



APIC BADGER

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Hi-I anticipate that this newsletter will find you busy in your preparations for novel H1N1 influenza. So, I plan to keep it brief and provide you with some helpful connections to useful information for other activities related to Infection Prevention and I am looking forward to sharing with everyone at our next meeting September 15th in Tomah. Specific meeting information is provided later in the newsletter.

What's in a Name?

A potential historic moment is in the making as APIC Headquarters has proposed a name change for the organization to **Association for the Prevention of Infection** which will come out as a vote to the membership this fall. So, I do want to take a brief moment to provide a link to the information related to the proposed name change for APIC. Learn more by visiting www.apic.org/namechange where there are posted answers to frequently asked questions and additional resource materials. Share your views by sending an email to namechange@apic.org.

I believe everyone needs to review the rationale and information related to the recommendation for the name change so that you can make an informed decision when you have your opportunity to vote on this topic later this fall. There will be webcast from APIC Headquarters that is to be presented on the day of our meeting on this topic and we can see about downloading at the meeting if possible, if not, we should all be able to access an archived version at a later date.

2009 International Infection Prevention Week October 18-24



This is the tag line for this year's International Infection Prevention Week promotion. Visit www.apic.org/iipw to learn more about all the activities planned and products available to assist in the promoting and recognizing the work of Infection Preventionists across the world. Take the time to share and promote your profession with your co-workers and patients. For Infection Prevention to work it truly is everyone's business!

Influenza Preparedness and other highlights related to Seasonal and Novel H1N1 influenza.

From APIC e-news-

IOM report out on Respiratory Protection for Novel H1N1 influenza.

The Institute of Medicine's (IOM) *Committee on Respiratory Protection for Healthcare Workers in the Workplace Against Novel H1N1 Influenza A* released its recommendations. The report calls for following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) May 13th [Interim Guidance for Infection Control for Care of Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Novel Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Infection in a Healthcare Setting](#). It is important to note that the IOM was charged with recommending respiratory protection for healthcare workers without regard to implementation issues such as supply or cost. To download the full IOM report [click here](#).

This is a brief excerpt from the recommendations

Recommendation 1: Use Fit-Tested N95 Respirators

Healthcare workers (including those in non-hospital settings) who are in close contact with individuals with nH1N1 influenza or influenza-like illnesses should use fit-tested N95 respirators or respirators that are demonstrably more effective as one measure in the continuum of safety and infection control efforts to reduce the risk of infection.

APIC anticipates comment from the CDC to follow soon.

APIC takes strong stance on Healthcare Worker Influenza Immunizations-

"All healthcare workers, including those who are pregnant, need to be immunized against seasonal influenza and 2009 H1N1 virus when vaccines become available," said 2009 APIC President Christine J. Nutty, RN, MSN, CIC. "This is vitally important to healthcare worker and patient safety." Check the APIC Media Site for the Press release. **Also, members can access toolkit information for Healthcare Worker Seasonal Influenza campaigns.** Click [here](#) to access the toolkit today!

Keeping connected to current information-using the resources available.

I'm sure most of you already have these in your favorites, but just in case you don't. Here are the links to more information about the 2009 H1N1 at www.apic.org/swineflu and www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu and for Wisconsin at www.pandemic.wi.gov.

If members have other helpful sites with resources or tools, please consider sharing at the meeting.

For Home Care Members

If you haven't already heard about this **Influenza Preparedness Webinar from AHRQ-** Check it out.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is hosting a free 90-minute Public Health Emergency Preparedness web conference on planning for an influenza pandemic in the home healthcare sector on Wednesday, September 23 at 1 pm EST. The web conference will feature a panel discussion and insights from home healthcare emergency preparedness planners representing different perspectives: health system, government, health policy, and industry. Connect to register at <https://ahrq-kt.webex.com>.

Webinars

In case you missed it-remember that most APIC webinars are archived and available to members at no charge. If you missed the recent **ASK-THE-EXPERT: Disinfection and Sterilization: Meeting the CDC Guidelines** webinar with Dr. Rutala on September 9th-remember to check back and listen anytime it's convenient for you. Go to <http://webinars.apic.org/>.

Chapter Election Time is Here-

If you can't make it to the meeting to get your ballot, please watch for the ballot in snail mail and return promptly. Results will be presented at the November meeting.

A big **“THANK YOU”** to **Nominating and Awards Committee members** for their persistent efforts to recruit members to serve in the elected offices of our chapter.

Special Thanks to those members that have consented to run for office. **Your willingness to serve the chapter is truly appreciated and valued by your fellow members.**

September Meeting Information:

Date	Location	Host/Hostess	Topic
Sept 15th General Business meeting begins at 10 am for all members.	Tomah Memorial Hospital 321 Butts Ave Tomah, WI 54660-2279 Meeting Room Location: Enter at the main hospital entrance; take the elevator in the lobby to the lower level and follow the signs to the classroom. Parking: There is a parking lot across the street. We ask that the first row be reserved for patients. Members are also asked to consider parking on the streets around the hospital, however, please do not park directly in front of the hospital on either side of the street, as that is also reserved for patients.	Jan Path Bridget Pfaff Lunch will be a build your own Sub Sandwich Bar and will also include chips, beverage and cookies for \$6. Thanks to Jan for arranging this for us!	ESBL's & other resistance issues presented by Kathy Lesky

Badger APIC Business Meeting Agenda September 15, 2009

Agenda Item	Individual to Present	Timeline
Call to order	Maria Leary	1000-1001
Thank you extended to the Hostesses Jan Path and Bridget Pfaff	Maria Leary	1002-1003
Welcome New Members and Guests -Introductions	All	1004-1007
Reminder about Lunch, Vendors networking time and restroom facilities etc.	Maria Leary	1008-1009
Approval of the March 2009 Business Meeting minutes. (see below)	All	1010-1011
Call for Additional Items not on the agenda.	All	1012-1013
Reports:		1014-1040

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Finance ◆ Scholarship ◆ Membership ◆ Program ◆ Bylaws ◆ International ◆ Nominating and Awards Committee ◆ Resource ◆ Legislative ◆ Public Health Updates 	<p>Diane Dohm Barbara Gordon Ann Berg Bridget Pfaff Peg Dolbrovolny Linda McKinley Nancy Moskal/Mel Reppen Maureen Bruce Brian Virgin Gwen Borlaug</p>	
Old Business:		1041-1051
State Seminar Update	Planning Committee Members	
Website Updates/Program and Meeting Schedule Updated	Michelle Schmitz	
Name Change Vote Coming in Fall	Maria Leary	
New Business		
Strategic Planning-Update from Board	Maria Leary	1052-1100
Committee Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Finance ◆ Membership ◆ Program ◆ Bylaws ◆ International ◆ Nominating and Awards Committee ◆ Resource 	Other than board members who are assigned to specific groups, members are encouraged to join a committee for the year.	1100-1130 Discuss Goal Progress for 2009 Begin Plan for 2010 and Budget Request Submission
Subgroups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Acute Care ◆ Long Term Care ◆ Home Health ◆ Employee Health/AOHN ◆ Ambulatory Care 	All members are welcome to participate in a group discussion about topics of the group's choice as a support group for challenges you may be facing.	1130-1200 Remember to appoint a facilitator for this group meeting and take notes to assist us to track the activities of our chapter meetings. Thanks!
Lunch – Available on site for \$6.00 or bring your own Build your own sub sandwich, chips, cookies and beverage	All Vendor Visit Time	1200-1300
Program Presentation	ESBL's & other Resistance Issues presented by Kathy Lesky	1300-1430
Parking Lot	Members are encouraged to write questions that you would like to ask	1431-1500

	your peers as a way of checking community standard or clarify regulatory items.	
Reminders	◆ Remember to complete your program evaluations!	◆ Did you remember to sign in?

Minutes of the July Business Meeting Follow-Please review prior to the meeting for approval at the meeting. Thanks

**Badger APIC Business Meeting
July 14, 2009
Sauk County West Square Building, Baraboo**

CALL TO ORDER: at 10:05 AM by President Maria Leary

Guests: From Sauk Co Public Health: Cindy Bodenrdein, Health Officer – Sauk Co.; Diana Haley and Jeanine Schriener – Communicable Disease Nurses - Sauk Co.

New members: Cindy Kaufman – Sue Bergs’ replacement at St Clare’s Hospital, Ann Jenkins from _____?

Thank you to our hostesses – Peg Dobrovolny and Sue Bergs

Three vendors are here today – Maximus, Goldshield, PureCart .

Maria acknowledged and thanked Sue Bergs for her many years of service and contributions to Badger APIC. Sue is leaving to teach in the medical lab program at MATC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ACTION ITEM: Diane Dohm moved and Kandi Auel seconded motion to approve minutes as written. Motion passed.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS – None

BUDGET and FINANCE REPORT – Diane Dohm

- Finance report:
 - \$3869.38 in checking account
 - \$2907.03 in savings account
 - Current total balance = \$6776.41
- Scholarships – Barb Gordon
 - \$1700 paid out so far; \$698 still available.
 - Got first application for a “No Strings” scholarship today.
 - All scholarships awarded came in under budget.
 - “No Strings” scholarships must be used by the end of the calendar year.
 - New members get reimbursed for attending the state conference.

MEMBERSHIP – Ann Berg

- We currently have 90 members.
- Please check your name on the membership roster at every meeting to make sure your contact info is correct.
- Also please check APIC My Space page on the National website assure your info is correct.
- There has been a request for a mentor.
- Please sign up if you are willing to mentor someone.
- Please wear your nametag.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE – Bridget Pfaff

- Program today is reports from those who attended the National Conference last month.
- September 15 program in Tomah is ESBLs.
- November 10 is - wound lymphadema / hyperbaric issues.
- January 19 we hope to have a speaker about pandemic influenza (? Dennis Tomczyk).
- Bridget is keeping a record of distance traveled to meetings by members.
- Evaluations from March meeting were good.
- Future meeting announcements will include exact address of meeting locale so members can Google Maps or Map Quest directions.

BYLAWS – Gwen Borlaug, liaison and Peg Dobrovlny

- There is one minor change in the National bylaws: the recording secretary will be a member of the executive committee.
- In the future, APIC will probably change its name to The Association for Prevention of Infections, however the acronym will remain APIC. Voting on this will take place later this year and it probably will pass.

WORLDWIDE RELATIONS (INTERNATIONAL) COMMITTEE – Linda McKinley

- Linda thanked everyone on the committee for all the planning to host Rose Ngugi from our sister chapter in Kenya. They kept Rose busy every day, but it was all wonderful.
- The committee is surveying members to determine future use of funds to support our sister Chapter.

NOMINATING and AWARDS COMMITTEE - Nancy Moskal

Positions open for 2010:

- President-elect
- Treasurer-elect
- 1 year Board of Directors position (Linda's)
- 2 year Board of Directors position (Gwen's)
- 2 year Nominating Committee position
- The ballot must be ready by the September meeting to obtain board approval.
- Job descriptions will be provided.
- Nominees are also being accepted for Chapter Leadership and we need to determine if we will submit an application for Outstanding Performance in 2010.

Awards Committee – Nancy Moskal

- Great job Badger APIC! We received 2 awards at National (Chapter Excellence for Worldwide Relations; DeAnn recognized for Chapter Leadership), and this is the second year in a row Badger has received recognition at National.
- Linda will be participating in a national webinar about how Badger worked to build our relationship with our sister chapter and what went into bringing Rose to Wisconsin.

LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT - Gwen Borlaug

- Gwen has written a grant for funding at the state level for prevention of Healthcare Acquired Infections. The funding will be for 2 years and is tied to a federal block grant for stimulus money.
 - The state plan will be similar to the federal plan
 - Surveillance will be done for acute care facilities as part of the National Healthcare Safety Network. WI hopes to partner with WHA.
 - Funding will be available to coordinate surveillance, track trends and provide feedback.
 - Four new ICP positions will be created (Coordinator; 2 surveillance staff, 1 collaborator).
- Everything else related to public health since late April has revolved around H1N1 novel influenza virus.

RESOURCES

- Maureen reported lots of activity at the March meeting.

STATE SEMINAR – Nancy and Jeannie

- The amount Badger will receive from the '09 conference is not yet officially determined but will probably be less than last year.
- The seminar committee needs to formalize rules for membership turnover on the committee.
- If you are interested in being on the committee let Nancy know.
- In 2010 the conference celebrates its 20th anniversary. We hope to invite members of the original committee, original speakers and WI Carole Demille Award winners (5).

OTHER – Maria

- Website
 - Send postings for the website to Michelle Schmitz.
 - Suggestions included
 - Put a picture of Rose on the site
 - Update more frequently to provide maximum use to members
 - List National Patient Safety Goals and guidelines
 - A WI APIC list serve
 - Limiting access to members by use of password
 - APIC text ???

Acknowledgements: Maria recognized DeAnn for receiving a Chapter Leadership award. Mary Jo Stokes recently became certified, as did Kathy Noe. Congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS

- Strategic Planning
 - Badger has enjoyed great success and received recognition at the national level for educational support and worldwide activities. We need to decide if we want to continue supporting these activities and / or possibly engage in new activities such as strategic alliances.
 - Let us know your needs and suggestions (e.g., will your facility support your attendance at the state conference next year?).

Business Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannie Druckenmiller,
Recording Secretary

Begin Committee Meetings and Breakout Sessions.

Noon – Lunch. \$5 gets you a Subway sandwich.

Program: 1) reports from the International Committee on the day-to-day activities and time spent with Rose Ngugi.

2) Reports from those who attended National in Ft Lauderdale.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 PM

This concludes this addition of the newsletter!

Stay Healthy-Cover your Cough-Wash Those Hands-Educate Others-Save a Life-It may be your OWN!

Hope to see you all in Tomah-Take a break and network with your peers!