Reinvest in Your Potential

Kim Kraft, ASPAN President 2010 – 2011, announced the theme for her Presidency, “Reinvest in Your Potential”, at the 29th Annual ASPAN Conference held recently in New Orleans. As we transition to the new ASPAN leadership, we have planted our “Seeds of Transformation” and our “Roots of Knowledge” have taken root. Now is the time for you to take a look at what ASPAN and TAPAN offer you and what you have to offer ASPAN and TAPAN. Each and every member of TAPAN is a wealth of experience and knowledge, whether you have worked in perianesthesia for only a short time or have been in the field for decades. There are a multitude of opportunities for you to become more actively involved in your professional organization including serving as a component or local leader, committee participation, writing for the newsletter, participation in ASPAN Specialty Practice Groups (SPGs), mentoring a colleague to become certified or recruiting a new member.

Election time is approaching at the state and local levels. Linda Allyn is actively seeking candidates interested in running for the office of Treasurer for TAPAN. If you are interested, please let her know. Not quite ready for the State level, your local district is also seeking volunteers who are willing to take on a variety of offices. If you like to take pictures and scrapbook, you could be a Historian. Do you like to balance your checkbook? You might be the next Treasurer. If you enjoy taking notes, there may be a secretary role with your name on it. You do not have to jump off the deep end and assume a top leadership role on your first foray into active participation, however if you are ready for that – go for it. Whichever office you decide you might want to take on, you will find that you are welcomed with open arms and will be supported as you learn the role.

Committees offer another excellent opportunity to increase your level of active participation. Committee positions are available on all levels of the organization. ASPAN committees will be seeking new members in the fall. Among the choices are Clinical Practice, Standards & Guidelines, Membership & Marketing, and Education Approver. TAPAN committees include Governmental Affairs, Research and Conference. Local committees vary by district but usually include seminar planning among others. The amount of time required for participation will vary depending on the committee you decide to join. If you are interested in ASPAN committees, please visit the ASPAN website https://www.aspan.org/AboutUs/Organization/WillingnesstoServe/ASPANCommitteeDescriptions/tabid/4074/Default.aspx.
“Potential” is the Buzz Word

Armi Holcomb, RN, BSN, CPAN Region 2 Director

Hello TAPAN members! I am honored to be your new Region 2 Director. I serve on the ASPAN Board and am the designated liaison and ambassador between the ASPAN Board and the component organization and to represent the components’ interest.

One of my goals for this first year is to get to know the leaders from all the components in my region. Region 2 comprises the Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri- Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas state components. I have been fortunate to meet some of the Texas leaders at the Region 2 meeting held in New Orleans. One of my passions is to meet new people and really listen to them. I intend to attend as many seminars in our region so I can get to know more of you, both members and nonmembers. Most components including my home component Mokan PANA are struggling to get new members to run for office. ASPAN has a succession planning program entitled “Up and Comers” I intend to find those potential leaders in each of our components and encourage them to participate in this program.

“Potential” is the buzz word coming from ASPAN President Kim Kraft. Each day, we have the potential to make a difference, to do something important or not so important, to fail, to succeed. We just have to open ourselves to that possibility. The Component Leadership Institute (CDI) is set to be held in Louisville, Kentucky on September 10-12, 2010. We can tap into our potential leadership by encouraging TAPAN members to attend this conference. I am planning to attend CDI. Please let me know of any TAPAN officers and members that will be attending so we can meet.

Please email, call or send me any news, concerns or questions that your component may have. My idea is to be able to make sure we are sharing our best practices within our region. One great example is your newsletter the Eyeopener. Kudos to your editor and your contributors.

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Reinvest in Your Potential

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If you are interested in TAPAN committees, please contact a member of the board.

We are always looking for people who enjoy writing for publication. Cyndi Mocek, our Eyeopener editor, would welcome articles for inclusion in an upcoming edition. If your local organization has a newsletter, chances are they would also welcome your contribution. Articles do not have to be lengthy. If you have a research study or Best Practice opportunity you would like to share, please submit it.

Are you a CPAN or CAPA certified nurse and would like to encourage your colleagues to become certified as well? Are you passionate about the value of CPAN and CAPA certification? You have what it takes to become an ABPANC Certification Coach. TAPAN would love to have Coaches across the state. We currently have 5. If you are interested in more information please visit the ABPANC website, http://www.cpancapa.org/getinvolved-coaches.html.

ASPAN Specialty Practice Groups are another means for you to become more active. There are currently 9 groups available for you to join including Informatics, Advanced Practice, Geriatrics and Pediatrics. The purpose of ASPAN’s Specialty Practice Groups (SPG) is to bring together sub-specialty nurses who share a special practice in perianesthesia nursing. SPGs are member-driven and offer a variety of networking and educational opportunities. Each SPG publishes two newsletters per year and meets annually at the National Conference. Additionally you have access to a members-only area on the ASPAN web site which includes a message board where you can post queries and seek feedback. SPG membership does require an additional membership but the fee is minimal compared to the benefit that can be achieved from participation. For further information, please see the ASPAN web site https://www.aspan.org/AboutUs/Organization/SpecialtyPracticeGroups/tabid/3154/Default.aspx.

ASPAN membership currently stands at over 14000 members. TAPAN is 924 members strong. In the period between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010, TAPAN members recruited 114 new members. That number is fabulous but think of what we could do if each one of you recruited just one person to join. Are you ready to reinvest in your potential as a perianesthesia nurse? ASPAN offers educational opportunities, clinical expertise for practice support, standards of practice and evidence based nursing research. Help to strengthen the core of perianesthesia practice. There is strength in numbers – recruit someone today! Membership applications can be obtained via ASPAN’s web site, www.aspan.org, and visiting the membership information page.

I challenge our members to evaluate what ASPAN and TAPAN mean to you and your practice. Each of you has the potential to help ASPAN and TAPAN succeed. The time to “Reinvest in Your Potential” is now. ☺
Spotlight Across Texas: District News

District 1: Houston / Gulf Coast
Charito Espiritu, RN

District 1 held our Spring Seminar last February 20, 2010 in the Denton Cooley Auditorium, St Luke’s Episcopal Hospital. It was very well attended with PeriOperative Nurses, great speakers, interesting topics and well known company vendors.

We would like to applaud the tireless effort our Education Committee in organizing this memorable event of the District starting with 2nd Vice President - Marianne Pham, President - Rosa Adibi, Past President-Meggie Kwan, President Elect-Sharon Hampton, 3rd VP-Gloria Spencer, Tessie Limsiaco-Recording Secretary, Charito Espiritu- Corresponding Secretary, Thelma Duremedres-Treasurer, Deborah White-Historian, Lillian Bailey-Past President and dedicated TAPAN volunteers.

We would also recognize our District Past Treasurer, Ms Teresita Santiago RN, CPAN for receiving the “Excellence in Clinical Practice Award” during the ASPAN National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana last April 18, 2010.

District 1 officers and members organized our yearly volunteer project with some of the greater Houston community like the Project Cure and Catholic Churches. A recent one was held at Project Cure was attended by St Luke’s Day Surgery staff like Agnes Sibayan, Bong Narvas, Jennifer Vergara, Ruth Bagundol, Lissy David and Deborah White of MD Anderson.

District 1 also offers yearly scholarship awards called, “The Ilene Vann Memorial Scholarship”, to members who want to continue to pursue their career in nursing. Our district also supports and rewards members who attend ASPAN and TAPAN Conventions.

District 2: Fort Worth
Kathleen McCauley, RN, BSN

We are open to any participation for member hospitals willing to host a conference. We will assist with the notification of members and set up.

District 2 is looking forward to the reorganization of the districts to be able to offer more opportunities to members.

District 3: Dallas
Karen Jensen, RN, BSN, CPAN

District 3 continues to have educational meetings offering 2.0 CEs. We met at Plano HCA Hospital in March. Our topic included a research presentation on post-op hypothermia. The speakers were excellent and the presentation was well done. St. Paul Hospital (UTSW) provided our May meeting including an interesting and informative presentation on Regional Anesthesia presented by Dr. Lacour. Our educational meetings will resume in October 2010.

District 3 is hosting the TAPAN State Conference in September and will continue to have planning meetings during the summer as necessary.

District 6:
Austin - San Antonio - Corpus Christi - South Texas
Debbie Bennett, RN, BSN, CAPA

Volunteerism in District 6 is flourishing! In February, the San Antonio Rodeo brought several District 6 members together to man the First Aid Station. On March 6th four runners from District 6 participated in the Matt Karnes Memorial run. The nurses ran in remembrance of Matt and to continue his dream to raise funds for the hospital employee crisis fund. In April, five District 6 nurses attending the ASPAN National Convention in New Orleans, La. participated in the Development Dream Walk.

District 6 members are welcome to volunteer for the First Aid Station at the Texas Folklife Festival being held on the grounds of the Institute of Texan Cultures at the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, June 11-13, 2010. The festival is the biggest cultural celebration in Texas! Please note that all first-aid volunteers must sign up by phone or e-mail. Call (210) 458-2216; tffvolunteer@utsa.edu or denise.villarreal@utsa.edu. Qualifications: RN, LVN, or EMT.
District 6 is honored to have numerous outstanding nurses. In the spotlight this month, Wesley Richardson, MSN, RN was awarded $1,500.00 from the Research Committee of Sigma Theta Tau International Delta Alpha at-Large Chapter. Wesley is working on a dissertation study on patient safety in the PACU environment. Way to go Wes! We’re expecting great things from you.

Next, after 52 years in nursing Muriel Jane Maffitt, RN, CAPA has retired. Jane has been a member of ASPAN/TAPAN District 6 for the last 25 years and has attended 24 ASPAN National Conventions! Her dedication to seeking continued education through ASPAN and TAPAN conferences is an inspiration to us all. Jane is very active and has no plans to slow down. Thank you for your service, you have brought joy to many patients, doctors and nurses along the way.

**District 7: El Paso**

Gaby Tijerina, RN

No news reported

**District 9: San Angelo/Abilene**

Kimberly Malone, RN, BSN

Greetings to all from District 9! We hope everyone is looking forward to a wonderful summer!

District 9 has started a Scholarship Fund that assists with renewal of ASPAN membership, initial or renewal of certification, and/or attendance to seminars. The applications for this year will need to be received no later than July 15. Please contact our district president Elena Abaquin at (325)665-2934 for applications or questions concerning the application process. We are looking forward to assisting our fellow district 9 members!

Edna Pabruada, our immediate past President headed a fund raiser in conjunction with Pampered Chef. The party was hosted at our Treasurer, Ann Floyd’s home. With a wonderful turn out we were able to raise almost $500.00 to contribute toward our Scholarship Fund! Good job to all that were able to help out.

And lastly, we are extremely excited to host “TAPAN on the Road - Destination Abilene” on July 10th. The seminar will be held at Hendrick Medical Center from 8:00 to 12:00 and breakfast will be provided. The topics that will be presented are: Malignant Hyperthermia, Legal Issues in PACU, Unrecognized Hypoxemia, and The Nurse and Professional Organizations. Concerns and issues on redistricting and chapter formations will also be discussed. We are looking forward to the officers of TAPAN joining us for the seminar! Pre-registration deadline is June 30. Please contact Elena A ba q u i n a t manang@suddenlink.net or by the above phone number. Save the date and come join us!!

**District 11: Lubbock**

Margaret Rosson, RN

District #11 celebrated PANAW this year by giving each nurse in PACU, OPS, and STAR Center at University Medical Center an ASPAN thermal mug. These gifts were well received and appreciated by all.

We would also like to honor Vern Pharr on his well deserved election as Nurse of the Unit 2010 in PACU at University Medical Center! Not only does he hold dual ASPAN certifications, he additionally is a CCRN. He is an asset to our organization, & to our profession. Congratulations Vern! ☑

**Mentoring Available for Office Positions**

Linda Allyn, RN, BSN, CPAN, CAPA

Please email your ballot (see insert) to me at lallyn@flash.net so we can make it count.

We are ready to start mentoring possible officers for Vice President/President Elect and Secretary for next year. If you are interested please contact any of the current officers or contact the person that holds the position that you are currently interested in. Ask them a few questions and see if you might want to investigate it further and see what they do. No one goes into an office by themselves, there is always a person that has been there before you. Treasurer even has a Treasurer Emeritus so you have a great resource person at your side.
Hello to everyone! Summer is upon us with many plans for vacation and fun in the sun, no doubt. It will fly by so quickly so be sure to enjoy it to the fullest.

On Tuesday, March 23 the President signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law. I am going to give you an ANA web site that has a wealth of information related to the new law. You will see why I am not going to try to put it into this report. There is simply not enough space in the Eyeopener to allow printing this information. The site is: www.rnaction.org/healthcare. There is a red box entitled “View Healthcare Reform Toolkit”; click on that red box to access some very condensed, concise information about some of the issues that are covered by the new law. Private information contained in the questionnaire is never published; it is against the law to disclose or publish names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and telephone numbers. The Census Bureau workers are coming to a door near you if you haven’t completed this civic duty!

Have you filled out your Census questionnaire? It only comes around every ten years. The census is used to determine federal funding to states which has a direct impact on fundamental community services and the number of seats available for occupation in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is also mandatory! It took me less than five minutes to fill out the form and return it to the Census Bureau. Please encourage your family, friends, and colleagues to complete this important task. Private information contained in the questionnaire is never published; it is against the law to disclose or publish names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and telephone numbers. The Census Bureau workers are coming to a door near you if you haven’t completed this civic duty!

Senators Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME) circulated a letter soliciting support for a $23 million increase in funding for nursing workforce development programs. This letter asked other Members of the U.S. Senate to sign-on to a statement supporting $267.3 million in fiscal year (FY) 2011 funding for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). I hope to have more information related to this by next newsletter.

Remember that 2010 is an election year! I challenge you to become involved in this process. Educate yourself about the platform of each candidate who will represent your area in Texas and Washington, D.C. If you are feeling really adventurous, contact the candidate of your choice to volunteer to work in their offices prior to the November elections. I promise you will be welcomed with open arms. Even if you don’t want to venture into politics at that level, please, please, please go to the polls and VOTE for the candidate of your choice. Your vote tells the candidates that you wish to hire them to represent you in the legislative arena!

Join us in Grapevine September 17-19 for the TAPAN State Conference!
Hello everyone! We will have to re-schedule our TAPAN on the Road, half day seminar initially slated for June 5th in Abilene, TX. The new date will be July 10th, Saturday from 8am-12noon. For some of you, who already made plans to attend, please accept our sincere apologies. The prospect of having more attendees and the hope of reaching out to greater majority prompted the change to a later date.

Going green… “Save the Date” flyer will be posted and emailed. Brochures will also be emailed to all districts for circulation to membership. Please print copies to share with your peers and co-workers.

Afternoon will be open as planned for district meetings and discussions about Redistricting and Chapter formation. TAPAN Executive Board members will be available for guidance and direction. Our hope is that you will take this opportunity to begin working together towards one leadership. This is your chance to come with an open mind, bring your thinking caps! Ask questions, clarify any issues or concerns, or simply voice out your opinions. Take the challenge and be there. Everyone’s input is vital to success in achieving our goals.

It will be a long flight from Houston to Abilene, but I am so excited to be there, meet with “old” friends and members I had the privilege of meeting before, as well as new faces I have known the names but have yet to meet. Hope to see you all!

Conference Announcements: NCAPAN, FLASPA

Cyndi Mocek, RN, Eyeopener Editor


2. **FLASPAN: Florida.** State Conference 2010 Karen Ewing Interim AIRWAY Co-Editor, karrie58@earthlink.net October 7, 2010 FLASPAN Pre conference Regal Sun Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Contact Emma Pontenila at cordeliacr@aol.com for more information

October 8-10, 2010 FLASPAN's 41st Annual Conference "Humanity & Technology in Harmony... The Future of Perianesthesia Nursing"

Regal Sun Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Contact Emma Pontenila at cordeliacr@aol.com for more information
ASPAN Year-in-Review Summarization

Susan Norris, RN, BScN, CAPA, TAPAN President

Clinical Practice Committee: From May 1, 2009 – March 1, 2010 there were 1352 questions received by Clinical Practice; 52% of the questions were from members, 48% were from non-members; there were a total of 112 “Celebrate Successful Practices” entries this year of which 8 were presented via PowerPoint at National Conference; the Redi-Ref is in final stages of production.

Education Approver and Provider Committees: Advanced programs were updated into Complexities including Interventional Radiology (IR) info, updated pharmacology and new Standards information; a Pediatrics Intermediate Program being developed for use in Fall of 2010; 2010-2011 look to the future with education related to the Pain & Comfort guidelines, systems review, obstetrics, bariatrics and topics related to co-morbidities; Continued use of JOPAN and new educational modules as on-line sources of contact hours; PANAW week continues to offer free contact hours on-line; the Education Approver Manual and forms were updated and revised to reflect changes in ANCC-COA criteria

Research Committee: 33 Research abstracts were submitted for National Conference this year; 4 were accepted for both Oral and Poster presentations, 7 were accepted for Poster Presentations; the Work Environment Study will soon be completed and manuscripts to be published

Development: A total of 17 Scholarships were awarded

LIAISON REPORTS

Americans for Nursing Shortage Relief (ANSR): ASPAN signed on to letters to the Appropriators, reiterating the Alliance's support for $263.4 million in FY 2010 for Title VIII; ASPAN signed on to “IT’S TIME TO BUILD CAPACITY TO MEET MOUNTING HEALTH NEEDS” and “HEALTH COMMUNITY FY 2011 RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNCTION 550/DISCRETIONARY (in billions of dollars)” letter


American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN): New position created for ASPMN liaison; Reviewing ASPMN mission statement and goals. Mission - The ASPMN mission is to advance and promote optimal nursing care for people affected by pain by promoting best nursing practice. This is accomplished through education, standards, advocacy, and research. Goals - Access to quality care, public awareness, professional Resources, education

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN): March 2010 AWHONN newsletter Vitals reports results of study regarding NPO status of laboring patients. The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists supports the recommendation that women in uncomplicated labor may have modest amounts of clear liquids during labor. ASA representative cautions that these studies look at the effect of oral intake on the laboring patient they do not look at the potential risk of aspiration in the emergent c-section needing general anesthesia
**Council on Surgical & Perioperative Safety (CSPS):** Monthly teleconference calls with all CSPS members, discussing collaborative efforts to promote patient safety within the perioperative areas; a separate monthly teleconference calls for the committee working on “Safe Surgical Principles”. The group reviewed all principles, made recommendations, additions and revisions; a new sub-committee was formed focusing on “transfer of care” for preop, intraop and postop; each organization is encouraged to provide educational inservice to their members on Workplace violence.

**National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS):** NACNS, in conjunction with ANCC, provided CNSs who developed a Core CNS exam. This exam was released Oct 2009. Due to a low volume of candidates, the exam will be retired after the March 2010 testing date; NACNS has developed a Core Practice Doctorate Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Competencies. This has been endorsed by ASPAN. NACNS is currently seeking additional endorsements.

**National Student Nurses’s Association (NSNA):** In the process of exploring forms of communication with their officers...email and or conference, and go-to-meeting type communicating; work of the Perianesthesia Orientation SWT will be closely monitored.

**Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP):** Active participation in conference calls; recent surge of interest and activity around normothermia – ASPAN guidelines heavily referenced....V Hooper, principle author, invited to participate on SCIP TEP calls.

**Society for Perioperative Assessment and Quality Improvement (SPAQI):** Information provided to ASPAN SPG for Preoperative Assessment on the upcoming SPAQI Perioperative Summit to be held in Miami, March 4-6th; review ASPAN Successful Practice Posters and encourage submission for consideration to SPAQI.

**Strategic Work Team Reports**

**Advanced Perianesthesia Degree SWT:** Advanced Perianesthesia Degree Strategic Work Team Proposal to create an advanced degree related to perianesthesia practice.

**Financial SWT:** Develop a guideline for pricing new and/or revised ASPAN products and publications; evaluate registration fees for NC 2011; evaluate current speaker honorariums for Natl. Conference; evaluate benefits given to speakers at Natl. Conference.

**Legislative Bill Ad Hoc:** Determine the extent to which ASPAN as an organization can endorse legislation based on the current tax status as a 501(c)(3); determine the process by or through which ASPAN could endorse legislation; develop protocol to ensure timely and representative organizational participation and/or approval in legislative bill endorsement; develop checklist for legislative bill endorsement to facilitate effective decision-making regarding the endorsement process.

**Perianesthesia Orientation SWT:** Perianesthesia Orientation SWT formed to continue development of an educational/orientation program for new/inexperienced nurses in the Perianesthesia practice setting.

**Regional Conference SWT:** This SWT formed delve into the pros and cons of components coming together to sponsor ‘regional’ conferences.

**Standards online SWT:** Have begun preliminary discussions with team re: Standards making standards more accessible to membership.
Phase II Analgesia 2010 National Conference Survey

Prudence Nietupski, RN, BSN, CAPA

At our 2010 National Conference, I did informal data collection on Phase II Analgesia, with the intent to get a sampling of practices in other hospitals.

Currently our hospital has discontinued the use of Fentanyl in our Phase II practice.

According to ASPAN Standards

PostAnesthesia Phase II/Extended Observation

Interventions 2. Pharmacological interventions: (Medicate as ordered): Non-opioid (e.g., acetaminophen, NSAIDs, Cox- 2 inhibitors), mu agonist opioids (e.g., morphine, hydromorphone, fentanyl) and adjunctivant analgesics (e.g. local anesthetics).

Following are the results of the survey;

Our Phase II patients receive oral pain medications only- 5 Yes
Our Phase II patients receive IV pain medications and/or oral pain medication- 25 Yes
Our Phase II patients receive IV opioids- 25 Yes

Which IV opioids do you use?

Demerol - 10 yes
Dilaudid- 10 yes
Fentanyl – 13 yes
Morphine- 16 yes

If you use IV opioids in Phase II, what monitoring equipment is used?

Continuous cardiac monitoring-3
Pulse Oximetry – 19
Careful observation of the patient – 20
Frequent vital signs- 13 (q5 min- 5, q 10 min – 1, q 15 min – 2, q 30 min – 3)

Other comments included the following:

Monitor with family at the bedside.
If patient needs IV meds- has to go back to Phase I, we do use IM
Fentanyl is not allowed in PACU or our hospital
As ordered or what works, can give Stadol and Morphine
May move back to Phase I

The sample size in this review is small, but suggestive of IV opioids being used routinely in Phase II care, prior to the patient being discharged to home. I would like to encourage TAPAN members to review their practices in their hospitals and determine if within the current ASPAN Standards 2008-2010.

If you are interested, please answer the above questions regarding your facility and e mail them to pru_nietupski@yahoo.com

TAPAN State Conference September 17-19 in Grapevine, Texas
ASSPAN 2010 National Conference: New Orleans

From left:
Outgoing Region 2 Director Twilla Shrout
TAPAN Past President Linda Allyn
Incoming Region 2 Director Armi Holcomb
TAPAN President Susan Norris

Eyeopener Takes Home 2 ASPAN Awards:
* National 16+ page category
* People's Choice

2010 TAPAN State Conference: Save the Date
Prudence Nietupski, RN, BSN, CAPA

⇒ Reminder to all TAPAN members (and bring along a friend)
⇒ September 17, 18, and 19 will be the dates for our 2010 Annual State Conference to be held in the Dallas/Ft Worth area.
⇒ We are completing our speaker roster and we will offer you education on a wide variety of topics.
⇒ The conference will be at the Hilton Honors Conference Center in Grapevine Texas.
⇒ This beautiful facility is located just north of DFW airport and offers free shuttle to and from the airport.
⇒ For those driving, parking is free in the spacious lot.
⇒ The hotel is across the street from the Grapevine Mills Mall, which offers plenty of shopping.
⇒ There are a wide variety of eateries within walking distance.
⇒ Check the area out, submit for conference time off. Bring the family, the hotel and surrounding area offers entertainment for the entire family. ✶
ASPN National Conference: New Orleans 2010

Component Night Fun
TAPAN
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in New Orleans
CREATING REGIONS: DOES YOUR DISTRICT HAVE A PLAN?

Susan Russell, RN, JD, CPAN, CAPA, P&P Coordinator

At last October’s Leadership Retreat, the TAPAN Board announced a plan to reorganize the existing districts into Regions. It is now time for each district to decide what that means and how it affects the members who reside in the Region. The TAPAN Board is available to answer questions from district leaders and to serve as consultants during this process. Each Region must elect officers, adopt Bylaws, and write policies and procedures for the Region. A Region may choose to adopt the bylaws, policies and procedures of the district, making only minimal changes. Each district should have a CD of the current TAPAN Policies and Procedures. The current TAPAN Bylaws are on the TAPAN website. Each Region is also encouraged to establish a website or electronic communication center for posting contact information, event calendar, membership information, newsletters, etc. Please contact the TAPAN Board if your district needs assistance with reorganization. We are here to help you.

Executive Board Meeting: Summary of Minutes

Deborah Davis, RN, BSN, CPAN, TAPAN Secretary

The TAPAN board met in Dallas during the weekend of March 27 & 28, 2010. Saturday afternoon was spent reviewing Policies and Procedures. The discussion was led by P&P Chair, Susan Russell. Registration fees for the 2010 State Conference were also reviewed and revised based on changes in conference format.

The Board met on Sunday morning for a full board meeting. Members present were Susan Norris, Hermie Robles, Prudence Nietupski, Alison Watkins, Deborah Davis, Linda Allyn, Cyndi Mocek and Susan Russell. Minutes from the January 24, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved. Alison presented the Treasurer’s report showing a current balance of $17,267. Pru provided an update on the 2010 conference planning activities. Hermie will chair the preconference Leadership conference and planning is underway. Hermie also reported that the upcoming TAPAN on the Road seminar is set for June 5, 2010 in Abilene. We will be applying for 4.0 contact hours for this half day seminar. We have received questions of interest about chapter formation from Harlingen/McAllen, Austin and the North Texas areas. Cyndi reported that The Eyeopener has been submitted for ASPAN’s People’s Choice Award as well as the Technical Award in the 16+ page category. The board made the decision to donate an iPod Nano for the silent auction at National Conference. Proceeds from the auction go to ASPAN Development.

The next board meeting will be held on June 5, 2010 in Abilene Texas. All TAPAN members are welcome to attend TAPAN board meetings.

Let's all go green!
CPAN® and CAPA® Certification Corner

Susan Norris, RN, BScN, CAPA, TAPAN President

TAPAN wins ABPANC Shining Star Award!

ABPANC’S Shining Star Award publicly recognizes ASPAN Components for supporting and encouraging CPAN® and CAPA® certification at the local level. TAPAN was one of 9 components to receive the Shining Star Award at the 2010 CPAN/CAPA Breakfast in New Orleans, LA.

Examination Registration & Administration – Dates & Deadlines

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TAPAN Certification Coaches:
Sandy Kirk, CPAN
Susan Russell, CPAN, CAPA
Juanita Carinhas, CPAN
Sarah, Castillo, CPAN
Susan Norris, CAPA

We need more Coaches. Please visit the ABPANC web site, www.cpancapa.org for an application.

Members of the ABPANC Leader Resource Team:
Susan Norris, CAPA
Pamela Windle, CPAN, CAPA

Editor’s Note
Cyndi Mocek, RN, ADN, TAPAN Editor

Members can bring a critical eye to our state newsletter and are encouraged to contact the editor with suggestions for improvement. Members are also encouraged to write articles pertaining to peri-anesthesia nursing. Your experiences are the best resource!

I look forward to hearing from you! Contact information: mocek.rn@sbcglobal.net.

Treasurer’s Report
Alison Watkins, RN, MS, CPAN, TAPAN Treasurer

TAPAN account balance as of April 14, 2010:
$20,539.57
TAPAN continues to move forward with plans to “redistrict” the state. The topic of redistricting has been on the agendas of past TAPAN leaders for nearly a decade. As districts have struggled with remaining viable and able to serve our members, TAPAN leaders have been seeking ways to re-draw the lines of our current districts to meet those needs while combining and sharing the resources that are available. TAPAN originally consisted of 11 districts. Over time, several of those districts have ceased to exist through loss of members or inability to successfully assemble a slate of officers to carry out the district’s business. Through our redistricting efforts we will decrease the number of divisions to five regions. This will permit the new “regions” to draw on members from a larger area to create a slate of officers to lead the region. Smaller local areas will be able to form “chapters” within a region. Chapters require a minimum of 5 members to form and must be located a certain distance for the regional headquarters but only require a coordinator and not a full board of officers to function. Further information on Chapter formation can be found in the Fall 2009 edition of the Eyeopener or from any current TAPAN board member. The decision to divide into 5 regions is based on the distribution of the current membership and the 5 points of the star in the Texas flag. The regional lines are drawn along county boundaries. To determine which counties to assign to a particular region we looked at where our membership currently resides. The following is the preliminary regional assignments.

**Far East Texas:** Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell


**Northern Gulf Coast:** Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Lee, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton


More information on our redistricting project will be forthcoming and we expect to have all details finalized by the state conference in September. If you have any questions or comments please contact any of the current TAPAN officers. Your feedback is welcomed.
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