

# IMAGINING IN TIME



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## THE 1992 AANA ANNUAL MEETING IN DENVER

*The 2007 AANA Annual Meeting will be held in Denver, Colo., August 22-22. This column examines the educational sessions and activities at the last—and first—Denver Annual Meeting in 1992.*

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After a 15-year absence, the AANA Annual Meeting returns to Denver in 2007. The last and first time the Annual Meeting was in the Mile High City was 1992. It was held August 8-13 in the same place the 2007 meeting will be—the Colorado Convention Center—with an attendance of more than 3,500 (Table 1).

**Table 1. 1992 AANA Annual Meeting Attendance**

Members	1,425
Nonmembers	41
Students	675
Guests	357
Exhibitors	973
Others	195
Total	3,665

### A year in review: 1992

To put 1992 into context, here is a snapshot of United States and world events: President George H. W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin formally declared an end to the Cold War, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed, 4 Los Angeles police officers were

acquitted in the Rodney King trial, Johnny Carson retired as host *The Tonight Show*, and *The Silence of the Lambs* won the Oscar for Best Picture.<sup>1</sup>

In AANA events prior to the Annual Meeting, John Garde, CRNA, MS, was Executive Director; Scott Gray, CRNA, was AANA president; the current building at 222 South Prospect Avenue in Park Ridge, Ill, was purchased; the newly created position of Practice Director was filled by Mary Ellen Farney, CRNA, MJ; and the Government Relations Workshop was attended by 230 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). (In 1996, the Spring Assembly of States and the Government Relations Workshop held a joint meeting. The following year, the 2 meetings permanently merged, and the meeting was renamed the Mid-Year Assembly.)

### Educational sessions

In 1992, a number of interesting educational sessions appeared on the program. Sunday afternoon had one general session—"Issues and Answers: Clinical Ethics." This panel discussion moderated by John Callaway, senior correspondent for WTTW-TV (Chicago's public television station) in Chicago, included Mary DePaolis-Lutzo, CRNA, PhD; Kathryn Montgomery Hunter, PhD, co-director, Ethics and Human Values in Medicine Program, Northwestern University Medical School; Leonard Fleck, PhD, associate professor, Medical Ethics/Health

Policy, Center for Ethics and Humanities in Life Sciences, Michigan State University; and Jerry Cromwell, PhD, president, Health Economics Research, Inc (Figure 1). This was the fourth year that Callaway moderated the Issues and Answers session. Other notable sessions included "HIV: Who Has a Right to Know?," "Anesthesia's Role in Euthanasia," "Stress and the Anesthetist," and "Liaison with the ASA."

The meeting concluded with a Closing Session on Thursday morning. The keynote speaker was Ira Schlezinger, MPA, MOD, vice president of Planning and Marketing, St Paul Medical Center, Dallas, Tex, who spoke on "Environmental Forces—Changing the Face of Health Care Delivery." Schlezinger made this request to nurse anesthetists, "Don't all have a sick day on the same day. You would absolutely shut down the infrastructure of healthcare in America. The magnitude of what you do is overwhelming."<sup>2</sup>

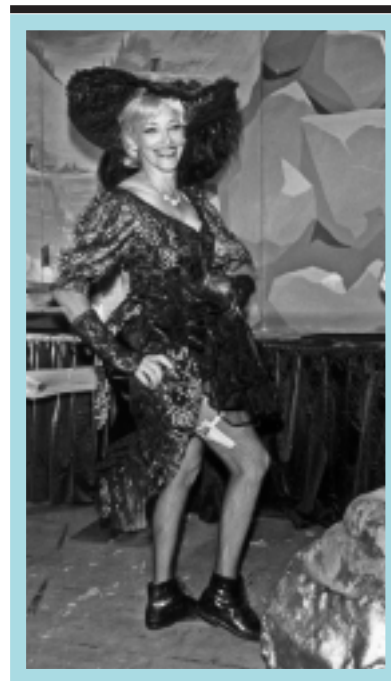
### Fun and entertainment

Saturday's Opening Ceremonies featured a multimedia presentation of past, current, and future AANA leaders titled "Together – We Make it Happen," a laser spectacular called "We Are all One," and greetings from Denver Mayor Wellington E. Webb. Six of AANA's awards were presented: Program Director of the Year, Clinical Instructor of the Year, Didactic Instructor of the Year,

**Figure 1. 1992 AANA Annual Meeting “Issues and Answers: Clinical Ethics” panelists (left to right): Kathryn Montgomery Hunter, PhD; Jerry Cromwell, PhD; John Callaway; Mary DePaolis-Lutzo, CRNA, PhD; and Leonard Fleck, PhD.**



**Figure 2. Annual Meeting Special Events Committee member Linda Williams, CRNA, JD, dressed in style for the Wild West theme of the Opening Party.**



**Table 2. Awards presented at the 1992 AANA Annual Meeting**

Agatha Hodgins Award for Outstanding Accomplishment	Ronald F. Caulk, CRNA
Helen Lamb Outstanding Educator Award	Michael J. Booth, CRNA, MA
Outstanding Clinical Practitioner Award	Leon G. Helton, CRNA
Clinical Instructor of the Year Award	Raymond J. Jung, CRNA, MA
Didactic Instructor of the Year Award	Frank J. Tornetta, PhD, MD
Program Director of the Year Award	Sandra J. Kilde, CRNA, EdD
Public Interest in Anesthesia Award	Harry M. Zutz, MD
Public Relations Recognition Award	Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Research in Action Award	Michael J. Kremer, CRNA, MSN

Research in Action, Public Relations Recognition, and Public Interest in Anesthesia; see Table 2 for a list of all 1992 award recipients. This was the first year that Program Director, Clinical Instructor, and Didactic Instructor of the Year awards were presented.

Sunday evening’s Opening Party had a “Wild West Round-Up” theme. The Annual Meeting program suggested that appropriate attire included cowboy boots,

10-gallon hats, and square-dance type dresses (Figure 2). Partygoers enjoyed a dinner buffet from 7 PM to 1 AM. The fun continued Monday night with the AANA Comedy Hour starring ventriloquist and standup comedian Ronn Lucas and his cowboy puppet Buffalo Billy.

The Annual Banquet concluded the festivities on Wednesday night in the ballroom of the Colorado Convention Center. The Agatha Hodgins Award for

Outstanding Accomplishment, the Helen Lamb Outstanding Educator Award, and the Clinical Practitioner Award (later to be renamed after Alice Magaw) were presented (see Table 2). Attendees enjoyed the Musical Salute to the States with music provided by the Jerry Barnett Orchestra and the always popular AANA scrapbook that features photographs taken throughout the week. The gavel of presidency passed from Scott Gray, CRNA, to Peggy McFadden, CRNA, BS (Figure 3).

### Student activities

A number of student activities were offered at the 1992 Annual Meeting beginning with the Student Get-Together on Sunday. This 1-hour early evening program was sponsored by Burroughs Wellcome and allowed students to mingle and to meet the candidates for Student Representative to the Educa-

**Figure 3.** Incoming AANA President Peggy McFadden, CRNA, BS, received the gavel from outgoing President Scott Gray, CRNA, at the Annual Banquet.



**Figure 4.** Outgoing Student Representative to the Education Committee Paul Welty, MSN (right), congratulates newly elected Student Representative Victor Tolin, RN, BSN.



tion Committee. Student activities were concentrated on Tuesday, which was Student Nurse Anesthetist Day. The day began with a continental breakfast sponsored by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, followed by the Student Forum where voting for the Student Representative to the Education Committee took place. Then 6 teams competed in the College Bowl, which was moderated by COL James Temo, CRNA, MSN, USA, AN.

After a short break, Elizabeth Tornquist, MA, presented a session on “The Nuts and Bolts of How to Publish Your Research” at the Student Luncheon. Also at the luncheon, Victor Tolin, RN, BSN (Figure 4), was announced as the winner of the election of Student Representative to the Education Committee, and CPT Lisa Petty, MHS, USA, AN, as winner of the Student Writing Contest for her paper on “Anesthetic management of a patient with moyamoya disease: A case report.”

### Looking forward to 2007

As in previous years, this year’s Annual Meeting will include a variety of educational sessions, student activities, social activities, and entertainment. For more information, see the Annual Meeting Quickview on page 172.

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