

***National PartICUIArS* 2017 Preconference Issue**

Welcome to ASPAN's 36th National Conference . . . Indianapolis..... the Circle City!

ASPAN is delighted that you registered for its 36th National Conference! This year's conference theme is ***Energizing Generations: The Race to Distinction!*** Days filled with educational and fun events await you at ASPAN's host hotel, the JW Marriott Indianapolis, within walking distance to many of the city's shopping areas, restaurants and outdoor activities.

Relaxation, Shopping, Entertainment

There are lots of things to see and do in Indianapolis. Check out www.visitindy.com to plan your activities once in Indianapolis. Some popular attractions to visit include:

- Benjamin Harrison House
- Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
- Indiana Repertory Theatre
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Museum
- Indianapolis Museum of Art
- Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library
- Mass Ave. Arts and Shopping District
- Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Monument Circle
- St. Elmo's Steakhouse
- White River State Park and Gardens
- Indianapolis Zoo, Aquarium, and Botanical Gardens
- Central Canal, a block away from the JW Marriott

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 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis on:

- **Saturday, April 29** from 3:00 – 4:00 PM **or**
- **Sunday, April 30** from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

If you wish to volunteer while at the National Conference, you can still become a **Host/Hostess**. Contact Grace Walke at 317-626-4598 or gleonne@comcast.net. Active category and Retired category members may serve and receive a small compensation.

Session Moderator Orientation

If you are interested in becoming a **Session Moderator**, contact Laura Kling at 412-610-4162 or lakrnsn@comcast.net. This is a great way to participate and let others get to know who you are and meet ASPAN's speakers.

Orientation for ASPAN volunteers serving as moderators will be **Saturday, April 29** from 4:15 – 5:15 PM at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. This 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 29** from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in JW 4 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

Preconference Offerings

Two preconference offerings are available:

On **Saturday, April 29**, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Maureen McLaughlin, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CPAN, CAPA, will lecture on *While You Were Sleeping: Essentials of Perianesthesia Nursing*. The class will provide the novice and experienced perianesthesia nurse an in-depth review of all things anesthesia and perianesthesia related.

On **Sunday, April 30**, from 8:00 AM to 4:55 PM, Nancy Strzyzewski, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, will present *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"

You can help the environment by downloading outlines *only* for the sessions for which you are registered.

Materials will be available on the ASPAN Web site beginning April 24, 2017 through June 1, 2017. Your conference confirmation letter provides the link to access syllabus material online and print your handouts. (Speakers may or may not choose to provide downloadable copies of their PowerPoint presentations to ASPAN.)

Representative Assembly

ASPAN's 20th Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on **Sunday, April 30** from 9:00 AM until 5:30 PM. The Representative Assembly, facilitated by President Katrina Bickerstaff, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, 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 RA will meet in JW 7-10 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

The ASPAN Shoppe: 2017

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 30** from 5:15 – 6:15 PM or
- **Monday, May 1** 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. Enjoy an early morning walk that originates from the hotel and takes you past a variety of local downtown attractions. **Sunday, April 30, beginning at 6:30 AM in the JW Marriott Lobby.**

Component Night:

From Hoops to Hotrods!

Component night is an evening of fun to share with all the components. Come dressed as your favorite NCAA sports team, player, or racecar driver. Compete at the hoops! Have your picture taken by the INDY car.

Hoosier hospitality is abundant! Greet old friends and make new ones! Begin your conference week **Sunday, April 30** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Eat, laugh, and have fun with your nursing colleagues! Cash bar. In JW 5-6.

CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon

Honor yourself! Be recognized along with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses at a Celebration Luncheon on **Monday, May 1** at 12:15 PM. Speaker David Glickman, CSP, will present *Funny is the New Serious: Changing Your Perspective to Produce Powerful Results*. White River F-J. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

Support ASPAN's Exhibitors

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the opening of the ASPAN Exhibit Hall on **Monday, May 1** at 5:00 PM. Visit exhibits on **Tuesday, May 2** from 7:00 - 9:30 AM, 12:00 - 2:00 PM and 4:00 - 6:30 PM. On **Wednesday, May 3**, hours are from 7:00 – 9:00 AM. Griffin Hall 201-205. **Please be sure to thank all of our fine ASPAN exhibitors for their support!**

ASPAN Development Breakfast

Begin Wednesday morning by supporting ASPAN, earning .75 contact hour, honoring your friends and colleagues, and enjoying a traditional American breakfast. **Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 – 8:30 AM.**

We are pleased to have ASPAN Past President Susan Shelander as our guest speaker at the Development Breakfast. Come, get inspired! JW 3-4.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

President's Reception Wednesday Night!

All conference participants are invited to celebrate ASPAN's year of achievements with **President Katrina Bickerstaff** and ASPAN leaders. Come dressed in your favorite party attire on **Wednesday, May 3**, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. JW 5-6.

Postconference Workshop

After Closing Ceremonies, more contact hours are available for you! Spend **Thursday afternoon, May 4**, with Kim Kraft, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, as she presents *Foundations of Pediatric Perianesthesia Care*. Session begins at 12:00 PM. **Preregistration with an additional fee is required.**

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Rooms may change. Please check Pocket Guide once at conference for activity locations.

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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 email news items to bgodden@aspan.org. **Items must be submitted by 11:00 AM to be included in the next day's newsletter.**