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Representative Assembly Announces Election Results

Congratulations to the ASPAN 2025-2026 Board of Directors!

President:

Ursula Mellinger, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA

Vice President/President-Elect:

Ronda Dyer, MSN, BSPA, RN, CPAN, CAPA

Secretary:

Sarah Cartwright, DNP, RN, NI-BC, CAPA, FASPAN

Treasurer:

Teri Baughman, BSN, RN, CEN, CPAN, CAPA

Immediate Past President:

Lori Silva, MSN, RN, CCRN, CPAN

Regional Director – Region 1:

Chanda Hassemer, MS, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, CPN

Regional Director – Region 2:

Linda Allyn, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA

Regional Director – Region 3:

Marlene Nahavandi, BSN, RN, CAPA

Regional Director – Region 4:

Stephanie Johnson, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA

Regional Director – Region 5:

Nickcole Price, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA

Director for Clinical Inquiry:

Amy Berardinelli, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CPAN, CAPA, FASPAN

Director for Clinical Practice:

Lori Erni, BSN, RN, CCRN, CPAN

Director for Education:

Antoinette (Toni) Zito, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, FASPAN

ASPAN Chief Executive Officer:

Kevin Dill, MBA, BS

Nominating Committee:

Patricia Charles, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA

Denise Diaz, MSN, BA, RN, CPAN, CAPA

Laura Malone, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA

Elizabeth Steffen, BSN, RN, CAPA

Emily Wagner, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, CPAN, CPN

Enjoy Some Free Time While In Dallas!

Welcome to the Lone Star State! We are excited to host ASPAN's 44th National Conference in Dallas at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. The Sheraton Dallas Hotel is centrally located in downtown Dallas and is the largest hotel in the State of Texas. Enjoy the various amenities and the many shops, parks, restaurants and bars in close proximity.

1. Visit Dallas. Accessed February 14, 2025. <https://www.visitdallas.com>
2. Sheraton Dallas. Accessed February 14, 2025. <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/dalddh-sheraton-dallas-hotel/rooms/>
3. Travel Texas. Accessed February 14, 2025. <https://www.traveltexas.com/>

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

First Timers Orientation

Monday, April 28: 7:15 am – 8:15 am (Repeat session)

Conference Handouts

Outlines are available for downloading from the ASPAN website through July 9, 2025. 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.

Hosts/Hostesses

Please remember to sign in and out via QR code located at the hospitality desk.

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, 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 PARTICULARS* online (below), or on the Whova app for National Conference activities.

Special Conference Events

Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Speaker

Monday, April 28: 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 Lori Silva's presidential address. Stay for keynote speaker Joel Zeff on his talk, *The Spirit of TA DA: Watch What Happens When Work Becomes Play*.

CPAN/CAPA Celebration Luncheon

Monday, April 28: 12:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Join other CPAN and CAPA-certified nurses for a celebration luncheon. The lunch includes inspirational speaker John O'Leary. **Preregistration with an additional fee is required.**

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

Monday, April 28: 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 28 at 12:00 noon.

ASpan Development Breakfast

Wednesday, April 30: 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 Kim Kraft, MSN, RN, CPAN (Ret), CAPA (Ret), explores the power of positive psychology in promoting mental health and well-being with her talk, *Harnessing the Mind's Potential: The Role of Positive Psychology in Healing*. **Extra Fee.**

President's Reception

Wednesday, April 30: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: All conference participants are invited to join ASPAN President Lori Silva and other ASPAN leaders to celebrate the achievements of the past year. There will be music, light fare, a cash bar, and dancing. Come dressed in your favorite "party attire."

Closing Breakfast, Closing Ceremony, and Closing Keynote Speaker

Thursday, May 1: 7:00 am – 10:00 am: End your conference experience with the Closing Breakfast and installation of new ASPAN officers. Incoming ASPAN President Ursula Mellinger, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, will share her vision and inspiration going forward. See a fun recap video of the Dallas conference and preview the 2026 ASPAN National Conference in San Francisco, California. Stay for the closing address by Scott Friedman as he speaks on *The Best Way to Predict the Future Is to Create It*.

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

Post conference Education

Thursday, May 1: 11:30 am – 4:00 pm: Jamie Cooper, BSN, RN, CPAN, Sarah Collins, BSN, RN, Natalie Friess, MSN-ED, RN, CPN, CPAN, Samantha Graham, MSN, RN, CAPA, Sherri Gretta, MSN, RN, CPAN and Melissa Schmidt, MSN, RN, CNL, EBPC, CPAN, CAPA, will present *Perianesthesia Nurse Educator Essentials*.

Preregistration with an additional fee is required for the post-conference education.

Governmental Affairs Strategic Work Team (SWT) asks you to complete a survey to assess members' awareness of ASPAN's Governmental Affairs SWT, your understanding of the SWT's role, and your interest in advocacy and governmental affairs education. This QR code survey will also be accessible during the conference at a designated booth and on the bulletin board.

ASpan Governmental Affairs
Strategic Work Team



Regional, Component, and SPG Gatherings

****Many of these are listed on the WHOVA app. Be sure to check the app for updates on time and location.**

Region One Meeting: Monday, April 28, 7:30 pm, Location TBD

Region Two Meeting: Monday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 pm in State Room 2

Region Three Meeting: Monday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 pm, State Room 3

Region Four Meeting: Monday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 pm, State Room 4

Region Five Meeting: Monday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 pm, Live Oak Room

Perianesthesia Nurse Educator SPG: meet and greet Monday, April 28 @ 07:00 pm, Location TBD

Pediatric SPG meet up Tuesday, April 29 @ 6:00 pm, Open Palette

PAPAN meet and greet Monday, April 28, 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Draft Sports Bar.

TAPAN meet and greet on Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm in State Room 3

LAPAN meet and greet Monday, April 28 @ 5:15 pm, Location TBD

VSPAN meet and greet Monday, April 28, following the Region 5 meeting; Hotel Lobby bar.

GAPAN meet and greet Monday, April 28 @ 6:00 pm, Drafts Sports Bar

INSPAN social Monday, April 28 @ 7:00 pm, State Room 3

MASpan meet and greet Tuesday, April 29 @ 6:00 pm, Drafts Sports Bar

CBSPAN meet and greet Tuesday, April 29 @ 6:30pm, Kitchen & Kocktails

KSPAN meeting and greet Tuesday, April 29 @ 8:00 pm, Location TBD

NJBPANA meet on Wednesday, April 30, at 6:45 pm for a picture outside of the President's Reception at the Grand Hall

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News Items for *National PartiCULARs*

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



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