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From the LSA: See You in San Diego!

Still feeling like we're living in the unbearable heat of the Dog Days of summer? I, for one, am ready for San Diego.

ANESTHESIOLOGY® 2026 kicks off this Saturday in sunny San Diego, and ASA has an exciting program planned.

First up: Dr. Glaucomflecken
One of the highlights of this year's Opening Session will be Will Flanary, MD, better known throughout social media as Dr. Glaucomflecken. This Keynote session is titled "Humor and Humanity in Medicine".

Why it matters: I've seen him perform before, and trust me, this is a session you will not want to miss.

If you need a preview, **watch this Dr. Glaucomflecken clip**. He's even offering a meet-and-greet, giving you the perfect opportunity to upgrade your Instagram and Facebook feeds with a photo guaranteed to earn a few likes.

The bottom line: Line up single file, right behind me, pink "Anesthesia" shower caps on. And if you have no idea what I'm talking about, it's time to Google his videos**.**

Rovenstine Memorial Lecture

This year's Emery A. Rovenstine Memorial Lecture will be delivered by James Rathmell, MD, Editor-in-Chief of Anesthesiology.

The topic: "Reinvention, Stewardship, and the Making of an Anesthesiologist."

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John W. Severinghaus Lecture

Dr. Bruce Spiess's topic is Revolutionary Research in Blood: The Vital Organ. These three featured lectures always draw a crowd and are the highlighted lectures not to be missed.

There is still time to register for the annual meeting this weekend! And let's be honest, while the scientific program is exceptional, seeing Dr. Glaucomflecken live may be worth the trip all by itself.

See how ASA governance really works

LSA members are invited to join the Southern Caucus on Saturday and Monday afternoon of the annual meeting. And yes, refreshments are still served at the Monday session. Cheers! We've attached a schedule at the end of this newsletter so you'll know when and where to be!

My invitation: Come join us. You can even come sit next to me if you don't want to feel awkward. I think you'll be glad you did. All ASA members may also listen to and testify during the Reference Committee hearings Sunday morning, including:

- **Administrative Affairs**
- **Professional Affairs**
- **Scientific Affairs**
- **Finance**

Check the Governance tab on the ANESTHESIOLOGY® 2026 Annual Meeting webpage for details.

Smart Brevity, ASA Style

ASA President Patrick Giam, MD, FASA, has done a spectacular job this year with his Monday Morning Outreach.

He introduced many of us to the concept of Smart Brevity. You may have noticed I'm attempting the same thing here!

What's different: His weekly updates are short, readable, and get straight to the point. He has also added video content and ends with his entertaining "You Cannot Be Serious" segment, highlighting fun facts about ASA members you probably never would have guessed.

Why it matters: If you want an easy way to keep up with everything ASA is working on, these weekly memos are one of the best places to start.



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From the ASA Board

Budget takes center stage
The big picture: Much of this year's discussion has centered on ASA's budget, particularly expectations around revenue, expenses, and the operating margin. In March, the Board approved a goal of a 1% positive margin. By August, discussion turned toward potential budget reductions needed to achieve that goal.
What's next: The proposed 2027 budget will come before the Board for a vote following the House of Delegates session at the Annual Meeting.

What about ASA headquarters?
Another major discussion has been the future of ASA's headquarters in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Why the change: With the post-COVID workforce largely working remotely, maintaining a large and costly building no longer made sense.

The building was subsequently placed on the market, with a sale anticipated sometime soon. At the August meeting, discussion focused on the future of ASA office and meeting space in the Chicago area, including factors such as workforce location, airport access, rental costs, and the real estate market.

Want the details? Check out the March and August Board summaries in the Governance section of the ASA website.

ASA Elections

One of the highlights of every August Board meeting is the Candidates' Forum for contested ASA offices.

Assistant Treasurer
Edward Mariano, MD, FASA
Santhanam Suresh, MD, MBA, FASA

Vice Speaker, House of Delegates
Christine A. Doyle, MD, MBI, FASA
Adam B. Striker, MD, FASA
Edward A. Yaghmour, MD, FASA

A few weeks ago, all five candidates also participated in a Zoom forum with the LSA Board of Directors, giving us an opportunity to learn more about them ahead of the election at the House of Delegates.

ASA membership has reached more than 33,000 active members.

That represents one of our biggest membership wins in recent years, but we need to keep the momentum going.

What you can do: Reach out to colleagues who may have let their membership lapse and encourage them to come back.

And while you're at it, **sign up for auto-renew.** Then you won't even have to think about it next year.

An advocacy win for all of us

Here's just one great example of ASA advocacy in action.

This summer, the **AANA withdrew its trademark application for the term "Nurse Anesthesiologist."**

ASA filed opposition to the application in 2024, arguing that the term was deceptive when applied to nonphysicians and could create confusion for patients regarding the qualifications of members of their health care team.

Two years later: The application was withdrawn.

Why it matters: This represents an important milestone in ASA's ongoing efforts surrounding title misappropriation and transparency for patients.

ASA gives Louisiana a shout-out!

And finally, **Louisiana made the national advocacy radar.** Along with Iowa, Louisiana enacted legislation aimed at preventing insurers from penalizing hospitals and clinicians for working with out-of-network health professionals.

The measures respond to payer policies that reduce hospital payments by 10% when out-of-network health professionals, including anesthesiologists, provide care.

Bottom line: That's an advocacy win worth celebrating here at home.

See you in San Diego!

Between the science advocacy, governance, networking, and yes, Dr. Glaucomflecken, there are plenty of reasons to make the trip.

If you're attending, I hope you'll stop by the Southern Caucus and get involved. Don't be shy! ASA governance is much more interesting when you see it in action.

And don't forget the pink shower cap.

Julie G. Broussard, RPh, MD, FASA
ASA Director



Saturday Oct 17, 2026

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Southern Regional Caucus Session I
Marriott Marquis, Marina Ballroom D,
South Tower, Third Floor

Sunday Oct 18, 2026

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Reference Committee on Professional Affairs
Marriott Marquis, Marina Ballroom F,
South Tower, Third Floor

8:15 AM - 10:30 AM
Reference Committee on Administrative Affairs
Marriott Marquis, Marina Ballroom G,
South Tower, Third Floor

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Reference Committee on Scientific Affairs
Marriott Marquis, Marina Ballroom E,
South Tower, Third Floor

8:45 AM - 10:30 AM
Reference Committee on Finance
Marriott Marquis, Marina Ballroom D,
South Tower, Third Floor

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
State Issues Forum
Marriott Marquis,
San Diego Ballroom - SalonA-B,
North Tower, Lobby Level

Monday Oct 19, 2026

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Southern Regional Caucus Session II
Marriott Marquis, Marina Ballroom D,
South Tower, Third Floor

Tuesday Oct 20, 2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
House of Delegates (HOD)
Ballroom 20ABCD, Upper Level

Dear LSA member,

Saturday Oct 17 kicks off **Anesthesiology 2026** in San Diego CA, the annual meeting of your American Society of Anesthesiologists. I hope you will join me there to hear and see the latest developments in the field in the lecture hall, in the Exhibit Hall as well as live from your colleagues. This year will be a very special one for Louisiana anesthesiologists as our very own **Kraig de Lanzac MD** is the candidate, running unopposed for **President Elect** of the ASA at the House of Delegate's session **Tuesday Oct 20, 2026**. The ASA has a stepwise, multiyear process to get to the office of President. After Kraig wins this year's election he will serve as ASA President Elect Oct 2026 - Oct 2027 and then be advanced to the **ASA President** Oct 2027 - Oct 2028. I hope you will attend to support and celebrate our guy.

I also want to invite all LSA members to get involved with the process of advocating for our profession. We need your help, we need your ideas, we need your enthusiasm. There are committees to join, meetings to attend, money to raise at both the state and national level. By doing these things we can get the message out to the public, to regulators and legislators that the best anesthesia care is delivered and/or led by physician anesthesiologists. This invitation to get involved is year round, but more specifically for next week in San Diego let me invite you to attend the Southern Caucus meetings, the Reference Committee meetings, the State Issues Forum, and then the finale at the House of Delegates on Tuesday. See how the sausage is made, and help shape the final product as an interested ASA member.

Any questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, the Executive Director Janna Pecquet or any of the members of the LSA Board of Directors. And I hope to see you in San Diego next week!!

Joseph Koveleskie MD FASA
President
LSA