

***National PartICUIArS* Preconference Issue**

Welcome to the Entertainment Capital of the World: Las Vegas, Nevada!

ASPAN is delighted that you registered for the 33rd National Conference! This year's conference theme is ***"Dealing with Challenges: Winning with Power, Practice, Purpose."*** Days filled with educational and fun events await you at ASPAN's host hotel, The Las Vegas Hotel and Casino. Enjoy shopping, nightlife, unique entertainment and gaming along the strip. If history is your interest then check out the museums, planetarium, zoo and circus acts. Is nature your passion? Then Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon or the Valley of Fire State Park are a must in your schedule. Activities are available for all. 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 33rd National Conference and answer your questions about ASPAN and its components. We welcome every attendee! Choose your session:
Sunday, April 27 from 5:15 – 6:15 PM **or** **Monday, April 28** from 7:00 – 8:00 AM.

Host / Hostess Orientation

Attention conference hosts and hostesses! To receive your conference assignment and green apron, attend one orientation session on:
Saturday, April 26 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM **or** **Sunday, April 27** from 4:00 – 5:00 PM.
Interested in serving as a host or hostess? Contact Lori Silva, notgoquietly@clearwire.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 April 18 to June 1, 2014.** 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 26** 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 session - mark your calendars! **Saturday, April 26** 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 26**, from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Linda Callahan, CRNA, PhD, PMHNP-BC, will lecture on *Assessing and Managing Challenges in the PACU*. These workshop-covering topics include review of newer psychotropic drugs and polypharmacy in the elderly. Other topics include delirium, anaphylaxis, pulmonary emboli and care of the pregnant patient after non-obstetric surgery.

On **Sunday, April 27**, from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM, Linda Ziolkowski, MSN, RN, CPAN, 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 17th Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on **Sunday, April 27** from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The Representative Assembly, facilitated by President Twilla Shrout, BSN, MBA, 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 offices will also make their presentations during the morning session. The Formal Session of the RA begins in the afternoon. ASPAN members are encouraged to attend and observe your ASPAN leaders and organization at work!

The ASPAN Shoppe: 2014

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: ***"Viva Las Vegas!"***

Take an exciting trip down memory lane. Celebrate Las Vegas history. Dress in your Hollywood glamour or favorite headliner. So, begin *your* conference week **Sunday, April 27** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Eat, laugh, greet friends, win prizes at component raffles! *Cash bar.*

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 Dream Walk: Treasure Quest

Help Support ASPAN by Participating in the Annual Dream Walk: Treasure Quest. As the name suggests, we've added a twist to this year's event- a treasure hunt. Team up with two or three of your colleagues on Sunday, April 27 and solve clues that lead to the finish, where secret treasure awaits!

CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon

Honor yourself! Be recognized along with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses for a Celebration Luncheon on **Monday, April 28 at 12:15 PM**. Speaker Billy Riggs, MRE, MDiv, will present *Keeping Life in Balance Can Be a Real Trick!* **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

ASPAN Development:

NEW This Year -- Reception Poolside

This lovely evening reception will be the year's premier fundraising event, and we've selected a program and venue that are perfect for the occasion. We hope you'll be able to join us Monday, April 28, for a fun, memorable night in support of ASPAN. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

President's Reception

Celebrate ASPAN's year of achievements with **President Twilla Shrou** and ASPAN leaders. All are invited to meet and congratulate Twilla on **Tuesday, April 28** 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 28** at 5:00 PM. You can also visit exhibitors on **Tuesday, April 29** (from 7:00 - 9:00 AM, 12:00 - 2:00 PM and 5:00 - 6:30 PM) and on **Wednesday, April 30**, from 7:00 – 9:00 AM. **Please be sure to thank all of our fine ASPAN exhibitors for their support!**

ASPAN Community Service Project

The Veteran's Village Las Vegas has been chosen as a community project fundraiser. This organization provides transitional housing, education, counseling and more to the veteran in need. Please consider a monetary donation to the Veteran's Village representatives who will be onsite during the conference providing you with more information about their charitable organization. Visit their Web site for information: <http://veteransvillagelasvegas.org/mission/>.

Postconference Workshop

After Closing Ceremonies, more contact hours are available for you! Spend **Thursday afternoon, May 1**, with Michelle Herman, MD, as she presents *Cardiovascular Concerns in the Perioperative Setting*. 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.

12 Step Meeting

12 Step Meeting will be held Monday and Tuesday from 5:05 pm-6:00 pm. Room assignment TBD onsite.