

2015 ASPAN National Conference Scholarship Report

I recently attended the 2015 ASPAN national conference in San Antonio and want to thank ASPAN for the \$500 scholarship. What a beautiful city for a national conference!

The conference was one of my best yet! It began on Sunday with Component night where I enjoyed playing a Texan for the evening. This is always a fun night where nurses can let their hair down and we did! I enjoyed visiting the many regional booths, dancing, eating, enjoying a beverage and participating in the many raffles. No, I didn't win!

The rest of the time was spent learning and reenergizing my practice. I attended many great presentations, gained ideas from the posters presented and saw new products from the exhibitors. Best of all, I was able to network with other perianesthesia nurses from across the country and the globe.

I have grown so much as a member of ASPAN and a perianesthesia nurse over the years. With ASPAN's support and encouragement, posters of our organization's best practices were presented at the Seattle and Chicago conferences and at the first ICPAN. I was recently a panel presenter at our fall WISPAN and am waiting for an article to be published in JOPAN.

Once again, I want to thank ASPAN for the generous scholarship. Many great things were learned and will be shared with my colleagues over the next few months. I am proud to be a perianesthesia nurse and a member of ASPAN. Who knows, maybe I will get my certification next!

Sincerely,

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