPAN Development supports you!

Considering Certification?

ABPANC hosts a test-taking strategies session today from 10 am – 4:30 pm in Salon A-B.

12 Step Meetings

Monday –Tuesday–Wednesday 5:05 – 6:00 pm
Room to be announced. Look for a flyer on the bulletin board.

Component Presidents' Luncheon

ASPAN component presidents meet today at a luncheon in their honor at 12:00 pm in Galerie 5-6. ***Invitation Only.***

Host and Hostess Orientation

If you have volunteered to be a National Conference host or hostess, there will be an orientation session today from 4:00 – 5:00 pm in room Iberville.

Component Night

Welcome to ASPAN's National Conference kick-off event: come and join us for Mardi Gras in April! The Grand Ballroom will be transformed into a rollicking Mardi Gras celebration as components transform their tables into parade floats. Entertainment, competitions, fund-raising, food and cash bar. What more could you ask for? Oh right, friends and colleagues, a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new friends, we've got that too!

“Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!”

Region 1 Component Leadership Meeting

Region 1 component leaders and potential leaders: Join us to meet your colleagues from other components for a time to network and for recognition. Monday, 6-7:30 pm. Balcony J. Nancy O'Malley, Region 1 Director

Region 3 Component Leadership Meeting

Just a reminder for Region 3 component leaders to attend the Region 3 meeting on Monday from 1800 to 2000 in 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.

ABPANC Celebrates 25th Anniversary

ABPANC invites you to stop by our table during Component Night to join us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary! We will be serving cake and selling a 25th anniversary commemorative pin for \$5.00 each.

CPAN[®]/CAPA[®] Certification Exams

ABPANC applauds the over 1100 candidates who sat for the CPAN/CAPA certification exams this past year, given on computer at Prometric Testing Centers throughout the country. Stop by the ABPANC exhibit booth to learn more about Computer Based Testing and to see a demonstration of this test delivery method. Demonstrations will be given every 15 - 20 minutes during exhibit hours.

ABPANC Exhibit Booth

Stop by the ABPANC Exhibit Booth when it opens Monday to get your CPAN/CAPA ribbons, and to speak to members of the ABPANC Board and staff who are available to answer your questions about certification, how to recertify, how to become a Certification Coach and about the new online recertification application and file cabinet for storing your contact hours for recertification.

CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast

Tomorrow is the CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast being held in the Mardi Gras Ballroom. Doors open at 6:15 am. Don't forget to bring your admission ticket. Hope to see you there!

ASPAN Shoppe Opens at 1 o'clock Today

Back by popular demand is the daily drawing for merchandise; you do not have to be present to win, but you must visit the Shoppe again to redeem your prize.

In keeping with our 'Go Green' initiative, a reusable shopping bag with the ASPAN logo will be available. The bag is large enough to hold ASPAN publications, pins, mugs, or many of the small items – ideal gifts for coworkers unable to attend conference. Remember,

“Shop Early-Shop Often”

Located in Galerie 4

Not an ASPAN Member?

Take the ASPAN Passport Journey!

The ASPAN Membership/Marketing Committee invites **all non-member attendees** to participate in our ASPAN Passport Journey. When you complete the Journey, your name will be placed into a drawing for a one year ASPAN and component (state) membership! Tonight is Component Night (7:00 - 9:00 pm). Please join us for an evening of music, fun and friendship. Stop by the ASPAN Membership/Marketing Booth to pick up your passport and get it stamped. Visit our ASPAN Booth in the Exhibit Hall for your second stamp and be sure to spend time with our exhibitors. Our ASPAN Shoppe is where you will visit for your last stamp. Browse our many educational publications and perhaps find a gift or two for friends. Drop your completed passport at the ASPAN Shoppe. The drawing will be held at the Closing Ceremony on Thursday, April 22nd.