



NORTHWEST PERIANESTHESIA NURSES ASSOCIATION

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Greetings from the beautiful Northwest! It was a joy to represent our component at the National conference in Indianapolis this year. Our beloved regional director Regina Hoefler-Notz transitioned to the office of president elect and we warmly welcomed Shay Glevy from Southern California to step into her role. Shay and Regina share the gift of a relational leadership style and I am excited to see what is next on the horizon. Our strategic plan and goals align perfectly with the transformational vision of engaging members at the local level and providing relevant professional resources for the diverse needs of the bedside caregiver.

The NPANA building process is on target and the board of directors wants to welcome new and upcoming component leaders. One of our goals for 2017 has been to include more members in leadership roles by creating new districts and committees. This is currently happening throughout our five states. Not only are there new districts forming, we have amazing applicants for committee memberships, district leaders as well as transitioning board members (VP and secretary). I want to cheer all those who are stepping up and encourage you to act soon if you are interested in joining the team. The willingness to serve forms are easy to complete and your unique skillset is desperately needed to build strong perianesthesia practice standards. We would love to send qualified component leaders to the wonderful leadership development program hosted by ASPAN this fall - let us know soon so we can put your name on the list.

I was reminded today of the importance of prioritizing. The summer is a great season to step back and reflect upon these priorities because we all know that staying busy is not the same as being effective, productive...thriving. ASPAN and NPANA will continue to provide the perianesthesia best practice guidelines/standards that improve patient outcomes. What a privilege it is to make a difference and be effective by prioritizing the role we play in the organization.

Sincerely,

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