

2015 National Conference Scholarship Report

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Attending an ASPAN National Conference is always informative and fun. This was especially true for the 34th National Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

During the week of National Conference attendees were able to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, share challenges and successful practices and gain perianesthesia knowledge through the many scheduled sessions. Of course there were opportunities for just plain fun, such as the Dream Walk, Component Night, Development Reception and Military/International attendee and President's Receptions. Visiting with the vendors during Exhibit Hall Grand Opening and throughout the conference is always enlightening. The Silent Auction is not to be overlooked either and is the most entertaining during the final few minutes of bidding.

Opportunities abound to enrich the ASPAN conference experience. There are Specialty Practice Group (SPG) and National Committee and Strategic Work Team (SWT) meetings to attend. The Representative Assembly sessions are a great opportunity to learn more about the operations and accomplishments of the society. The hosting component always welcomes volunteers to help with hostess/host responsibilities.

Over the years I have attended many ASPAN National Conferences. I have gained tremendous perianesthesia knowledge, joined many groups and committees and volunteered in several capacities, making many lifetime friends along the way. These experiences have enriched my professional and personal life. I am grateful to ASPAN and the ASPAN Fountain for this scholarship opportunity. It was an honor to attend the 34th ASPAN National Conference as a National Conference Scholarship recipient.