



FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

NEWS THAT WON'T PUT YOU TO SLEEP



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Message from the President



Hello FSA Members,

If you've been anywhere near a computer, a cell phone, a television or a radio in the past several months, you've witnessed the incessant deluge of media and news that regularly inundates our world now. From a medical professional's viewpoint, staying informed and up-to-date is important, but in the flood of information it can be difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff. The Florida Society of Anesthesiologists continues to be a national leader in promoting safe physician-led anesthesia care for our patients, and as we maintain that sphere of influence, we want to keep our members informed of all the legislative, medical, education and professional achievements and challenges we're involved in.

But how to do that without adding to said information flood?

On behalf of the FSA Communications Committee, under the leadership of chairperson Rebecca Welch, I'm pleased to present **NEWS THAT WON'T PUT YOU TO SLEEP**. The format of this e-news bulletin will better serve our busy members, quickly and efficiently delivering relevant and interesting information, accessible from wherever you prefer to get your news - your cell phone, your tablet, your computer. Legislative updates, state & national news, interesting case reports, member news and notifications of upcoming meetings and events - this is your source for what's relevant, helpful, interesting - and fun - from your Society.

I encourage you to review this first edition, and welcome your feedback on this and on all that the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists is involved. It's your Society - let us know the best way we can serve you.

Sincerely,

Steven Gayer, MD MBA
2016-2017 FSA President



presenting...IN THE BREAK ROOM

In this day and age, we are all busy with daily clinical duties, but who can't spare at least a few minutes to swing by the break room and catch up on the latest?

Whether it's that train wreck of a case you just finished, the disaster patient in the other room that was mercifully cancelled, or a new piece of equipment you just used, anesthesiologists want to hear about it!

IN THE BREAK ROOM is a brand new feature in the FSA e-news, dedicated to the invaluable clinical pearls and vignettes that we exchange whenever we can catch a breather:

- *Case Reports (Interesting, difficult, etc)*
- *Clinical Reviews (e.g. "The 5 Most Important Things to Know About Von Willebrand's Disease")*
- *Equipment Reviews/Comparisons (e.g. "Glidescope vs. C-Mac")*
- *Meeting Reviews (ASA, SCA, ASRA, PGA, etc.)*
- *Legislative / Regulatory Updates (timely, concise, easy to digest material only!)*
- *Creative Writing*
- *Visual Art (Drawings, Caricatures)*



Any "quick and dirty" submission, which is in some manner interesting for physician anesthesiologists, is fair game. Further, **anyone** working in perioperative medicine is welcome to contribute, from attending physicians and residents, to medical students and anesthesiologists. This section will also feature friendly contests (with prizes awarded!) for various types of submissions (e.g. most interesting case report).

Get Involved!

Win a Prize!!

Email your submission to the [FSA Administrative Office](#).

Submissions will be reviewed by the FSA Communications Committee. Winners' work will appear in future FSA e-news.

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Legislative Update

FSA Legislative updates provided by



The Election. Below are some resources that may be helpful with the upcoming general election on Tuesday, November 8th. If you have any questions about specific candidates running in your area, please do not hesitate contacting our team.

- To contact your local supervisor of elections, go to: <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>
- To register to vote, go to: <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/>
- To locate your polling place, go to: <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/check-your-voter-status-and-polling-place/>
- To request an absentee ballot, go to: <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voting/vote-by-mail/>

Support. With the upcoming election, we encourage those of you haven't contributed to our society's political action committee, FSAPAC, to do so. This is a powerful tool that supports pro-anesthesia candidates across the state. Contributions can be made [HERE](#).



State House Happenings. Incoming Speaker of the House, Representative Richard Corcoran (Republican – Pasco County), released his proposed committee structure for his upcoming term. He is expected to announce his leadership team, including the Majority Leader, Speaker pro-tempore and the members that will chair substantive policy and budget committees. Team JB monitors all of the committees and their activity as it relates to issues important to anesthesia. Of interest are the House Health & Human Services Committee, the House Health Innovation Subcommittee and the House Health Quality Subcommittee. The Senate has not released any information as far as the future committee structure. With the exception of Senator Jack Latvala’s unofficial appointment to serve as the Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, no other leadership announcements have been made.

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Resident’s Corner

The 2016 ASA Legislative Conference

Report from Shane Cherry, CA-3, University of Miami

I was afforded the opportunity to attend the ASA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. as part of the Florida Delegation this past May. This was my second trip to the Legislative Conference and it could not have been a better experience! It was a jam-packed two and a half days, filled with engaging talks from some of our nation’s political leaders as well as a number of very productive meetings on Capitol Hill with our state’s legislators. I’d like to review the events of the conference followed by what I believe to be the most important messages that I’ve brought home to share with my colleagues.



The conference began on Monday with a review of the structure and organization of the legislative branch, legislative process, and general guidelines to a successful Hill visit by Nora Matus, ASA’s Director of Congressional and Political Affairs. Jason Hansen, ASA’s Director of State Affairs, then provided a wonderful overview of current state topics including opt-outs, pain medicine, anesthesiology assistants, and truth in advertising. This was followed by an interactive panel on advocacy skills led by Dr. Kenneth Elmassian, Dr. John Zerwas, Dr. Tom George, and Dr. Sam Page. Drs. Zerwas, George, and Page shared stories reflecting on their time spent as state representatives in Texas, Michigan, and Missouri respectively. Monday’s session concluded with an interactive panel on state topics led by Dr. Erin Sullivan, Dr. Sherif Zaafran, Dr. Randall Clark, and Dr. Jeffrey Plagenhoef covering out-of-network payments, anesthesiology assistants, and upcoming state advocacy priorities.

Tuesday morning kicked off with physician anesthesiologist and U.S. Congressman Andy Harris, member of the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations, providing an insider’s update on healthcare topics being discussed on Capitol Hill. Among other things, he emphasized the VA Nursing Handbook and its impending release to the federal registry; growing national health expenditures and their effect on the federal budget; the importance of biomedical innovation; the Affordable Care Act; drug shortages; and looking ahead to the 2016 elections. Congressman Harris was followed by Manuel Bonilla, ASA’s Chief Advocacy Officer, who prepared attendees for our Hill meetings. Michael Botticelli, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, then spoke about the ongoing opioid epidemic and what is being done to fight it. We heard from Congresswoman Julia Brownley, co-sponsor of the bipartisan Benishek (R-MI)-Brownley (D-CA) letter calling for maintenance of the physician-led anesthesia care team within the VA. Larry Sabato, Founder of “Sabato’s Crystal Ball” and Director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics, then gave a highly entertaining overview of the state of the presidential election. The afternoon was fast-paced with a series of excellent speakers. Dr. Stanley Stead

spoke on evolving advocacy challenges in anesthesiology. Congressman John Nygren (R-WI) shared his state's battle against the opioid epidemic. Diane Zumatto, National Legislative Director for AMVETS, gave an impassioned speech supporting ASA's stance on the VA Nursing Handbook. Dr. Douglas Fridsma, president and CEO of the American Medical Informatics Association, discussed alternative payment models and quality reporting. ASA Past President Dr. Alex Hannenberg broke down the highly complex MACRA handbook. Finally, the afternoon concluded with some advice on effective message delivery by Theresa Hill, ASA's Director of Public Relations, and Leigh Wagner, Senior Vice President of Public Communications Inc. All ASAPAC donors were then invited to a reception at the United States Botanic Garden.

Wednesday was our day on Capitol Hill, where our busy Florida Delegation was able to meet with fourteen state representatives!

I'd like to close with what I consider to be the two take home messages from this visit. First, if an issue pops up in your state, chances are it has been already been brought up in another state before. Jason Hansen's team does amazing work and can provide you with information and guidance on how it was handled elsewhere, so use his team as a resource! Second, a bit of homework: There are a limited number of congressional committees that directly oversee and/or regulate healthcare policy, so representatives on these committees can be particularly powerful allies. In the House, these committees are: the Committee on Ways & Means; the Energy & Commerce Committee; and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. In the Senate, these committees are: the Committee on Finance; the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Below is a table of all of Florida's representatives on these committees. If you are one of their constituents please reach out to them today and make your voice heard regarding the APRN Proposed Rule and ask them to sign onto the Benishek (R-MI)-Brownley (D-CA) letter.

Florida Representatives on Key Congressional Committees					
House Committee on Ways & Means	House Energy & Commerce Committee	House Committee on Veterans' Affairs	Senate Committee on Finance	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)	Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Vern Buchanon (FL-16)	Gus Bilirakis (FL-12)	Jeff Miller (Chairman) (FL-1)	Bill Nelson	None	None
	Kathy Castor (FL-14)	Gus Bilirakis (Vice Chairman) (FL-12)			
		Corrine Brown (FL-5)			

And Congratulations to the FSA 2016 ASA Resident Delegates

These residents applied and were selected to represent the state of Florida in the ASA Resident House of Delegates, where they will vote on resolutions and make policy decisions. Resident Delegates receive a travel stipend of \$1,000 towards their travel costs to ANESTHESIOLOGY 2016 in Chicago, Illinois.

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And a special Shout-Out for our 2016 ASA Resident Alternate Delegates:

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