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2019 ASA/NSAA Joint Conference

Discover the rewards of attending the 1st ever ASA/NSAA Joint Conference next April in Rosemont, IL.

[Visit our website](#) for details; Registration will open in early February 2019.

[Contact us](#)

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

Member Articles

NSAA Members - If you

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President's Message

Fellow CSAs,

As we wind down and enter our busy season both as an organization due to our membership renewal period approaching and as surgical assistants in the operating room where the volume of procedures tend to increase in the second half of the year historically; I sincerely hope that you had a wonderful and relaxing summer. We strongly encourage our existing members to renew in a timely fashion, not to wait until the last minute in December, and to help us increase membership by recommending non-members that you know locally to join the NSAA.



Luis Aragon, CSA, LSA, RSA
NSAA President

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

FYI



market.

Intellijoint Surgical Provides A New View Of Orthopedic Navigation

A relative newcomer to the field of surgical navigation systems, Intellijoint is quickly positioning itself as a disruptive technology company. Specializing in orthopedics, the company is rolling out Intellijoint HIP, a surgeon-controlled, 3D mini-optical navigation system that provides many unique advantages over similar options on the



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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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CEU Article

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" Scope of Practice Among Surgical Assistants "

This quarters' CEU article is submitted by the Mayo School of Health Sciences Surgical First Assistant Class of 2018.

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](#)

[Print Answer Sheet](#)

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News & Features

Legislative Report



August 2018

Success in Congress, Delays at Veterans Health Administration

As the legislative season winds down on Capitol

Hill, NSAA can be proud of its efforts to highlight the importance and



Virginia Governor signs Surgical Assistant Renewal Registration Act

In this year's General Session, the Virginia

General Assembly enacted House Bill 1378 which requires that



Testing & Credentialing News

[New CSA Exam
Eligibility Criteria to be
implemented January 1,
2019.](#)

Meet the newest CSAs from the Mayo Clinic



promise of an expanding the national corps of certified assistants. NSAA obtained the support of two stand-by champions in Senators Kennedy and Cassidy, Republicans of Louisiana, who spearheaded a successful effort to include report language in the Fiscal Year 2019 Labor-HHS and Related Agencies Subcommittee report requested by NSAA members.

the surgical assistant must attest that such credential is still current upon applying for renewal of his registration as a surgical assistant.

After passing the House and Senate, Governor Ralph Northam signed it into law on March 19, 2018.

Read HB 1378 full text [Click Here](#)



[Mayo Clinic's Class of 2018](#)

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

Read full [Report Here](#)

Announcements & Reminders



American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress 2018

Come visit the NSAA booth in the Exhibit Hall at the 2018 ACS Clinical Congress in Boston, MA on October 22nd-25th.

Once again, the NSAA will sponsor a booth with the ACS at their Clinical Congress. This year's show will be held at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in Boston, MA. 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](#).



ASA/NSAA 2019 Joint Conference

Next April will mark the first ASA/NSAA Joint Conference at the Embassy Suites in Rosemont, IL, just outside Chicago and convenient to O'Hare International Airport. Conference Co-chairs Fred Fisher, CSFA, CSA and Jim Pressley,

CSA promise an Outstanding Seminar.

The April 26th & 27st Joint Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites/Chicago O'Hare Rosemont in Rosemont, IL with a great group room rate of \$143! The hotel is convenient to the Rosemont Blue Line CTA train station, which will take you to attractions in Downtown Chicago. Eat and play at Rosemont's dining/entertainment

district, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, or shop at the Fashion Outlets of Chicago, located two blocks from the hotel.

Save the date and be on the lookout for the conference brochure, in the next couple of weeks.

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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