

## ***National PartICUIArS* Preconference Issue**

### **Welcome to the ASPAN National Conference in the Hill Country in San Antonio, Texas**

ASPAN is delighted that you registered for the 34<sup>th</sup> National Conference! This year's conference theme is "***Igniting Professionalism: Excellence in Practice, Leadership and Collaboration.***" Days filled with educational and fun events await you at ASPAN's host hotel, The Grand Hyatt San Antonio, right next to the famous San Antonio River Walk.

San Antonio is located in The Hill Country of Texas. It is a painted landscape of green grass, bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes, and other colorful wildflowers. Enjoy shopping, nightlife, great restaurants, and entertainment along the River Walk. The choice of dining establishments is mind boggling, whether you like Mexican food, barbeque, steaks, seafood, casual or fine dining. There are many venues for fun and entertainment in the city, as well as outside the city. The Alamo, San Antonio Botanical Garden, SeaWorld San Antonio, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, and the River Walk are just a few of the sites to consider for a visit while you are here. There are also multiple golf courses for those who like to be on the "greens." The weather is ideal in San Antonio for just about any activity.

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](http://www.aspan.org).

### **Host / Hostess Orientation**

Attention conference hosts and hostesses! To receive your conference assignment and green apron, attend one orientation session on:

**Saturday, April 25** from 3:00 – 4:00 PM **or**  
**Sunday, April 26** from 4:00 – 5:00 PM.

Check your pocket guide onsite for room location. Interested in serving as a host or hostess? Contact Linda Allyn at 512-217-9918 or [lallyn3@gmail.com](mailto:lallyn3@gmail.com). We can't wait to see you in San Antonio!

### **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 20 through June 7, 2015.** 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 25** from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. The room name will be located in the conference pocket guide onsite.

### **Moderator Orientation**

ASPAN members serving as moderators for educational sessions - mark your calendars! **Saturday, April 25** 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 25**, from 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM, Chris Pasero, MS, RN-BC, FAAN, will lecture on *Pain Assessment and Management in the Perianesthesia Setting*. The class will look at producing positive patient outcomes through evidence based assessment and management of pain in the perianesthesia patient.

On **Sunday, April 26**, from 8:00 AM to 4:55 PM, Denise O'Brien, DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, CPAN, CAPA, FAAN, 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 18<sup>th</sup> Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on **Sunday, April 26** from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The Representative Assembly, facilitated by President Jacque Crosson, MSN, RN, CPAN, 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: 2015**

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!**

### **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 Grand Hyatt San Antonio **Sunday, April 26 at 6:30 AM** for the annual Dream Walk: Treasure Quest. Team up with two or three of your colleagues to solve clues that lead to the finish, where a secret treasure awaits. Funds raised during the walk support the activities of ASPAN Development.

### **Component Night: "Boogie Back to Texas!"**

Celebrate Texas history, its people and events. Come dressed as one of its famous and/or infamous characters, from movie stars, outlaws and robbers, music, dance, sports stars, or politicians. Learn to dance like a Texan! Greet old friends and make new ones! Begin your conference week **Sunday, April 26** from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Eat, laugh, greet friends, win prizes at component raffles! *Cash bar*.

### **CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon**

Honor yourself! Be recognized along with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses at a Celebration Luncheon on **Monday, April 27** at 12:15 PM. Speaker Mark Mayfield, CSP, CPAE, will present *Momma Told Me There'd Be Days Like This!* **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

### **ASPAN Development Reception**

This event takes place in the one-of-a-kind Lonesome Dove room of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The evening will include food, music, giveaways, and program, including the *Hail, Honor, Salute!* campaign. Plan on attending **Monday, April 27** at 7:30 p.m. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

### **President's Reception**

Celebrate ASPAN's year of achievements with **President Jacque Crosson** and ASPAN leaders. All conference attendees are invited to meet and congratulate Jacque on **Tuesday, April 28** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Come dressed in your favorite party attire.

### **Support ASPAN's Exhibitors**

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the opening of the ASPAN Exhibit Hall on **Monday, April 27** at 5:00 PM. Visit exhibits on **Tuesday, April 28** from 7:00 - 9:00 AM, 12:00 - 2:00 PM and 5:00 - 6:30 PM. On **Wednesday, April 29**, 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 30**, with Brenda Jahnke, MSN, RN, CNS, as she presents *Women and Anesthesia: The Relationship of Risk Factors to Postanesthesia Complications*. 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](http://www.aspan.org).

### **News Items for National PartiCUIArS**

While at conference, please submit news items to [bgodden@aspan.org](mailto:bgodden@aspan.org). Items must be submitted by 12:00 noon to be included in the next day's newsletter.