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Welcome to ASPAN's 43rd National Conference!

ASpan is delighted you registered for its 43rd National Conference at the beautiful Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida. This year's theme is ***Fulfilling the Dream with Foresight Vision: A World of Belonging, Innovation, and Solutions***. Multitudes of educational sessions, fun events, and networking opportunities await!

Enjoy Some Free Time While In Orlando!

The Orlando World Center Marriott is a tourist destination in itself. However, if you choose to venture off the property, it is close to many of Orlando's tourist spots. Visit the National Conference Hospitality Desk for great ideas for your off-site plans. You can also visit these websites for information on the many visitor opportunities in Orlando and the surrounding area.

1. Orlando, Florida. Accessed February 18, 2024.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orlando,_Florida
2. Orlando World Center Marriott. Accessed February 18, 2024.
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/mcowc-orlando-world-center-marriott/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>
3. Visit Orlando. Accessed February 18, 2024. www.visitorlando.com
4. Visit Florida. Things to do in Florida. Accessed February 18, 2024.
https://www.visitflorida.com/things-to-do/?cid=PS_M8_GPS_&gad_source=1&gclid=ds

➔ Please check your pocket guide onsite for final meeting room assignments ←

Preconference Education

Sunday, April 14: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm: Lynnae Elliotte, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, CPAN, Deborah Moengen, BSN, RN, CPAN, and Clint Morris, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, will present the ***Perianesthesia Leadership Academy***. This program will provide transformational leadership information and materials to perianesthesia nurse leaders, including those clinical nurse leaders at the bedside. **Preregistration with an additional fee is required.**

First Timers Orientation

Sunday, April 14: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm

Monday, April 15: 7:15 am – 8:15 am (Repeat)

Representative Assembly

Sunday, April 14: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm: The Representative Assembly (RA), facilitated by President Alphonzo Baker, Sr., DNP, RN, 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 office will also make their presentations. The RA formal session will be held in the afternoon to conduct ASPAN business and determine ASPAN's future. All conference attendees are welcome. Watch your organization at work!

Conference Handouts

Outlines are available for downloading from the ASPAN website beginning April 8, 2024, through July 9, 2024. Attendees will have the ability to print all handouts, or only the sessions of interest to them, or save them to their devices. Be sure to sign in to the ASPAN website to access. Please note: it is the individual speaker's decision whether to allow ASPAN to post their PowerPoint presentation on ASPAN's website.

The ASPAN Shoppe

Look for the ASPAN Shoppe when you arrive at National Conference. The Shoppe is full of items to bring home for yourself and your colleagues, including ASPAN publications and many unique ASPAN souvenirs. Hours will be posted at the Shoppe.

Regional and Component Gatherings

ASPAN's five regional groups, as well as individual components and other groups, may be gathering during the conference. Look for announcements of these events posted in the Registration area at the conference, in *National PARTiCUIArS* online, or on the Whova app for National Conference activities.

Special Conference Events

“What's Happening”

Sunday, April 14: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Come meet up with old friends and make some new friends. There will be live music, dancing, light food, and a cashless bar (pay by credit card or charge to your room). This event will have an '80s theme, but you don't have to dress like the '80s! Just come for a relaxing time!

Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Speaker

Monday, April 15: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Come celebrate ASPAN during its Opening Ceremonies. Get excited about the conference and our unique nursing specialty. Hear President Alphonzo Baker, Sr.'s presidential address. Stay for the keynote speaker, Jimmy Moss, MD on his talk, *From Homeless to Harvard...to Healthcare*.

CPAN/CAPA Celebration Luncheon

Monday, April 15: 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm: Join other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses for a celebration luncheon. The lunch includes inspirational speaker Marcus Engel, MS, CSP, CPXP, speaking about *The Other End of the Stethoscope*. **Preregistration with an additional fee is required.**

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

Monday, April 15: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Join ASPAN leaders as they cut the ribbon to open the Exhibit Hall. Visit with the vendors, see the latest products, and thank our vendors for their support of ASPAN. Exhibit hours will be listed in your pocket guide onsite.

ASPAN Development Silent Auction

While in the Exhibit Hall, visit the Silent Auction, benefiting ASPAN Development for scholarships, awards, and public awareness and education. Bid high, bid often! If you would like to donate an item to the Silent Auction, please bring it to the National Conference Registration Desk by Monday, April 15 at 12:00 noon.

ASPAN Development Breakfast

Wednesday, April 17: 6:30 am – 8:30 am: Begin Wednesday morning by earning .75 contact hours, and honoring your friends and colleagues with *Hail, Honor, Salute!*, all while enjoying a traditional American breakfast. ASPAN Past President Regina Hoefner-Notz, MS, BSN, RN, CPAN, CPN, FASPAN, will have us laughing with her talk, *I Cried so Hard I Laughed*. **Additional fee.**

President's Reception

Wednesday, April 17: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: All conference participants are invited to join ASPAN President Alphonzo Baker, Sr. and other ASPAN leaders to celebrate the achievements of the past year. Music, light fare, cashless bar, and dancing. Come dressed in your favorite “party attire.”

Closing Breakfast, Closing Ceremony, and Closing Keynote Speaker

Thursday, April 18: 7:00 am – 10:00 am: Close your conference experience with the Closing Breakfast (you must have ticket to attend) and installation of the new ASPAN Board of Directors. Incoming ASPAN President Lori Silva, MSN, RN, CCRN, CPAN, will share her vision and inspiration going forward. See a fun recap video of the Orlando conference and preview the 2025 ASPAN National Conference in Dallas, Texas. Stay for the closing address by Darryl Ross as he speaks on *The Catalyst of Service Excellence*.

➔ **The Closing Breakfast is free to full conference registrants, but you must preregister on your conference registration form and bring your ticket with you.** ←

Postconference Education

Thursday, April 18: 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Nancy Strzyzewski, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, will present *Pillars of Successful Perianesthesia Nursing Practice*. **Prereith an additional fee is required.**

Regional, Component, and SPG Gatherings

Advanced Degree SPG: Meet and Greet **Sunday, April 14 at 5:15 pm**. Location TBD.

Region 3: Meet and Greet **Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm** Magnolia room 21, then we will head to the hotel bar/grill for appetizers. Call or text Marlene at 608-235-3435 to RSVP or with questions.

Region 5: Meet and Greet **Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm** Magnolia Room 8. Text Nikki at 202-431-4794 with questions.

Region 1: Meet and Greet **Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm** Poolside Bar and Grill. We'll have appetizers.

Region 4: Meet and Greet **Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm**. Magnolia 7.

VT/NH APAN: Meet and Greet **Monday, April 15 at 6:00 pm**. Location TBD.

Virginia attendees: Meet and Greet **Monday, April 15 at 1:00 pm**. Location TBD.

MASPAN: Meet and Greet **Monday, April 15 at 6:00 pm**. Hotel Lobby Bar

PAPAN: Meet and Greet **Tuesday, April 16 at 5:00 pm**. High Velocity Bar. Appetizers provided.

ASPAN Pediatric SPG: Meet and Greet **Tuesday April 16 at 7:00 pm**. Location TBD.

NPANA: Meet and Greet **Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00 pm**. Location – see bulletin board

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News Items for *National PARTiCUIArS*

Please email news items to bgodden@aspan.org. Items **MUST** be submitted by **10:00 am** to be included in the **NEXT day's** newsletter. May be edited for space and conciseness.

➔ ***National PARTiCUIArS*** will be emailed to all conference registrants and posted on ASPAN's website. The newsletter will **NOT** be printed. ⬅