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2018 Annual NSAA Conference

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

Registration is now open.

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

Member Articles

NSAA Members - If you would like to

Announcement

Notice of upcoming Board of Directors Election



In accordance with the NSAA Bylaws, as cited below, this post provides notice of our annual Board of Directors election which will be held this year, via our e-voting system, with a voting window beginning at 12:01 a.m. EST Sunday February 25, 2018 and ending at 11:59 p.m. EST, Monday March 26, 2018.

An e-mail including specific voting instructions, with links to the ballot and to candidate statements will be forwarded to members immediately prior to the beginning of the voting period.

Elections are scheduled and overseen by the Nominations and Elections Committee with the assistance of the Chief Administrative Officer and other officers as needed. Members shall be entitled to cast up to one vote for each vacancy. However, no Member may cast more than one vote for any candidate on his/her ballot. Candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the ballots cast will be elected.

We look forward to considerable membership participation in the accomplishment of another successful Board of Directors election.

View all of the [2018 Candidate's Statements](#)

Journal Article

you would like to contribute an article to the Node and receive valuable CEUs, please email your ideas to:

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NSAA Board of Directors 2016-2017

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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Heel spurs: What you need to know

A heel spur is a condition where a calcium deposit grows between the heel and arch of the foot. What are the symptoms of heels spurs and what increases a person's risk of developing them?

Heels spurs may happen independently or may be related to an underlying health condition. People often assume that heels spurs are the cause of any pain in the heel, but other factors can also cause heel pain.

This article explores the symptoms of heel spurs, as well as other causes of heel pain. It also discusses the causes, risk factors, and treatments for the condition.

[Read full article](#)

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News & Features



Gencarelli Report

Washington Is Running As Fast As It Can on Several Tracks

NSAA members should know that the February through June period of each year is probably the most intense period of work in Washington, D.C. policy and political circles. This year is probably one of the busiest in recent memory because it is just the second year of a new administration, the signature issue of the last presidential campaign-immigration-is front and



Georgia, Illinois, Texas, and Virginia Updates

Dear Colleagues,

I am hopeful that you enjoyed your holidays in company of family and friends. Now we are in the middle of tax season while enduring heavy snowfalls and cold weather in most of the country....

For the first time in the history of our profession, the NSAA and ASA have been collaborating this past year on legislative issues in several states that impact surgical assistants directly.



Testing & Credentialing News

The NCCSA has applied for accreditation with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies Accreditation (NCCA), an independent program of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE). Accreditation for professional certification programs provide an impartial, third-party validation that the NCCSA has met recognized national and international credentialing industry standards for development, implementation, and maintenance of the CSA

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center and possibly the issue that must be resolved before any semblance of bipartisanship and compromise can be expected on any other issue.

[Read full report](#)

Allow me to provide you with a synopsis of what we are working on and the progress that has been made thus far.

[Read more](#)

certification examination program.

[Read more](#)

2018 National Conference



National Conference & General Meeting

On behalf of the 2018 Conference Planning Committee, President Aragon, and the NSAA staff, join us in Norfolk, VA for NSAA's 35th Anniversary Conference and General Meeting! We are confident that you will enjoy this great educational opportunity and the chance to visit with old friends, make new friends, back where it all began!

Collectively this conference offers up to 16 contact hours of continuing education units (CEU) featuring updates on state and federal policy, networking with your colleagues, an exhibit hall filled with the latest goods and services for CSAs and students, and of course, dynamic speakers who will share their unique perspectives on the role of the surgical assistant in our ever-changing health care environment.

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.

Book your room at the Hilton Norfolk "The Main" , register for the conference, and discover more information directly from the [NSAA website](#).

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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