

Welcome to the 36th ASPAN National Conference!

Welcome to ASPAN's 36th National Conference . . . Indianapolis, 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. Visit the personalized conference Web site at <https://www.visitindy.com/aspan17> 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

Download the 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.

You can download the app by visiting the App Store on your mobile device, typing in "ASPAN 2017" and then downloading. You can also access the app at <https://www.eventmobi.com/aspan17> while on the laptop, smart phone, or tablet you will be using at conference and download the app.

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.

INSPAN Hospitality Table

Check out the INSPAN hospitality table for local and regional maps and guides to restaurants and attractions.

Host/Hostess Orientation

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

- Sunday, April 30 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Check your pocket guide for room location.

Registration Now Open

The Registration Desk is now open on the third floor of the JW Marriott. 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 30 from 5:15 - 6:15 pm
- Monday, May 1 from 7:00 - 8:00 am

Check your pocket guide for room location.

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.

Credentialing Desk is Open

For anyone needing to credential for the Representative Assembly, the credentialing booth is open Sunday 7:30 – 8:50 am outside JW 7-10.

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. ASPAN members are encouraged to attend and observe your ASPAN leaders and organization at work! The RA will meet in JW 7-10 starting at 9:00 am.

Some Events Not to Miss:

Sunday:

Dream Walk

Kick off the conference by joining in for the 22nd annual ASPAN *Dream Walk*. Raise money for the ASPAN Scholarship programs. Registration is at 6:30 am in the Starbucks® lobby on the second floor of the JW Marriott.

Component Night:

"From Hoops to Hotrods"

End your day with Component Night. Meet people from other components at this fun and casual event. Come dressed as your favorite NCAA sports player, racecar driver, or come in your own casuals! Get your picture taken by the INDY car!

Hoosier hospitality is abundant! 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.

Monday:

Come to the **Opening Ceremonies**. Listen to keynote speaker Marcus Engel speak about "The Other End of the Stethoscope." JW 5-6.

The **Exhibit Hall** opens at 5:00 pm in Griffin Hall 201-205. Meet the vendors to see the latest and greatest in technology and healthcare.

Please be sure to thank all of our fine ASPAN exhibitors for their support!

Committee and SWT Meetings

If you have been selected for a committee or SWT for 2017-2018, these groups will be meeting from 7:00-8:00 am in White River F-J, accessed from Level 2 by Starbucks®.

CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon

Monday is the CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon in White River F-J from 12:15 - 2:15

pm. Doors open at 12:15 pm. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

Monday-Thursday: Attend **educational sessions** on a variety of topics.

Visit the ***Research and Celebrate Successful Practices*** posters in the Exhibit Hall.

Wednesday Morning: A limited number of tickets are still available for the **Development Breakfast** taking place from 6:30-8:30 am in the JW 3-4. ASPAN Past President Susan Shelander, RN, will speak on "Nurses – A Difference that Matters." The event will include food, music, and a program, including the *Hail, Honor, Salute!* campaign! ***Tickets must be purchased in advance.***

Wednesday Evening: Please join outgoing President Katrina Bickerstaff at the **President's Reception**, as she celebrates the conclusion to a very successful year! The reception will start at 7:00 pm in JW 5-6. All attendees are invited!

Take Time for Yourself!

Be sure to enjoy all the sights, sounds and culinary treats of Indianapolis. There are wonderful restaurants, shopping, and many other places to sightsee and explore. Don't miss an opportunity to visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Museum!

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.**

ASPAN Shoppe

For your conference shopping convenience, *The ASPAN Shoppe* is open daily, Sunday through Wednesday, in Room 313. Hours posted at the Shoppe. Treat yourself, and the folks at home, to an ASPAN souvenir or ASPAN's educational materials. ***Register for the daily drawing!***

Membership/Marketing

Informational meeting Tuesday, May 2, 7:30-8:45 am in JW 305. Component leaders welcome! Questions? Text Rose Durning 937-361-7488.

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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.**