

***National PARTiCUIArS* 2016 Preconference Issue**

Welcome to ASPAN's 35th National Conference . . . Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection!

ASPAN is delighted that you registered for its 35th National Conference! This year's conference theme is ***Renew Perianesthesia Passion: Inspire Excellence***. Days filled with educational and fun events await you at ASPAN's host hotel, the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, close to many of the city's famous attractions.

Historic Sites

Philadelphia, founded in 1682 by William Penn, has a rich history. Your inner tourist will enjoy wandering historic neighborhoods and cobblestone streets, viewing our nation's history up close: Independence National Historical Park, the Liberty Bell, Old City and Society Hill. A short distance away is Valley Forge. You may be inspired to make an additional trip – travel to New York City (1.5 hours), Baltimore/Washington DC (2 hours) or Boston (5 hours).

Relaxation, Shopping, Entertainment

A wide variety of venues offer relaxation, shopping and entertainment: Chinatown, Love Park, the Philadelphia Zoo, Longwood Gardens, the Philadelphia Museum of Art (the iconic *Rocky* steps) and the Franklin Institute. The Reading Terminal Market is within walking distance, with more than 80 merchants. You may be tempted to try many of Philly's culinary treats – from Amish delights, a Philly cheesesteak, a roast pork sandwich, scrapple to fried pickles! Nearby, fine cuisine establishments to historic taverns will satisfy every palate. Sports, theater and music events may round out your itinerary.

Stay Connected

Philadelphia, the fourth most walkable city in the United States, has much to offer. Use discoverPHL.mobi on your mobile device or check www.discoverPHL.com for nearby events, attractions and deals. Yo! Come on over to Philly – check it out!

National PARTiCUIArS

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

Host/Hostess Orientation

Attention conference hosts and hostesses! To receive your conference assignment and green apron, attend one orientation session in room 404 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown on:

- **Saturday, April 9** from 3:00 – 4:00 PM **or**
- **Sunday, April 10** from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Are you interested in serving as a host or hostess? Contact Ursula Mellinger at ursmellinger@gmail.com or 724-612-4846. We can't wait to see you in Philadelphia!

Moderator Orientation

ASPAN volunteers serving as moderators for educational sessions - mark your calendars! **Saturday, April 9** from 4:15 – 5:15 PM in room 404 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown is the ***only*** scheduled orientation session for moderators to learn details of this crucial conference role.

Meet the Candidates

Candidates for positions on ASPAN's Board of Directors will be available to greet ASPAN members on **Saturday, April 9** from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in Salon C at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

Preconference Offerings

Two pre-conference offerings are available:

On **Saturday, April 9**, from 8:00 AM to 5:45 PM, Maureen McLaughlin, MS, RN, CPAN, CAPA, will lecture on *Perianesthesia Fundamentals*. The class will provide the novice and experienced perianesthesia nurse an in-depth look at perianesthesia nursing care and standards.

On **Sunday, April 10**, from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM, Kim Kraft, MSN, 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 an additional fee is required for each preconference offering.

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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 to ASPAN.) **Materials will be available on the ASPAN Web site beginning April 1, 2016 through June 1, 2016.** Your conference confirmation letter provides the link to access syllabus material online and print your handouts.

Representative Assembly

ASPAN's 19th Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on **Sunday, April 10** from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The Representative Assembly, facilitated by President Armi Holcomb, BSN, RN, CPAN, will meet for informal hearings during the morning to discuss questions, issues and topics related to where ASPAN is today. The candidates for national offices will make their presentations from 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM. 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: 2016

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!**

First Timers Orientation

Get all you can out of this experience! Attend one of the following:

- **Sunday, April 10** from 5:30 – 6:30 PM **or**
- **Monday, April 11** from 7:00 – 8:00 AM

Check conference pocket guide for room location.

Special Conference Events

ASPAN Development Dream Walk

Grab your sneakers! Participate in the annual walk to raise funds for the activities of ASPAN Development. This year's walk will take you from the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown to the iconic steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum. There, you will meet the famous *Rocky* statue. The event takes place on **Sunday, April 10, 2016, at 6:30 AM** in the lobby.

Component Night:

Love Philly . . . and Philly Will Love You Back!

Share the Philly love! Come dressed as a famous Philly personality, or share what you love about Philly music, dance, politics, theater, movie stars, sport stars or

food. Celebrate the home of *American Bandstand* and Dick Clark. Have a photo op with Ben Franklin or Rocky. Greet old friends and make new ones! Begin your conference week **Sunday, April 10** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Eat, laugh, spend time with friends old and new, visit the component booths and win prizes at the many 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 11** at 12:15 PM. Speaker Kelly Swanson will present *Who Hijacked My Fairytale – Hanging On To Humor When Life Doesn't Go The Way You Planned.* **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

ASPAN Development Reception

This annual event will, once again, be a lovely evening to celebrate and raise funds for ASPAN Development activities. The evening will include food, music, giveaways, and the program, including the *Hail, Honor, Salute!* campaign. Plan on attending **Monday, April 11** at 7:30 PM. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

Support ASPAN's Exhibitors

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the opening of the ASPAN Exhibit Hall on **Monday, April 11** at 5:00 PM. Visit exhibits on **Tuesday, April 12** from 7:00 - 9:30 AM, 12:00 - 2:00 PM and 4:00 - 6:30 PM. On **Wednesday, April 13**, hours are from 7:00 – 10:00 AM. **Please be sure to thank all of our fine ASPAN exhibitors for their support!**

President's Reception: Wednesday Night!

All conference participants are invited to celebrate ASPAN's year of achievements with **President Armi Holcomb** and ASPAN leaders. This event is once again being held on the final night of conference. Come dressed in your favorite party attire on **Wednesday, April 13**, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

Postconference Workshop

After Closing Ceremonies, more contact hours are available for you! Spend **Thursday afternoon, April 14**, with Nancy Strzyzewski, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, as she presents *Perianesthesia Essentials III*. Session begins at 12:00 PM. **Preregistration with an additional fee is required.**

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News Items for National PARTiCUIArS

While at conference, please bring news items to the marked box at the ASPAN Registration Desk. You may also e-mail news items to bgodden@aspan.org. **Items must be submitted by 11:00 am to be included in the next day's newsletter.**

