

Hello!

On behalf of the South Carolina Perianesthesia Nurses Association, SCAPAN, I would like to offer you and your student members the opportunity to participate in our state scholarship education offering. If I may, I would first like to share a bit about our practice and history.

SCAPAN is a state component of the American Society of Perianesthesia Nurses, ASPAN. ASPAN represents the 58,000 professional nurses throughout the United States practicing in the perianesthesia setting: preoperative and postoperative care in hospitals and ambulatory surgery settings. In South Carolina, SCAPAN has 200+ members among our three very active chapters throughout the state: Coastal, Central Midlands and Piedmont.

As SCAPAN, we offer an annual conference each fall, a spring seminar in Sumter, SC and a third seminar rotating between chapters. Our three state chapters additionally hold monthly or quarterly meetings in the Greenville, Lexington and Charleston areas. In October 2008, SCAPAN & our Coastal chapter sponsored Dolly Ireland, RN MSN CAPA CPN national expert on perianesthesia nursing. The conference, attended by 110 participants from North & South Carolina, offered 7.5 continuing education hours, meals & breaks and provided an excellent forum for discussing current issues & developing professional contacts. (Our student fees for these offerings are *greatly reduced* & you're welcome to attend local & state board meetings.)

Our 2009 annual fall meeting will be sponsored by our Piedmont chapter & SCAPAN and will be in Greenville, SC on October 10 with speakers & topics ranging from respiratory, medical missions work, pain control and nursing & health policy. We will also have in attendance the recipients of our SCAPAN student nurse scholarships. *We offer 6 scholarships* to attend our annual state conference with the registration fee waived, (* two for each of the local chapters.)* We also offer perianesthesia review courses for certification.

It is our hope that you will share this information with your members. Should they require more information on the application process please contact me via the email address below. The deadline for the scholarship application is August 1, 2009.

Thank you for your time and we hope to hear from your members soon.

Sincerely,

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