

It's hard to believe that autumn is fast approaching and soon another conference will be upon us. The Augusta District members have been hard at work planning a conference that will provide innovative information on a wide variety of topics.

Our organization has worked hard to come together to be productive. We have taken the opportunity to relook at our fiscal responsibilities to the organization and to you, the members, during the Board of Director's retreat in January. This retreat was open to all district officers and the executive board. We were pleased to have our region 5 director, Tanya Sparing, present with us. The policies and procedures of our organization as well as the bylaws were reviewed and presented for update. The changes made reflect our organization as it has evolved related to new technology and growth. We all pledged to ensure that our mission to support our membership, their education, and to participate in research was voiced.



2010 has been an exciting year for me on a personal level. I was married in March of this year. You may have noticed the name change. ☺

I hope that you take the time to browse through our new and improved website. You'll notice many changes and see the integration of our newsletter into our website. If you'll notice, the website has been dubbed "The Awakener" as a tribute to our previously printed newsletter. Clinical articles will be requested from each district for publication, so please support your colleagues and your organization by sharing what you do and what you know.

The Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists have generously supported our scholarship program again this year. Please honor this contribution by taking the time to apply for it. The required criteria is found under the PeriAnesthesia Nurse of the Year information. Deadline for submitting the packet is September 17th this year. Please bring your pack to the registration desk prior to the BOD business meeting. Please contact your district presidents for more information or myself at smifg@yahoo.com.

I look forward to presenting to you the year in review in September.

Until then,

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