

Welcome to the 35th ASPAN National Conference!

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.

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!

Download Free National Conference App

Keep track of your sessions, personalize your schedule, reach colleagues, and receive important conference updates by downloading the National Conference app. Simply go to [www.eventmobi.com/aspan2016](#) while on the computer, smart phone, or tablet you will be using at conference and download the app.

PAPAN Hospitality Table

Check out the PAPAN hospitality table for local and regional maps and a binder listing restaurants near the conference site. Ben Franklin will be available all week for a photo op. Additional LOVE note papers will also be available for you to share the LOVE.

Check out [www.visitphilly.com](#) for more information while in Philly.

The Philly conference pin will be on sale throughout the week. The cost is \$5.00. PAPAN will donate \$1.00 from each sale to a food bank, PHILABUNDANCE. Pay the LOVE forward to those less fortunate.

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:

- **Sunday, April 10** from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Anyone wishing to volunteer as a host/hostess may still do so. One or two hosts/hostesses are still needed at sessions:

- 006: 12:30 pm on Monday
- 501: 9:00 am on Tuesday
- 604: 3:45 pm Tuesday
- 105: 9:00 am Wednesday
- 207: 2:15 pm on Wednesday

If you are able and willing to volunteer, please sign up on the *Willing to Volunteer* form at the Hostess desk or contact Ursula Mellinger, Hostess Volunteer Coordinator at 724-612-4846.

Registration Now Open

The Registration Desk is now open in the pre-function area on the 5th floor across from the Salons. ASPAN provides a syllabus at conference with the session objectives listed. Conference outlines or handouts are available online at [www.aspan.org](#).

First Timers Orientation

Is this your first time attending National Conference? Attend an orientation to get the most out of your experience at conference.

- Sunday, April 10: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Monday, April 11: 7:00 am - 8:00 am

Check your pocket guide for location.

Credentials Booth is Open

For anyone needing to credential for the Representative Assembly, the credentialing booth is open Sunday 7:30 am – 8:50 am outside the Liberty Ballroom.

Representative Assembly Meets Today

Come listen to candidate presentations and hear issues being brought up for discussion and voting by ASPAN leaders and component representatives. Stop by to see and listen to

what is happening with the future of ASPAN. The Representative Assembly is held from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm in the Liberty Ballroom.

Fun Fact: Did you know that the first meeting of the revised ASPAN National Conference Representative Assembly met 18 years ago in Philadelphia on April 21, 1998?

Some Events Not to Miss:

Sunday:

Dream Walk

Kick off the conference by joining in for the 21st annual ASPAN *Dream Walk*. Raise money for the ASPAN Scholarship programs. Meet in the Marriott Hotel Lobby at 6:30 am.

Component Night: Share the LOVE

End your day with Component Night. The theme is *Love Philly and Philly Will Love You Back!* Share the LOVE with your peers. This is a great way to start the conference. There will be entertainment, competitions, food, cash bar, friends and colleagues! Don't miss your first chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Festivities start at 7:00 pm in Salon A-E at the Marriott.

PAPAN, the host component table, will have LOVE notes to share what you LOVE! To paraphrase that old song: *What the world needs now is LOVE, LOVE, LOVE!*

MAPAN will have a donation box at its table at component night for anyone who would want to contribute to the Flint Water Crisis in Michigan.

Monday:

Come to the **Opening Ceremonies**. Listen to keynote speaker Rich Bluni, RN, speak about the "Inspired Nurse." Opening session will be held in Salon A-F at the Marriott.

The **Exhibit Hall** opens at 5:00 pm in the Franklin Hall at the Marriott. Meet the vendors to see the latest and greatest in technology and healthcare, and thank them for their support of ASPAN.

Monday-Thursday: Attend **educational sessions**, with the potential to obtain many contact hours in a variety of topics.

Don't miss the *Research* and *Celebrate Successful Practices* posters in the Exhibit hall.

Monday Night: The ASPAN **Development Celebration** is an evening event, taking place at 7:30 pm in the Liberty Ballroom at the

Marriott. The evening will include food, music, giveaways, and program, including the *Hail, Honor, Salute!* Campaign! Ticket required.

Wednesday Night: Join outgoing President Armi Holcomb at the **President's Reception**, as she celebrates the conclusion to a very successful year! The reception will start at 7:00 pm in Salon A-F.

Take Time for Yourself!

Be sure to enjoy all the sights, sounds and culinary treats of Philadelphia. There are wonderful restaurants, shopping, and many other places to sightsee and explore.

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 Shoppe

For your conference shopping convenience, *The ASPAN Shoppe* is open daily, Sunday through Wednesday in Room 405. Hours are posted at the Shoppe. Treat yourself, and the folks at home, to an ASPAN souvenir or ASPAN's educational materials. Visit the Bargain Table for great buys. **Register for the daily drawing!**

CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon

Tomorrow is the CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon in the Salon H-J from 12:15 pm to 2:15 pm. Doors open at 12:15 pm.

Specialty Practice Group (SPG) Meetings

PreOp Assessment SPG

Monday, April 11 from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

We will do some networking and review the questionnaires for PreOp Surveys to send out to the membership. SPG members do not need to sign up and there is no ticket 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.**