

Welcome to the ASPAN 32nd National Conference!

The Perianesthesia Event of 2013!

Welcome to Chicago and the 32nd Annual ASPAN National Conference. This year's conference is "Towering Opportunities-Endless Possibilities." Here are some highlights of the upcoming conference:

- **Sunday:** We hope you kicked off conference by joining us for the 18th annual Dream Walk. Stop by and watch the Representative Assembly to see ASPAN work through issues that affect your practice. End your day by attending Component Night. "Get Your Game On" and come dressed as a member of your favorite sports team.
- **Monday:** Be a part of the Opening ceremonies. Listen to keynote speaker Jeanne Robertson speak on using humor when working with people. The Exhibit Hall opens at 5:00 pm. Please meet our 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. Don't miss the *Research and Celebrate Successful Practices* posters and oral sessions.
- **Tuesday night:** Join outgoing President Susan Carter at the President's Reception as she celebrates the conclusion of a very successful year!
- Be sure to take time to enjoy Chicago, the Windy City. There are wonderful restaurants, shopping and much more along the Magnificent Mile.

Registration Now Open

The Registration Desk is now open in the 8th Street Foyer. ASPAN provides a syllabus at conference with your objectives listed. Conference outlines or handouts are available online at www.aspan.org.

Credentials Booth is Open

For anyone needing to credential for the Representative Assembly, the credentialing booth is open outside Continental Ballroom.

Representative Assembly Meets Today

At this exciting meeting, ASPAN leaders and component representatives meet to decide the future path of ASPAN. Held from 9 am – 5:45 pm in Continental Ballroom B-C, you are welcome to come and see ASPAN in action as the business of ASPAN is conducted. Experience how your ASPAN Board is elected!

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.**

Silent Auction Items

Your donations to the auction can be left at the ASPAN Registration Desk. The auction starts Monday at 5:00 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!

12 Step Meeting

12 Step Meeting will be held Monday and Tuesday meeting room PDR #7 from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Component Presidents' Luncheon

ASPAN component presidents and vice-presidents meet today for a luncheon in their honor at 12 pm in Continental Ballroom A. **By 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 PDR #1.

Component Night

We've got it all: entertainment, competitions, fund-raising, food, cash bar, friends and colleagues! Don't miss your first chance to catch up with old friends and meet new friends.

CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon

Tired of getting up really early? Tomorrow is the first CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon. The luncheon will be held in the Continental Ballroom from 12:15 to 2:15 pm. Doors open at 12:15 pm. Don't forget to bring your admission ticket. Check at the ASPAN Registration desk to see if tickets are available. You must be a CPAN® and/or CAPA® certified nurse to attend.

CPAN®/CAPA® Certification Exams

ABPANC applauds the over 1000 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.

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 online recertification application and electronic file cabinet for storing your contact hours for recertification.

ASPAN Shoppe Opens Today

The Chicago ASPAN Shoppe will be open on Sunday April 14, 2013 from 1 pm until 5 pm. At the Shoppe, you can purchase ASPAN publications and avoid paying shipping charges. There will be many ASPAN logo items to purchase for colleagues, family members and yourself. Look for our new lunch bags in three exciting colors, carry case for flash drives and Don't forget to pick up one of our new mock turtlenecks with the new ASPAN logo. You just might need it to keep you warm in the Windy City. Each time you visit the Shoppe and make a purchase, remember to enter our daily drawing for some great ASPAN items.

You must visit the Shoppe again to redeem your prize. Hours for the ASPAN Shoppe will be posted outside of the Shoppe.

Don't forget your reusable shopping bag with the new ASPAN logo. The bag is large enough to hold ASPAN publications, pins, mugs or many of the small items that make ideal gifts for coworkers unable to attend conference. ***Located in PDR #2. Check your pocket guide for hours.***

ABPANC - We're looking forward to ASPAN's National Conference in Chicago and hope you are too. We will be conducting a Focus Group Research session on Sunday afternoon, April 14, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the Hilton Chicago and invite you to be part of this select group if you are able. This will be a roundtable discussion with approximately 15 CPAN and/or CAPA certified nurses, and an independent moderator, discussing ways we can improve the value of your certification credentials. This is meant to be an informal discussion that will help ABPANC (American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification) shape its CPAN and CAPA certification programs in the future. Your one hour of input will be very valuable and we will give you a \$50 gift card to use anywhere you want for your participation. There is no preparation required. Please call Jeff Kenyon, Research Moderator, at 440-821-8001 if you are able to participate in this important research project – seating is limited and confirmation is required.

Subject: CPAN and CAPA Certification

Where: Hilton Chicago – PDR #3

When: Sunday, April 14, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

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Iowa Conference Attendees are invited to gather on Wednesday 4/17 at 5:00 pm in the Hilton lobby to go out together as a group. Please contact Cathy Tigges for more information.

ASPAN Community Service Project

Please support ASPAN Community project by giving blood on Monday, April 15th from 11 am to 3:30 pm in Northwest 5.