



Preconference Issue

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Welcome to ASPAN's 44th National Conference!

ASPAN is delighted you registered for its 44th National Conference at the beautiful Sheraton – Dallas, TX. This year's theme is ***Passion and Excellence: Growing, Learning, And Leading Together.*** Multitudes of educational sessions, fun events, and networking opportunities await your arrival!

Come Early, Stay Late!

Welcome to the Lone Star State! We are excited to host ASPAN's 4th 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/daldh-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 ➔

Preconference Education

Saturday, April 26: 8:00 am – 5:15 pm: Maureen McLaughlin, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CPAN, CAPA, and Wanda Rodriguez, MA, RN, CPAN, will present ***Perianesthesia Critical Issues.***

Sunday, April 27: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm: Lynnae Elliotte, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, CPAN, Regina Hoefner-Notz, MS, BSN, RN, CPAN, CPN, FASPAN, and Pamela Windle, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CPAN, CAPA, FAAN, FASPAN, 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
for all Preconference Education offerings**

Host/Hostess Orientation

Saturday, April 26: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Session Moderator Orientation

Saturday, April 26: 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Meet the Candidates

Saturday, April 26: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

First Timers Orientation

Sunday, April 27: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm

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

Representative Assembly

Sunday, April 27: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm: The Representative Assembly (RA), facilitated by President Lori Silva, MSN, RN, CCRN, CPAN, 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 will be available for downloading from the ASPAN website beginning April 21, 2025, 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. 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 or in *National PartiCUIArS* online.

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

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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. ⬅