



Eyeopener

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Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of TAPAN

In September 2009 I accepted the position of TAPAN President. It seems so long ago and also like it was only yesterday. As I assumed that role, I asked the Board for their support and assistance in taking on a very aggressive agenda. The Board accepted my challenge and together we met all the goals we set out.

Our first priority was to address the task of redistricting the component. TAPAN leaders for the past decade have discussed ways to redraw the boundaries in our component to best meet the needs of the membership. After a year of planning and talking to members, we implemented the transition to five Regions at the 2010 State Conference. Since that time our new Regions have prospered for the most part. We still have work to do to ensure all of our Regions are successful and serving our members to the best of our ability. The fact that TAPAN covers such a large area creates a challenge for us to reach everyone easily. In fact, TAPAN is larger than ASPAN's Region 4 which encompasses 8 com-



Susan Norris, RN, BScN, CAPA
TAPAN President 2009-2011

ponents. One way for us to reach our more remote members is through the creation of chapters. Our first Chapter, the Red River Chapter, located in the North and East Texas Region, was approved in the fall of 2010. At that time, they had 5 members interested in meeting as a group. They have flourished and attendance at their quarterly meetings has grown to over 30 attendees. In August of this year, the TAPAN Board approved the application for our second chapter. The Northwest Houston Chapter is located in the Upper Gulf Coast Region and they are currently planning their first meeting.

The second priority was to earn the ASPAN Gold Leaf Award. This award validates

our efforts in the areas of education, research, membership, certification and participation in the organization. TAPAN was first recognized with the ASPAN Gold Leaf award in 1997. Since that time, we have been very close in our goal of repeating this recognition but not quite close enough. This year, our efforts were rewarded and I was very happy to accept the 2010 ASPAN Gold Leaf award on behalf of the entire membership. In addition, we received the AB-PANC Shining Star award for the 2nd consecutive year. The Shining Star recognizes components that excel in the promotion and achievement of certification in perianesthesia nursing.

Our third priority was to grow our membership. In the past, TAPAN membership numbered close to 1000 but over the past few years that number dropped to the low 800's. The numbers have been climbing again slowly and last fall I issued a challenge to get our membership up to 1000 by the 2011 State Conference.

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ASPAN Development Institute 2011 Beacons to Our Future: Providing Safe Harbor

Armi Holcomb, RN, BSN, CPAN Region 2 Director

I hope to see that Region 2 is well represented at the upcoming CDI in Philadelphia Sept. 9-11. The ASPAN Board/Regional Directors have been working hard to make it a fun, educational seminar for both new and seasoned leaders in our organization.

Discover the power of advocacy and leadership strategies that give meaning to your ongoing efforts to support our membership! Share strategies that will enhance your component's safe passage into the future. (Chris Price, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA ASPAN 2011-2012 President)

See you in Philadelphia ♦

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President's Message

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As I write this letter, we currently have 968 members. It is my hope that over the next few weeks we can reach that goal of 1000 members. We are so close!

In addition to working toward these goals, we have also provided multiple educational programs for our members. The 2010 State Conference was very well attended. We took TAPAN on the Road again with a successful seminar in Grapevine. The 2011 TAPAN Leadership Conference was held this month in The Woodlands and was attended by representatives from 4 of our 5 regions. The 2012 TAPAN State Conference committee is busy putting the finishing

touches on what promises to be a great program to be held in Round Rock, September 16 – 18, 2011. We are celebrating the 35th Anniversary of TAPAN. Plan now to join us for this special occasion.

As I complete my term as TAPAN President, I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve you, the members. I know that as Hermie Robles assumes the Presidency our organization will continue to grow and flourish. We have much to be proud of and the future for perianesthesia nurses in Texas is bright. Now is the time to start thinking about the role you will play in our future. ♦

Certification Corner: CPAN and CAPA

Submitted by Susan Norris, RN, BScN, CAPA, TAPAN President 2009-2011

TAPAN is hosting a CPAN/CAPA Review in conjunction with our Annual TAPAN State Conference. The Review will be held Sunday, September 18, 2011 in Round Rock, TX. Dolly Ireland, MSN, RN, CAPA, CPN will be our speaker. Visit www.TAPAN.org for registration information!

The Fall Exam Deadlines are rapidly approaching!!!

Examination Registration & Administration - Dates & Deadlines Fall 2011	
Registration Window – Online	July 11 – September 5
Registration Deadline – Online	September 5 by 11:59 p.m. ET
Time Period for Scheduling Examination Appt. with Prometric	Upon receipt of your ATT letter through November 10
Examination Administration Window	October 3 - November 12
Deadline for Cancelling Appt	3 business days before scheduled test date
Postmark deadline for requesting Withdrawal, refund, rollover from PES	On or before last day of examination administration window

The Registration Window for the Spring 2012 Exam will open January 9, 2012. Further information on dates and deadlines can be found online at www.cpancapa.org

Interested in the **ABPANC Coach Program** - finding a Coach or becoming a Coach? Contact Zelda Williams at zwilliams@proexam.org for information. Many CPAN® and CAPA® certified nurses are already serving as unofficial coaches. This program can help them in the process, give them recognition and offer contact hours for their efforts. Join the more than 120 ABPANC Coaches now! ♦



CPAN Certification CAPA

TAPAN Mission Statement

“The Texas Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses, as a component of the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses, advances nursing practice through education, research, and standards.”



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Spotlight Across Texas: Region News

Upper Gulf Coast

Celeste Jones, RN, MHA, CAPA

Your kind donations and all those who helped with purchasing, stuffing, and delivering the backpacks,

your efforts really paid off.

We were fortunate to be able to deliver 31 backpacks to DePelchin Children's

Center. DePelchin has been offering services to families and children since 1982, please visit their web site at www.depelchin.org to find more information.



Elementary Backpacks (11)

Content: folders, composition book, wide rule paper, Kleenex, washable markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, ruler, glue, Crayolas, pencil box, red correction pencils, red pens, pencil sharpener, erasers, pencils, scissors.

Junior High (10)

Content: composition books, 2" Binder, College rule paper, 1 subject tablet, pencil box, red pens, black pens, protractor, compass, index cards, pencil sharpener, glue, hole punch, white out, erasers, hand sanitizers, book covers

Senior High (10)

Content: Same as junior high but with a pencil bag rather than pencil box.



North & East Texas

Karen Jensen, RN, BSN, CPAN

Our Region now has its website up and running. You can find us at www.NorthandEastTAPANRegion.com. Activities, CEs and more will be posted.

Our goal is to keep members in our region informed. If you have any news to share, meetings, CE offerings, photos, and awards, forward them to pru_nietupski@yahoo.com to be included on the web page.

Hill Country & South Texas

Polly Smith, RN, BSN, CCRN

TAPAN HCSTR (Hill Country & South Texas Region) Spring Seminar, *Spring Into Excellence in Perianesthesia Nursing*, was held May 21st in Harlingen, Texas. Valley Baptist Medical Center, Arizant Healthcare Inc., and Armstrong Medical Industries were sponsors for the seminar. A free membership drawing was awarded to Maru Luis Ladilad, Arizant Healthcare Educator, Anna Cypert, and Grace Canong joined the ASPAN/TAPAN seminar.

ASPAN sponsored seminar *Safety Begins With You* was held June 4th at the John E. Hornbeak building of Methodist Healthcare in San Antonio. Pamela Windle, MS, RN, NE-BC, CPAN, CAPA, FAAN, of Houston was the featured speaker. A free ASPAN membership was awarded an attendee from North Carolina. Some of the topics

discussed were *Safety in the PACU*, *Building a Safety Culture*, *Avoiding Medication Errors*, *Root Cause Analysis*, *Failure Mode* and *Effects Analysis*.

Texas Folklife held in San Antonio included TAPAN volunteers Cielito Ascio, Lori Noyola, Gloria Tavitas, Olivia Funtanilla, and Laura La Roe.

TAPAN meeting held July 16th in Kerrville, Texas, offered free CEU's. Dr. Wendy Kang, from University Hospital, lectured on *Acupuncture: Relief from Pain, Implications for the Practicing Professional*. Anna Cypert presented *Unintended Hypothermia: The Importance of Maintaining Normothermia*. Everyone in attendance received 2 free CEU's.

Congratulations to TAPAN HCSTR member Wesley Richardson on receiving his Ph.D. Wesley successfully defended his dissertation titled *The Development and Psychometric Evaluation of an Instrument Measuring Post-Anesthesia Care: Registered Nurses' Perception of a Near Miss Patient Safety Climate*. We are proud of Wesley's accomplishment and happy to have him as a colleague and role model for TAPAN. He currently serves as our Policy and Procedure Co-Coordinator. Wesley has contributed tremendously in policy creation and regional by-laws.

HCSTR members Julie Peterson and Lori Noyola were members of the **San Antonio Guatemalan Endeavor (SAGE)** team that provided medical care to the people of Usantán, Guatemala. The team per-

formed 92 surgeries and 12 home makeovers during their 5 day trip to Guatemala.

On August 6th members Cielo Ascio, Sandy Rodriguez, Elizabeth Cherry, and Norma de los Santos volunteered at the Warrior & Family Support Center at BAMC. The event was organized by TAPAN member Suzanne Spieth, and provided an opportunity for members to show their appreciation for our armed forces who sacrifice daily for our country and our freedom.

2 free CEU's were awarded at the TAPAN meeting held August 20th, sponsored by Stryker Medical, and was hosted by North Central Baptist Hospital. Kelley Donley, RN, BS, Clinical Manager, was the featured speaker. She presented *Fall Prevention: The Ergonomics of Patient Care and Safety*. Other Topics included *Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Turning and Repositioning to Optimize Outcomes*.

TAPAN Leadership Seminar was held in Houston, Texas this year on August 13th. Those attendees from

the HCSTR included Gloria Streib, Debbie Bennett, and Polly Smith.

West Texas & Panhandle

Kimberly Malone, RN
No News Reported

Far West Texas

Cristina Ramirez, RN
Veronica Acosta RN, CPAN is a new CPAN at PMH in El Paso, congratulations Veronica.

Ready, Aim, Fire: Starting a TAPAN Chapter

Submitted by Valorie Frederico, Red River Chapter—TAPAN

READY~

- ☀ Several members and I talked about attending TAPAN meetings in Dallas for a couple of years.
- ☀ We always seemed to find reasons not to attend....too far to drive, too early in the morning, too big of a city.
- ☀ Then we heard about TAPAN Chapters.

AIM~

- ☀ We decided to have an “interest meeting” to see if there were any other nurses in our area that were interested in starting a Chapter.
- ☀ We held our meeting on October 23, 2010. Marian Crivello, RN, from Medical Center of Lewisville brought two of her nurses and together we had the makings of a Chapter.
- ☀ We decided to meet once a quarter, on the third Saturday of the month from 9-11.

FIRE~

- ☀ The Chapter application was submitted on October 28th and approved by the Board.
- ☀ Our first official meeting as the Red River Chapter was January 8, 2011 at THR Presbyterian Hospital Denton hosted by Ruth Day, RN. There were a total of 9 nurses attending.
- ☀ Our second chapter meeting was held on April 16th at Medical Center of Lewisville. Marian Crivello hosted. This was our first time to provide a CEU program *and* have a business meeting. Over 30 nurses attended the CEU program with 9 staying for the business meeting.
- ☀ Our third Chapter meeting was July 16th at Children's Medical Center-Legacy. Cindy Cutshall, RN, hosted our second successful CEU program on Emergence Delirium in the Pediatric Population with over 30 nurses attending. The business meeting followed with 14 attending. We elected officers and planned the October and January meeting.
- ☀ What does it take? It takes time, commitment and a couple of other really hard working members. Thank you Ruth, Marian and Cindy!

If you have questions let me know and I will try to help. Contact info: Valorie.Frederico@UTSouthwestern.edu or find us on Facebook: RED RIVER CHAPTER-TAPAN.

Most Important Piece of the Puzzle is Your Voice

Cindy Hill, RN, CPAN, CAPA , Governmental Affairs Chairperson



Hello! I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer despite the absence of rain and scalding temperatures. I would imagine that all the parents out there are ready for the start of school. My granddaughter has been pretty vocal about the fact that she is not ready for a new school year. It just isn't as much fun as going to the pool, or the movies, or on field trips with day care! August has been a slow legislative month. Washington, D.C. will be in recess for the entire month. The Texas 2011 Legislative Session ended in May with some successes for nursing but also several outcomes that were very disappointing.

SB 192 – Prohibits nurses from being held criminally liable for engaging in patient advocacy activities and increases the fine for illegal retaliation against nurses and extends protection from retaliation to nurses who advise other nurses about their duty and protections as patient advocates.” After a mild set back, this bill got a hearing toward the end of the Session and was unanimously passed.

SB 1542 - Referred to as “limited waiver of sovereign immunity for publicly employed nurses”. This legislation was aimed at giving publicly-employed nurses the right to sue a governmental agency for illegal retaliation. Supported by public institutions, it was opposed by county associations. It did not pass.

HB 2902 – Self-Directed, Semi-Independent Status for the BON. This bill would give status as a self-directed, semi-independent agency granting the Board more flexibility over its use of budgeted funds. This did not pass. The Pharmacy Board sought similar legislation that also did not pass.

HB 703/SB 295 – Preventing violence against nurses in the workplace. This bill makes it a felony to assault healthcare workers. This bill initially had opposition from mental health advocacy groups related to what was perceived as enhanced penalties against individuals with intellectual and mental disabilities who might be punished for conduct beyond their control. Even though an agreement was reached between supporting and non-supporting entities, the bill did not pass.

HB 2117/SB733 – Notification of parents if no school nurse is assigned at a child’s campus for a period or more than 30 days. This bill did not pass.

HB708/SB 1260 – APRN prescriptive authority. Gives APRNs “autonomous authority to prescribe under the authority of their nursing license”. It has the potential to give Texans who live in medically underserved areas access to badly needed healthcare in a timely manner. This bill met with stiff opposition from medical associations, but received high visibility from the news media and support from non-nursing organizations, i.e. AARP-Texas, Texas Organization

of Rural and Community Hospitals, the Texas Public Policy Foundation, the Texas Association of Business. This bill did not pass.

HB1/SB1 – Maintenance of shortage funding for nursing education. TNA supported “maintaining the \$45 million funding appropriated for nursing shortage reduction program in 2010-11”. While the House version supported only \$15 million, the Senate version supported \$36 million. In the end, the “conference committee responsible for reconciling differences between the two houses elected to support \$30 million in special funding for nursing education that will increase RN graduates”. This was an unexpected, very good outcome!

The Texas Nurses Association will continue to advocate for the nurses of Texas. While some of the loses this Session were quite disappointing, there will be other Sessions to come where TNA will again step up to the plate to work vigorously to improve the lives of nurses who advocate for patients throughout the state. But remember, they can't do the job alone! Your voice is the most important piece of the puzzle. It is very powerful, and when used in great numbers, it can be deafening as our legislators learn when huge numbers of nurses flood their offices with calls and e-mails in support or opposition to various bills that affect the practice of nursing on any level.

On the national front, the fight over decreasing the national debt will continue in earnest after the August recess. According to the Nursing Community, it is unknown at present how the cuts will impact

Title VIII funding. FY 2012 Funding for Title VIII, National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), and Nurse Managed Health Clinics has been requested as \$313.075 million, \$163 million, and \$20 million, respectively. ASPAN has elected to support several letters from the Nursing Community to legislators and committees requesting the above mentioned funding levels. I urge you to contact your legislators seeking their support of this funding. It is vital if we are to increase the growth of new graduates, new faculty, and more diversity in the profession of nursing as a whole. Watch your e-mail as that is my main method for communication. If you would like to be added to my list, please notify me at Cindy.Hill@umchealthsystem.com. Stay safe; and I will see you in Round Rock in September! ♦

Upper Gulf Coast

Please join us in welcoming aboard our upcoming 2011-2012 Upper Gulf Coast Officers.

President:	Teresita Santiago
President-Elect:	Thelma Duremdes
Second VP	Bert Munieza
Third VP	Aleli Cabali
Corresponding Sec	Grace Woodmansee
Recording Sec.	Aida Cadorna
Treasurer	Maria Teresa Limsiaco
Historian	Felicia Selman
Immediate Past President – Sharon Hampton	

Give them your support and remember to get involved in a committee. The officers will be inducted into office at our September Meeting. ♦



Uplifting Our Spirits Through Leadership Conference

Hermie Robles, BSN, RN, CPAN, TAPAN Vice President/President-Elect



We were very fortunate to offer a conference full of excellent speakers! How can we describe something better than “great”? Can we possibly tell stories about revitalized spirits brought forth by inspiring words and wisdom? It was a very relaxing and fruitful day for everyone; you missed a lot if you weren’t there! This was a great chance to seize the opportunity to revive and energize your leadership goals and dreams.

Our deep appreciation to all the wonderful speakers. Our dear Susan Shelander, who told me she was thinking she might not make it, came and delivered a very inspiring topic on *Peri-Anesthesia Leaders in the Forefront as Beacons of Change*. I urged her to just come and talk about her own leadership journey - from being ‘just’ a TAPAN member to a well known and respected president of ASPAN. She has this special ability to speak and touch us within. If I can share one of many quotes: “Each of us has within us the capacity to lead”, that if we have the passion, if we commit to the values and principles, we can shape the future and travel that path to leadership one small step at a time. She gave us so much food for thought! My favorite is Carl Mays’ “Anatomy of a Leader”. An effective leader must possess: 1. Brain – that possesses limitless creativity and potential; 2. Eyes – that can visualize goals and possibilities; 3. Ears – that listen to your conscience and to new ideas; 4. Mouth – that vocalizes thoughts and gives compliments; 5. Feet- that can carry you on the road to success; 6. Heart – that enables you to recognize your own qualities; 7. Backbone – that is strong and supportive, yet flexible; 8. Muscles – that provide energy, perseverance and health; 9. Hands – that help others; 10. Shoulders – that can carry the burden of responsibilities. I wish to add my own, a heart filled with passion and hands willing to reach out and touch!

No words can also describe my sincere gratitude for our dynamic speakers: Susan Russell, Sue McDonald, Pam Windle, Les Rodriguez, Pru Nietupski and Debra Davis who willingly gave of their time. Each provided unbelievable inspiration, expertise and knowledge with their respective topics. Breakfast was provided by the Rep from Caldolor. Thank you to Meggie, Anita, Thelma, and the hardworking, dedicated staff, headed by Tess Limsiaco, from Memorial Hermann the Woodlands. They helped us with registration, A/V, set up and cleaning of the conference room, as well as ordering our lunch for the day. Success of any endeavor, big or small, rests on the hearts of people willing to help.

TAPAN raffled two major prizes for our regions to raffle off to their members or give to a deserving region member. West TX - Panhandle won the certificate for one Free Registration to the CPAN/CAPA Review on September 18th in Round Rock, TX and the North and East TX region won the certificate for one year Free ASPAN/TAPAN membership. Congratulations!

Attendees were encouraged to fill out the Leadership Program Evaluation. We need input and suggestions on leadership topics as well as the best time the conference will be offered in the future. We have been very creative in changing course every year to make sure we try new things to meet the needs of our membership at large. Comments and responses to evaluations will be used in planning the next leadership conference. There was an overwhelming response to hold it as a one day seminar versus a half day, or as a leadership seminar combined with our Annual State Conference. Thank you so much to all the attendees. I hope you found it worthy to give up one beautiful Saturday weekend, spending the day networking with other region leaders and the TAPAN Board of Directors. Getting inspired to dream that maybe one day, someday soon, we too can be the next Susan Shelander or Pam Windle in ASPAN Leadership...in the forefront...making a difference as Beacons of Change! ♦

35 Years and Still Practicing Our ABCs

Susan Russell, RN, JD, CPAN, CAPA and Linda Allyn RN, BSN, CPAN, CAPA, 2011 Conference Co-chairs



ASPAN's Education Approver Team formally notified TAPAN that our September 16-17, 2011 Annual State Conference program has been approved for fourteen (14) hours of continuing education. The program, **35 Years and Still Practicing Our ABC's**, will be held at the Austin Marriott North in Round Rock, Texas. Registration information is located on the TAPAN website, www.tapan.org. Tracy Allen, our amazing conference education coordinator, ensured that every part of our application was letter perfect. ASPAN's education approver team scrutinizes each speaker's objectives and outlines for compliance with the AACN rules. Tracy worked with each of the speakers to overcome barriers to approval.

This year, in addition to a full state conference, the TAPAN Board voted to host a CPAN/CAPA certification review course. That course will be held at the Austin Marriott North on September 18, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:55 p.m. Registration information for the course is available on the TAPAN website, www.tapan.org. This course is being offered at a substantial savings to members also attending the Annual State conference. The ASPAN certification review course is approved for 7.25 hours of continuing education. You must attend the entire course to receive your certificate. Our speaker is Dolly Ireland, a nationally acclaimed perianesthesia educator from Detroit and a former ASPAN President.

In addition to the amazing educational opportunities, the conference committee invites you to TAPAN's 35th anniversary celebration and President's Reception on Friday, September 16, 2011 at the Austin Marriott North in Round Rock, Texas. As you may recall, the terms of office for TAPAN President and TAPAN 1st Vice President/President Elect were changed to two

years. Susan Norris is completing her second year as our President and will assume the office and duties of the Immediate Past President. Come thank her for her service and achievements. Guest passes are available.

TAPAN's Annual Business meeting will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011. Susan Norris, TAPAN President, will conduct the business meeting and will introduce and induct the 2011-2012 TAPAN Board members. The business meeting and luncheon are included in the registration fee for Saturday conference events. Guest passes to the luncheon are available *in advance only*.

Come take advantage of the opportunity to socialize with TAPAN and ASPAN friends. Bring your business cards and contact information to trade with new contacts. We are honored that ASPAN President, Chris Price, and ASPAN Region Two Director, Armi Holcomb will attend our conference in Round Rock. Come welcome them. This year we have a new event: **Keep Austin Weird**, a "walk" to raise funds for our new Mission Scholarship. The scholarship will assist members using their perianesthesia skills for humanitarian purposes. Join us and help TAPAN do more. ♦





TAPAN Conference Volunteers

Planning to attend the TAPAN Conference?
Moderators and Hostesses are needed.
Contact Jamie Woleben at rjameiw@aol.com.

TAPAN Keep Austin Weird Walk

Join us the morning of September 17th
for our first TAPAN "walk".
Have fun & meet new people.
It's a great way to start your day



Executive Board Meeting: Summary of Minutes

Deborah Davis, RN, BSN, CPAN, TAPAN Secretary



Members Present: Susan Norris, Susan Russell, Prudence Nietupski, Hermie Robles, Deborah Davis, Debra Bennett, Alison Watkins and Linda Allyn.

May 14

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susan Norris at 3:25 p.m. Members were welcomed. Susan asked that we pray for the Louisiana ASPAN members affected by Mississippi River flooding.

Pending Business

Secretary's Report: Deborah Davis presented the March 2011 board meeting. The minutes were reviewed, revised and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Debra Bennett reported a balance of \$32,201.69.

2011 TAPAN State Conference: Linda Allyn and Susan Russell (co-chairs) report the conference is on schedule. Approximately 21 CE's will be offered to attendees who attend the full conference. The CPAN/CAPA review (Sun. Sept. 18) is included in the 21 CE's. The Conference is scheduled for September 16-18 in Round Rock, Texas at the Marriott North.

2011 TAPAN Leadership Conference: Held at The Woodlands Conference Center on August 13 & 14, 2011. Each Region was given registration fee and hotel accommodations for 2 (two) members.

2012 TAPAN State Conference: Deborah Davis, conference co-chair circulated (3) potential hotel proposals in the Houston area. Conference date is set for September 14-16, 2012

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

May 15

CDI 2011: This year is September 9-11 in Philadelphia, Penn. TAPAN will sponsor two officers-Hermie Robles and Prudence Nietupski.

Region 2 Conference: Susan Norris proposed an idea to have a Regional Conference in the Dallas area. This conference is proposed for October 2012. Susan Norris and Prudence Nietupski will co-chair.

2011 ASPAN Gold Leaf Award: TAPAN won the award at the ASPAN National Conference in Seattle, Washington and received \$500 toward the purchase of a publication. Susan Norris suggested that although TAPAN is not eligible for the award for the next two years, it is important to continue to complete the application and Regions should continue to send their activities and accomplishments to the TAPAN President. TAPAN also received its 2nd ABPANC Shining Star Award for promoting certification and achieving a high number of certified nurses.

TAPAN Communications: Linda Allyn will send out group emails to remind every member to read the *Eyeopener*.

Other Business

Bluebonnet Award and OSRA: Prudence Nietupski recommended that these awards be electronic. The policy will be updated at the next board meeting. By 2012 State Conference, these awards will be electronic submissions only. The District Star lapel pins will need to be changed to be TAPAN Star pins. Debra Bennett will order the pins from Brown Industries Inc. Linda Allyn will check into getting 35 year lapel pins for every attendee to the 2011 State Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. ♦

Treasurer's Report by Debra L. Bennett, RN, BSN, CAPA, TAPAN Treasurer

Income: Dues: \$7900.75
Leadership \$ 660.00
Conference \$1890.00
Certification \$1340.00



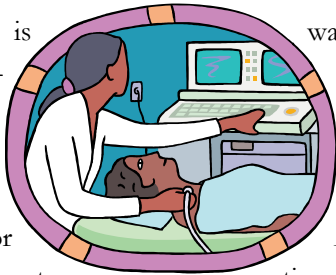
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Certification Review Application \$2400.00
Website ongoing updates \$ 750.00
Printing Brochures/Stamps, etc. \$1256.00
Certification Review Donation West Texas & Panhandle Region \$ 75.00
Free membership raffled for the North & East Region \$115.00



ASA Adopts New Guidelines for Basic Anesthesia Monitoring: Are You Meeting the New Standards for Conscious Sedation?

Susan Russell, RN, JD, CPAN, CAPA

The new ASA Standard for Basic Anesthesia Monitoring took effect on July 1st. The standard adopted by the ASA October 20, 2010 adds continuous end tidal carbon dioxide analysis for all patients receiving general anesthesia from the time the endotracheal tube or laryngeal mask airway is placed until it is removed. Additionally, ETCO2 monitoring is required for patients receiving moderate or deep sedation. According to the ASA, lack of monitoring equipment is not an acceptable reason for bypassing this standard. Acceptable quantitative monitoring can be accomplished with capnometry, capnography and mass spectroscopy. Does this also apply to patients transferred to the PACU with the ETT or LMA in place? Does it apply to the patient who will remain on a volume ventilator in the



PACU? Does your PACU have the necessary equipment? Is your staff competent to perform continuous ETCO2 monitoring?

Facilities where moderate sedation is administered under the supervision of non-anesthesiologists will also want to review the new standard. The ASA's Advisory On Granting Privileges for Deep Sedation to Non-Anesthesiologist Sedation Practitioners incorporates the latest version of the ASA Basic Anesthesia Monitoring standard by reference. Medical staff credentialing competencies for sedation privileges may need to add proficiency at capnometry, capnography or mass spectroscopy. Some facilities may need to include additional training for perianesthesia nursing staff. Although some facilities already monitor patients receiving

moderate or conscious sedation with capnometry or capnography, many are just now exploring the purchase of equipment for areas where moderate to deep sedation is performed. Joint Commission has not yet incorporated this standard as an element of performance, but that will likely follow. Patient safety is too vital for the JC to be silent on this issue.

These guidelines are available on the ASA website, www.asahq.org. Patient safety their first priority. We partner with our anesthesia providers to ensure continuity of care for the best possible outcomes. If the ASA has identified a tool which can make the perioperative period safer for our patients, perianesthesia nurses will embrace it. SpO2 monitoring was a giant leap for us. ET-CO2 monitoring may prove equally vital. ♦

TAPAN Annual Awards: Outstanding Region & Bluebonnet

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Submissions for the Outstanding Region Award and the Historian's Bluebonnet award should have been received by now, as the deadline was August 31st.



This year TAPAN has a new award. The District Star award has changed to the TAPAN Star. Any TAPAN member can nominate a fellow TAPAN member that has excelled in demonstrating their professional commitment to Perianesthesia nursing. This year's deadline was extended to August 31st. ♦

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