

***National PARTiCUIArS* Preconference Issue**

Welcome to the Windy City: Chicago, Illinois!

ASPAN is delighted that you registered for the 32nd National Conference! This year's conference theme is "Towering Opportunities-Endless Possibilities." Days filled with educational and fun events await you at ASPAN's host hotel, the historical Hilton Chicago. Enjoy walking or shopping along the Magnificent Mile or visit sights such as Lincoln Park Zoo, Shedd Aquarium. Enjoy extraordinary views from the Willis Tower or Hancock Observatory, or just enjoy a walk along Lake Michigan.

Read the ***National PARTiCUIArS*** every day for news and updated information about the day's conference activities. ***PARTiCUIArS*** will be available each morning at ASPAN's registration desk and at www.aspan.org.

First Timers' Orientation

Get the most from your conference experience! ASPAN's Regional Directors lead an overview of this 32nd National Conference and answer your questions about ASPAN and its components. We welcome every attendee! Choose your session:
Sunday, April 14 from 5:15 – 6:15 PM **or**
Monday, April 15 from 7:00 – 8:00 AM.

Host & Hostess Orientation

Attention conference hosts and hostesses! Receive your conference assignment and green apron. Attend one orientation session on:
Saturday, April 13 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM **or**
Sunday, April 14 from 4:00 – 5:00 PM.
Interested in serving as a host or hostess? Contact Linda Beagley: beagley@ameritech.net.

Conference is "Green"

No session handouts! No bulky printed syllabus! You will help the environment by saving paper and ink by downloading outlines *only* for the sessions for which you are registered. (Speakers may or may not choose to provide downloadable copies of their PowerPoint presentations.) **Materials will be available *online* from March 14 to June 1, 2013.** Your Conference [confirmation letter](#) provides the link to access syllabus material online.

Meet the Candidates

Candidates for positions on ASPAN's Board of Directors will be available to greet ASPAN members on **Saturday, April 13** from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. The room name will be located in the Conference pocket guide onsite.

Moderator Orientation

ASPAN volunteers serving as moderators for educational sessions..mark your calendars! **Saturday, April 13** from 4:15 – 5:15 PM is the *only* scheduled orientation session for moderators to learn details of this crucial Conference role.

Preconference Offerings

Two pre-conference offerings are available. On **Saturday, April 13** from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM Kim Litwack, PhD, RN, APNP, CPAN, CAPA, FAAN, will lecture on *Effective Perianesthesia Care*. This is an all day workshop covering pre-anesthesia assessment and management including the special needs of the elderly, pediatric, pregnant, obese and diabetic patient. On **Sunday, April 14** from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM Lois Schick, MN, MBA, RN, CPAN, CAPA will present ASPAN's *Perianesthesia Certification Review*. This session will cover key topics essential for preparing the perianesthesia nurse to take the CPAN and/or CAPA certification examinations. ***Preregistration*** with additional fee is required for each preconference offering.

Representative Assembly

ASPAN's 16th Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on **Sunday, April 14** from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The Representative Assembly, facilitated by President Susan Carter, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, will meet for formal hearings during the morning to discuss questions, issues and topics related to where ASPAN is today. The candidates for National Office will also be presented. The Formal Session of the RA begins in the afternoon. ASPAN members are encouraged to attend and observe your ASPAN leaders at work!

The ASPAN Shoppe: 2013

For your Conference shopping convenience, *The ASPAN Shoppe* opens daily, Sunday through Wednesday. Hours are posted at the Shoppe. Treat yourself, and the folks at home, to an ASPAN souvenir. Visit our Bargain Table for great buys. **Register for the daily drawing!**

Component Night:

"Get your Game On"

Chicagoans love sports whether it's baseball, basketball hockey, soccer or football. Dress in your favorite sport's jersey or just put on a cap. This party is guaranteed to be a swinging time of fun and a chance to catch up with old team mates (friends). So, begin *your* conference week **Sunday, April 14** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Eat, laugh, greet friends, win prizes at component raffles! *Cash bar.*

Speaker Development Presentations

Contact hours! No additional fee! Listen to presentations by "graduates" of the 2012 ASPAN Speaker Development Workshop. Support these brave and committed peers on **Monday at 7:15 PM, Tuesday at 12:30 PM** and **Wednesday at 12:30 PM**. Check pocket guide for locations. **Seating is limited and a ticket is required for admission.**

Reminder: Print Your Own Handouts

The Web site link to download syllabus content is in your ASPAN e-mailed **confirmation letter**.

Special Conference Events

ASPAN Development Dream Walk

Grab your sneakers! Stroll around the Hilton Chicago on **Sunday, April 14 at 6:30 AM** for the annual Dream Walk in support of ASPAN Development. *Check your pocket guide for the starting location.* Components compete for the largest number of registered walkers and the most money raised. Also, The "Dream Walker Award" is bestowed on the *individual walker* who raises the most money.

CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon

Honor yourself! Be recognized along with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses for a Celebration Luncheon on **Monday, April 15 at 12:15 PM**. Speaker Paul J. Friday, PhD, will present *Friday's Laws*, the eight fundamentals of normal, effective thinking. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

ASPAN Development Luncheon

This year's Development Luncheon features Maureen Iacono, BSN, RN, CPAN, will present *The Perianesthesia Story: One Nurse at a Time* on **Wednesday, April 17**. Support ASPAN with your component and individual donations to the *Hail, Honor, Salute!* campaign. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

ASPAN Community Service Project

Please support ASPAN's Community Service Project by donating blood on **Monday April 15** from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM in room Northwest 5.

President's Reception

Celebrate ASPAN's year of achievements with **President Susan Carter** and ASPAN leaders. All are invited to meet and congratulate Sue on **Tuesday, April 16** from 7:30 – 10:00 PM. Thanks to **Hill-Rom** for sponsoring this event!

Support ASPAN's Exhibitors

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the opening of the ASPAN Exhibit Hall on **Monday, April 15** at 5:00 PM. Visit exhibits on **Tuesday, April 16** from 7:00 - 9:00 AM, 12:00 - 2:00 PM and 5:00 - 6:30 PM. On **Wednesday, April 17**, hours are from 7:00 – 9:00 AM. **Please be sure to thank all of our fine ASPAN exhibitors for their support!**

Postconference Workshop

After Closing Ceremonies, more contact hours are available for you! Spend **Thursday afternoon, April 18** with Julie Golembiewski, PharmD, whose *Pharmacology Topics* range from medication reconciliation to polypharmacy. Session begins at 12:15 PM. **Preregistration with an additional fee is required.**

Internet Conference Updates

Colleagues can't attend National Conference? Co-workers and local members can stay connected by visiting the ASPAN Web site. **National ParticUIArS** will be posted daily at www.aspan.org.

