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Congratulations to all Award Winners!

Opening Ceremonies

ASpan President Lori Silva presided of Opening Ceremonies. Lynette Alcorn, National Conference Strategic Work Team Coordinator and Patricia Charles, TAPAN President, welcomed everyone to Texas and ASpan's 44th National Conference.

Regina Hoefner-Notz sang the "Star-Spangled Banner," along with a presentation of the American flag. Dr. Cathy Moffitt then offered a prayer and invocation.

Special guests and past presidents of ASpan were recognized. ASpan Regional Directors presented and recognized each of their respective component presidents. First time attendees, military attendees, corporate sponsors, CPAN/CAPA certified nurses and Legacy for Life members were all recognized.

Prestigious awards were then presented by President Lori Silva and other ASpan leaders.

ASpan President's Award

Ronda Dyer (CA)

Award for Outstanding Achievement

Felicia Selman (TX)

Excellence in Clinical Practice

Agnes Hsu (TX)

Ina Pipkin ASpan Past Presidents' Distinguished Service Award

Kathi Saball (FL)

FASpan Inductee Class of 2025

Ronda Dyer (CA)

Gold Leaf Component of the Year Award

Texas Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (TAPAN)

Mary Hanna (JoPAN) Journalism Awards

The Mary Hanna Journalism Awards for the *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing* were presented by Jan Odom-Forren, assisted by Denise O'Brien. The complete list of article titles and authors will appear in the July/August issue of *Breathline* and in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing*.

Newsletter Contest Winners

1-8 pages: Arizona PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association (AZPANA)

9-14 pages: Rocky Mountain PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association (RMPANA)

15+ pages: Texas Association of Perianesthesia Nurses (TAPAN)

People's Choice: Texas Association of Perianesthesia Nurses (TAPAN)

Recruiter of the Year for 2024

Congratulations to Lynette Alcorn, BSN, RN, CCRN, CPAN, CAPA from TAPAN and Teri Baughman, BSN, RN, CEN, CPAN, CAPA from PANANM (tie) for recruiting 11 new members!

2025 ASPAN Above and Beyond Service Recognition Awards – presented by ASPAN President Lori Silva at the conclusion of the Representative Assembly on Sunday, April 27.

Christine Bell, MASPAN
Geraldine delos Santos, TAPAN
Erin Glaser, CBSPAN
Jeanne Glemser, TSPAN
Britini Hoiem, TAPAN
Michelle Meadows, PANAC
Marlene Nahavandi, WISPAN
Lilyann Rowe, PANAC
Valerie Tiu, OPANA

Welcome, Military Attendees!

We have ribbons for active, retired, reserve, and veteran military attendees. Please pick them up and wear them proudly!

Moderators

If you are a moderator and do not have your packet, please pick it up at the registration desk ASAP. Thank you to all you volunteered as a moderator.

Support ASPAN Exhibitors!

Visit with the vendors, see the latest products, and thank our vendors for their support of ASPAN. Exhibit hours are listed in your pocket guide.

Gold Leaf Applicants

Congratulations to the following components for submitting applications for the 2024 Gold Leaf Award. Meeting the criteria and putting this application together requires an incredible amount of work.

- Kentucky Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
- Ohio PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association
- Rocky Mountain PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association
- Texas Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

National Conference Pins!

Commemorative conference pins are available for \$5 at the hospitality desk. Get one before they are gone!

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

Spend some time in the ASPAN Shoppe when you are here. 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.

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! The auction will close Wednesday, April 30 at 08:45 AM. Be sure to check often to see if you have been outbid!

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*. **SOLD OUT.**

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 past year's achievements. 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*. **Additional fee is required.**

Conference Evaluations

Instructions for completing your session evaluations for the National Conference are included on a separate loose sheet in your syllabus. **July 9, 2025 is the deadline** for completing your evaluations.

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.

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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.**

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

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

ISpan invites those from Iowa or work in Iowa Tuesday, April 29 @ 7pm, at Uno Mas, 1525 Main St. Appetizers provided. Meet in the lobby at 6:30 to walk to the restaurant.

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 PartICUIArS*

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