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2018 Annual NSAA Conference

Discover the rewards of attending NSAA's 35th Anniversary Conference this April conference in Norfolk, VA. [Visit our website](#) for details; Registration will open in early February 2018.

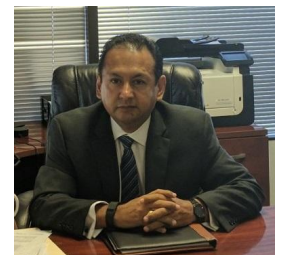
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to participate at any level, including exhibiting at a booth or sponsoring events.

Member Articles

President's Message

I hope that you are enjoying your summer in company of family and loved ones. It has been a busy one for all of us and we are very excited when we consider what the future holds for our profession. Your board is working on several projects that I am certain are going to strengthen our position and drive the non-physician surgical assistants into the next phase of growth and recognition, while not forgetting the importance of increasing our compassion for the less fortunate.



Luis Aragon, CSA, LSA, RSA
NSAA President

Read President Aragon's [Full Message.](#)

FYI



Slug mucus inspires new type of surgical glue to close wounds

Inspired by a type of mucus secreted by slugs, researchers have developed a sticky but flexible substance that effectively seals wounds after surgery.



[Read Full Article](#)

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As your representatives, NSAA's Board of Directors appreciate any comments, concerns, or questions you might have about the profession or your association.

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Member Spotlight



NSAA Member Spotlight

" Surgery fit for a human, helps a gorilla feel more in his prime "

Brookfield, Illinois

49 years is not often considered "elderly." That is, unless you are a gorilla. At 49, in the primate world, if you are still alive, you are most certainly, living out your golden years. One such gorilla at the Brookfield Zoo is doing just that.

Six veterinarians and one human doctor along with 25 or so support staff (including NSAA Board Member [Jim Pressley, CSA](#)) got Ramar sedated and set for surgery in what was a very busy operating room. Click on Jim's name to read his account of this operation.

[Read Full Article](#)

CEU Article

CONTINUING EDUCATION

" The Application of Mental Toughness for Certified Surgical Assistants within Their Surgical Practice "

This quarters' CEU article is submitted by **B. Allen, S. Jiang, C. Kunkel, A. Lund, K. Matos, A. Moore, and L. Salimon** the Mayo School of Health Sciences Surgical First Assistant Class of 2017. After reading the article, challenge yourself by answering the questions that follow. Print your answers and E-mail to: info@nsaa.net or Fax to: 202-587-5610. Score 80% or better and receive credit for 2 CEUs.

[CEU Article](#)

[CEU Article Questions](#)

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News & Features

Legislative Report



Not a Quiet August in 2017



Tennessee Governor signs Surgical Assistant



Testing & Credentialing News

Stay Connected



Despite the lull in healthcare legislative activity, NSAA can say that summer has been an active period. The coming Fall legislative season will be busy with appropriations legislation meant to fully fund the US Government in the coming 2018 fiscal year which starts October 1, 2017. . Although a Continuing Resolution will likely carry forward the FY 2016 spending levels for a few months, either individual appropriations bills or what's called an Omnibus bill containing all thirteen bills will pass in late 2017 or early 2018 carrying the language inserted in the Military Construction/Veterans appropriations bill seen below.

Read full [Report Here](#)

Practice Act

In this year's General Session, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted Public Chapter 410 which requires individuals who are working as and seeking to assume the title of "registered surgical assistant", to register with the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners as a surgical assistant. The Board's administrative office is actively working towards implementation of this legislation. More information, including the application and registration requirements, will be made available here.

Read more [Click Here](#)

A new formatted CSA Exam comes to fruition! An October release date is expected.



[Mayo Clinic's Class of 2017](#)

Please visit the NCCSA website if you have any questions about becoming a Certified Surgical Assistant or about re-certification as a CSA:
www.csaexam.com

Announcements & Reminders



San Diego, CA on October 23rd-26th.

American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress 2017

Come visit the NSAA booth in the Exhibit Hall at the 2017 ACS Clinical Congress in

Once again, the NSAA will sponsor a booth with the ACS at their Clinical Congress. This year's show will be held at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA. The NSAA participates with more than 200 other companies and associations displaying products and services in the Exhibit Hall. While visiting our booth, the exhibition provides an excellent opportunity for attendees to learn the value of a surgical assistant and help understand how together our two professions work towards a safe and positive surgical outcome for the patient. If you are already an Affiliate Member with ACS, stop by our booth, and don't miss the opportunity to be part of this premier activity and earn valuable CEUs while attending.

If you would like to join the ACS as an Affiliate Member [click here](#).



NSAA 2018 National Conference

The 2018 Conference, NSAA's 35th Year Anniversary, chaired by Debbie Redmond, CSA promises to be an Outstanding Success. NSAA President, Debbie Redmond, CSA



Outstanding Seminar. NSAA President, Luis Aragon, CSA has chosen the theme "Time to Look Forward".

The April 20th & 21st Conference will be held at the Hilton Norfolk "The Main" in downtown Norfolk, VA with a terrific group room rate of \$139! The hotel is downtown Norfolk's newest upscale hotel, dining, and meeting destination. Embrace the downtown lifestyle and walk to cultural attractions, trendy shopping and dining all along the Elizabeth River.

Learn more about the conference by viewing the [Conference Brochure](#)

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)



NSAA CEU Policy

The *Continuing Education Policies for the CSA* is provided for CSAs as participating in Continuing Education Units (CEU). CSAs as must adhere to these high standards, established by the profession to ensure the ongoing educational development of individual practitioners and to demonstrate to the public the profession's commitment to providing the highest level of quality surgical patient care. The National Surgical Assistant Association (NSAA) is recognized by the National Commission for the Certification of Surgical Assistants (NCCSA) as the responsible authority for the approval of CEU programs for the CSA, including responsibility for CEU credit processing and maintenance, which is subject to NCCSA audit or verification. [Read full policy](#)

Print an [NSAA CEU Submission Form](#)

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