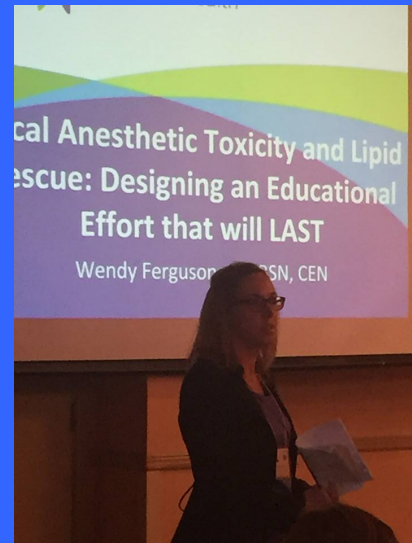




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Thanks for joining us in Alaska!



We recently asked for your feedback about NPANA & want to share those survey results with you. Here are a few highlights:

- 107 people responded
- Over 60% of respondents are over the age of 55
- Almost 65% of respondents work in a hospital setting

- *Most respondents are likely to renew their membership and find value in NPANA!*

Survey results can be found [HERE](#)

Member Requests:

- *More contact hour offerings (free/low-cost for members)*
- *More local speaker offerings within the Component*
- *Consider online/webinar learning options*

See you in Portland, Oregon for Fall Conference 2018!



New Board Members were sworn in!

- Nan Wecker, President (right)
- Anita Thies, Vice President/President-Elect (left)
- Jamie Conant, Secretary (center)



President Nan Wecker's letter is [HERE](#):

Past-President, Maria Heinje, shares her reflections [HERE](#)

~NPANA AWARDS~

The Ruth Foster award is determined by the board of directors & honors a commitment to NPANA, having been a continual member for at least 5 years.

2017 Winner: Deb Smith



*Star Award: Recognizing outstanding contributions to
NPANA & PeriAnesthesia Nursing.*

2017 Winners:

Chris Dubois & Meg Spaulding



*Treasurer's Report:
Kara Chrispens
npanatreasurer@gmail.com*

***Fall Conference
Scholarship Winners:***

Tina Clum, Paige Klem, & Wendy Ferguson

Read their thoughts about the NPANA Fall Conference:

[Click Here](#)

***Raffle donations of \$271 from the Fall
Conference were donated to AWAIC: Abused
Women's Aid in Crisis***

<http://www.awaic.org/>



Education Corner:

*Barb Richardson,
NPANA Education Coordinator
npanaeducation@gmail.com*

Well, the 2017 NPANA Fall Conference in Alaska is in the books and, by all accounts, it was a resounding success. We had 108 people attend which was an amazing turnout! The conference planning committee did a fabulous job putting together a great line up of speakers and chose such a nice venue. Where else would we have almost as many seaplanes parked in front of the hotel (in the lake) as we had cars in the lot? We expected to have participants from Alaska, but to our surprise, nearly a third of the attendees were from one of the other four NPANA states. The energy created by having people there from all over our component was palpable and I, for one, look forward to building on that. Together, we strengthen our profession.

Upcoming NPANA Component educational events are ASPAN Foundations of PeriAnesthesia Practice being organized in Bozeman, MT and Spring Fling, March 24, 2018 which is put on by the Inland Northwest District in Spokane, WA. Check the www.NPANA.org website for more info. I look forward to helping all of our local districts and members make more local educational options available to you all. Please contact me for ideas, information or assistance.

*Warmly,
Barb Richardson, BSN, RN, RN-BC*

2017

*Oct. 28th: Foundations of PeriAnesthesia Practice
(Bozeman, MT) [Bozeman Conference](#)*

*Coming soon to the Seattle Area, a certification review course.
More details to follow....*

2018

*March 24: Spring Fling (Spokane, WA)
April 29: ASPAN National Conference (Anaheim, CA)*

Do you need help hosting an educational offering? Want to offer

contact hours with your own speaker? We can help you!

ASPAN Select Offerings also provide options for 1 to 3-hour pre-recorded education sessions! Contact hours are available for purchase. Let us know if you are interested in hosting a session!

[ASPAN Select Seminars](#)



Research Committee:

Submitted by Anita Thies,
npanavicepresident@gmail.com

Call for Participants:

NPANA is looking for nurses

interested in doing research and/or reviewing journal articles

at the component level. Are you interested in EBP guided

patient care?

"Research and clinical inquiry provide data to guide practice in a variety of forms. Research and evidence based findings guide decision making in the nurses clinical, educational, and management roles." STANDARD V- Research and Clinical Inquiry

**Do you have a Clinical question you would like help with? Are you interested in doing research and presenting it at a national or component level? Develop a poster! Get involved.*

Don't forget... there are many EBP resources available on our website. ASPAN Research links..... Joanna Briggs Institute.



Submitted by ABPANC
Board Member:
Melissa Schmidt

Interested in becoming certified?

Spring registration dates: January 8 - March 26

Spring testing dates: April 2 - May 29

New testing locations now available in Alaska!

[Certification Info](http://cpancapa.org/certification/schedules-fees/)

<http://cpancapa.org/certification/schedules-fees/>

Membership & District

Updates:

Submitted by Jaime Conant,
npanasecretary@gmail.com



Membership Update

October 2017:

- Total Members as October 2017: 875

By State:

- Alaska: 61 Idaho: 97 Montana: 66 Oregon: 228
- Washington: 411 Other states: 12

New Members: July (19), August (27), September (31) = 77

District Updates:

*Alaska: District is forming, contact Chris at:
chrisandnancy2003@gmail.com*

*Inland Northwest: **Next meeting Oct. 12 & Nov. 9th 5:30 pm**
Hotel RL by Red Lion - Planning Spring Fling 2018!
inlandnwnpanapresident@gmail.com*

*Greater Portland: Nan Wecker at npanapresident@gmail.com
Next meeting: November 16th at 6:30 pm.
Time & location TBD. A guest speaker will present!*

*South Sound/Sea-Tac: Carmen at ocarmen4266@msn.com
Snohomish, WA: Megan at meganmed579@gmail.com.
Bozeman, MT: Brenda at bdonaldson@bozemanhealth.org
Boise, ID: Conra at hunterco@slhs.org*

*Contact an NPANA Board member if you are interested in local
PeriAnesthesia Education!*



Region 1 Director Update Shay Gleavy:

*ASPAN Region 1 Update:
There is no 'I' in Team*

Click [*HERE*](#)

Government Affairs:

We have seen so many examples of heroism from fellow nursing colleagues around the nation, whether it be Las Vegas, Florida, Texas, or Puerto Rico. We thank them for putting the heart of nursing into action.



Did you know? ASPAN has many advocacy resources:

[*http://www.aspan.org/Resources/Advocacy*](http://www.aspan.org/Resources/Advocacy)

[*https://www.govtrack.us*](https://www.govtrack.us)

National Assoc. of City & County Health Officials (NACCHO) announces release of its policy recommendations for 2017. There are over 125 policy statements on public health issues impacting individuals and communities.

[*Compendium of Policy Recommendations*](#)

Update on health care reform legislation:

American Nurses' Association:

[*Health Care System Reform*](#)



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President: Nan Wecker, BSN, RN, CPAN

Vice President/President Elect - Anita Thies, BSN, RN, CPAN

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Off the Cuff © Co-Editor- Shannon Kline, BSN, RN, CPAN

Editor's Note:

Off the Cuff © article & event submissions are welcome!

Submissions are due: Mar 15, June 15, and Oct 15.

Send info to: npananewsletter@gmail.com

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quality care for patients
and their families through professional education, research, and
standards of practice for
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