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ABPANC Recognizes 12 Components with the 2011 Shining Star Award

NEW YORK (May 18, 2011)—The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC) recognized 12 components with the 2011 Shining Star Award during the CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon, held at the recent conference of the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPN) in Seattle, WA.

“We are honored to recognize these ASPAN components for their dedication to promoting professional certification at the local level and encouraging eligible nurses to sit for the CPAN® and/or CAPA® exams,” Kathy Paskewitz, RN, CPAN®, current ABPANC President, said.

ABPANC’S Shining Star Award publicly recognizes ASPAN Components for supporting and encouraging CPAN® and CAPA® certification by offering scholarships for certification or recertification fees, providing opportunities to earn contact hours, holding recognition events for certified nurses and other activities.

The following components received the 2011 Shining Star Award.

- Arizona (AZPANA)
- Chesapeake Bay (CBSPAN)
- Florida (FLASPAN)
- Kentucky (KSPAN)
- Maine (MESPAN)
- Massachusetts (MASPAN)
- Missouri-Kansas (MOKANPANA)
- Northwest (NPANA)
- Ohio (OPANA)
- Pennsylvania (PAPAN)
- South Carolina (SCAPAN)
- Texas (TAPAN)

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The 2011 Shining Star Award Recipients

The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc., (ABPANC) is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1985 for the purpose of sponsoring certification programs for qualified registered nurses caring for patients who have experienced sedation, analgesia, and anesthesia. APBANC sponsors the Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN®) and the Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse (CAPA®) programs. ABPANC's programs and services are focused on achieving its mission and vision. Currently there are nearly 10,000 CPAN® and CAPA® certified nurses.

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