

Region 1 Update

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ASPAN's 43rd National Conference in Orlando was incredible! Nearly 1,200 perianesthesia nurses gathered to share the amazing experience including an estimated 600 first-time attendees! More than 200 traveled from Region 1 with members from as far as Hawaii, Guam and Alaska.

The educational sessions were excellent. If you were unable to attend, remember that registration for virtual attendees opens in May. Virtual attendees have the opportunity to earn more than 80 CEs right at home!

Congratulations to the many Region 1 nurses who presented lectures, or shared research, Evidence-based Practice and Successful Practice posters! We continue to anxiously await the announcement of awards from the poster presentations.

Region 1 once again took home many accolades:

- Award for Outstanding Achievement went to **Nereyda Leder** (NPANA).
- Above and Beyond winners included **Catherine Del Rosario** (PANAC), **Ronda Dyer** (PANAC), **Michelle Meadows** (PANAC), and **Nereyda Leder** (NPANA).
- The People's Choice Newsletter Award went to PANAC.
- NPANA's **Lori Erni** was elected Clinical Practice Director.
- PANAC's **Ronda Dyer** was honored with ABPANC's President's Award.
- RMPANA, NPANA, PANAC, and PANANM received ABPANC Shining Stars.

RMPANA was the only Region 1 candidate among the eight who submitted Gold Leaf applications. Although MASPAN (Massachusetts) won, sources tell me it was very close. We will all be cheering you on next year in Dallas!