



RMPANA UPDATE

Rocky Mountain Perianesthesia Nurses Association

Mission: The RMPANA component advances nursing practice through education, research and standards.

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A Word From Our President

RMPANA is embarking on a new and exciting process for the election of officers. The new process is outlined in detail below by Lynda Marks. We owe a special thanks to Lynda for the countless hours she has spent researching the different voting options available and to the development of this new process.

I would also like to thank the individuals that have chosen to serve RMPANA and its members by electing to serve in the capacity of Component Vice President/President elect and Treasurer. It is an extremely rewarding experience and I encourage all of you to consider taking the challenge to serve either on the District or the Component level. You won't be sorry you did!!!

Pam Myrum
RMPANA President 2009-2010

Election Process Change

In an attempt to improve participation in the RMPANA election process, the Board of Directors has approved a change in the process. Rather than mailing out the ballot along with the biographical information on the candidates, we will hold the election at our annual meeting at the Retreat In The Rockies. Ballots will be handed out to members when they check in on Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday morning. Voting will be closed at 0900 Saturday morning. The results of the election will be announced prior to the lunch break. If a member is unable to attend the Retreat, an absentee ballot may be requested from Lynda Marks at LyndaMarks@q.com. You must provide your ASPAN membership number when requesting a ballot. Absentee ballots must be received no later than September 29, 2010.

The slate of candidates will be posted on the RMPANA website for the month of September. You may go to the website and review the biographical information any time prior to voting. This year we are electing a Vice-President/President Elect and a Treasurer. The VP/P is a 3-year commitment. The 3rd year you serve as the Past President. Treasurer is a 2-year term. Nominations will remain open until August 1, 2010. We do have 2 candidates for both offices at this time, but I would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested in serving your professional organization.

This new process is a trial and will be re-evaluated. The Board would really like to have your feedback. We have surveyed other components and have learned that several components have changed to this process. Some of the advantages are: decreased expense, opportunity to meet the candidates, and generate more interest in the election process.

Lynda Marks RN CAPA
Past President/Nominating committee chairperson

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CONGRATULATIONS to all the newly certified CAPA'S and CPAN's. RMPANA is proud of you.