



# APIC BADGER

## Badger APIC Business Meeting March 17, 2009 Meriter CBRF, Madison

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 10:03 AM by President Maria Leary

Guests: Karen Allen – Hospice Care, Inc; Sue Ott – Fort Healthcare, Employee Health

Thank you to our hostesses – Diane Dohm / Michelle Schmitz and DeAnn Richards

Three vendors are here today – Sage (Colleen Bratel), Caltech (Ron Trinidad), Biocodex, Inc (Melissa Stoeger).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** 2 changes: 1) Brian Virgin's current e-mail address is [brian.virgin@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:brian.virgin@dhs.wisconsin.gov) ; 2) The liaison to the Nominating Committee is Mel Reppen. ACTION ITEM: Brian Virgin moved and Kandi Auel seconded motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

**NEW AGENDA ITEMS** – Maria is asking for input from members regarding budgetary constraints members may be experiencing at their facilities that could affect meeting / conference attendance and participation in other APIC activities.

### **BUDGET and FINANCE REPORT** – Diane Dohm

- Finance report:
  - Expenses = \$756 (check to webmaster; check to Rose Ngugi for visa application to come to state conference; hostess expenses).
  - Three vendors are here today = \$900 (Stericycle, Caltech, Biocodex, Inc.
  - Chapter dues received from National = \$420.
  - Checking balance = \$2194.87
  - Savings balance = \$10,897.15
- Scholarships – Barb Gordon
  - One \$1000 scholarship for someone to attend Epi 202 this summer has been approved.
  - Two \$1000 scholarships are still available.
  - The drawing for "No Strings" scholarships will be at 1 PM today (5 at \$250 each).

### **MEMBERSHIP** – Ann Berg

- We currently have 97 members.
- Please check your name on the membership roster to make sure your info is correct.
- Check APIC My Space page on the National website to find out when your membership expires and renew accordingly.
- A detailed Badger membership roster is available to members.

- If you are CIC please indicate and include your CIC expiration date.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE** – Bridget Pfaff

- Program evaluations - membership really liked the January speaker (*C. difficile*).
- Today's speaker is Marilyn Michaels. Topic = Catheter Related UTIs.
- The '09 listing of Badger meetings / locations is on the registration table.
- No meeting in May due to State Conference. Next meeting is July 14 in Baraboo.
- We are also asking you to note the miles driven to the meeting today and sites you do / do not like for meetings.

**BYLAWS** - no report.

**WORLDWIDE RELATIONS (INTERNATIONAL) COMMITTEE** – Linda McKinley

- A letter of invitation to the state conference was sent to Rose Ngugi in Nairobi and SHE IS TRYING TO GET HERE for the conference!
- Money was wired to her for her visa application. She has a passport.
- If she comes, we will have to develop an itinerary for her and places for her to stay (homes).

**NOMINATING and AWARDS COMMITTEE** - Melody Bahr

**Positions open for 2010:**

- Membership secretary – 2 year position
- One two-year board of directors position
- One one-year board of directors position
- President elect – 3 year commitment
- Treasurer elect – 2 year commitment

**Awards Committee** – Nancy Moskal

- A Chapter Leadership Award (for DeAnn Richards) application was submitted to National.
- A Chapter Excellence Award application was submitted to National for Worldwide Relations Excellence.
- Based on the results of this year's awards applications, the committee will continue to look for other excellence awards opportunities available at the National level.

**LEGISLATIVE** – Brian Virgin

- HR 1105 was approved recently as part of the Omnibus Appropriations Bill.
  - \$22 million to accelerate implementation of HHS Action Plan to Prevent HAIs
  - \$10 million to support CDC National Healthcare Safety Network
  - \$2.5 million to ensure adherence to infection prevention and control measures.
  - President expected to sign the bill.
- HR 805 – bill to strengthen the American public health system.
- Over 2000 e-mails were generated by ICPs in support of these bills.

**RESOURCES**

- Maureen has all resources on display.
- Please let her know if there is anything you would like the committee to acquire/purchase.
- It was noted that a new edition of the *Communicable Diseases in Man* handbook is available from the Public Health Service.

**STATE SEMINAR**

- The committee is actively recruiting vendors at this time – need to get 45-50.
- You should have gotten your brochures.
- Miki Gould and Diane Dohm hope to organize a CIC review session at the conference.

- Bridget is helping Miki Gould with the fundraiser – Badger is offering a garden basket and other items brought in by members today. Bring your items for donation to the conference. Or give suggestions for items / gift certificates to Bridget . Your help is much appreciated.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE – Gwen Borlaug**

- CDC has new resources for health care facilities called, “Preparedness Resources for Healthcare Facilities,” at [http://emergency.cdc.gov/healthcare/?s\\_cid=ccu022309\\_HealthFacilities](http://emergency.cdc.gov/healthcare/?s_cid=ccu022309_HealthFacilities) . It has sections for inpatient, outpatient, and long term care settings.
- The February 18 issue of *JAMA* features an article about the reduction of MRSA catheter associated blood stream infections by 50% in ICUs from 1997-2007. Go to <http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/549134/> to read a news release about the article.
- APIC, CDC, and other healthcare associations have teamed up to launch an educational campaign on safe injection practices called “One and Only,” using the phrase one needle, one syringe, and only one time. Go to <http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org/> for information for patients as well as providers.
- The MRSA educational section of the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/mrsa](http://www.cdc.gov/mrsa) now has materials for healthcare providers, which includes a treatment algorithm for CA MRSA infections.
- Update on public reporting of HAIs legislation in WI—one legislator has sought the advice of the original sponsor of the 2004 bill. The original sponsor is still not interested in pushing the bill at this time. WHA and DPH have had conversations and both favor a voluntary system such as CheckPoint® managed by WHA.

Meanwhile it appears state health departments may be getting funds for HAI prevention activities, through both the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Bill and the federal stimulus package. If so, DPH and WHA will be teaming up to lead a coalition of healthcare and academic partners to develop a statewide comprehensive HAI action plan patterned after the DHHS plan.

- The new acting director of CDC is Richard Besser, MD. He was an EIS officer in 1991 during the outbreak of hemolytic uremic syndrome in Boston during which he linked the cases of *E. coli* O157:H7 to unpasteurized apple cider. He also served as director of the Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response beginning on August 29, 2005, two hours before Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf States.
- APIC is hosting a live webinar on carbapenem resistant Enterobacteriaceae organisms on April 8 at EST. The speaker is Dr. Arjun Srinivasan. Go to the APIC website to register.
- The notification portion of the Ryan White Act was inadvertently removed by Congress this past session but has now been reinstated. Healthcare facilities must continue to notify emergency response personnel of certain infectious diseases present in patients they have transported. The diseases are infectious pulmonary TB, hemorrhagic fevers, HBV infection, meningococcal disease, HIV/AIDS, plague, diphtheria, and rabies.
- APIC is working on an updated infection prevention principles and practices text that will be available online.
- Congressional update: the new budget contains three main sources of funding for infection prevention—the stimulus package, the FY09 budget, and a third house resolution beefing up the public health infrastructure.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Website – Michelle Schmitz
  - It is up to us to forward items for posting on the website to Michelle who will get them to the webmaster.
  - The site is up, working, is user friendly and looks good. Check it out.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- President Maria Leary has received e-mails from three members who cannot come to the meeting due to budgetary restraints.
- It is not clear how prevalent this situation is.
- We need to keep an open line of communication about this so we can determine what we as a group can do to help our fellow members.

Business Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

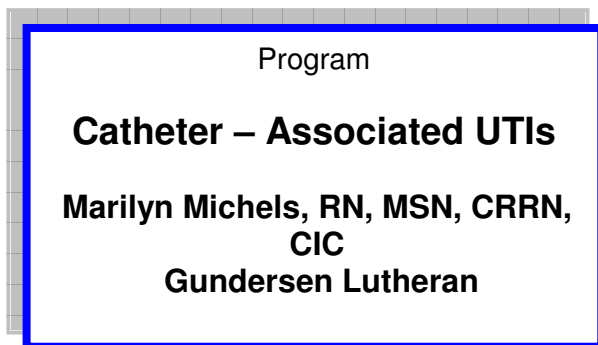
Jeannie Druckenmiller,  
Recording Secretary

Begin Committee Meetings and Breakout Sessions.  
Noon – Lunch. \$5 gets you pasta, salad and a beverage.

“No Strings” Scholarship winners: \$250 each

1. Mary Neff – Lafayette Manor, Darlington
2. Nancy Moskal – Stoughton Hospital
3. DeAnne Richards – Meriter, Madison
4. Diane Dohm – Meriter, Madison
5. Kathy Noe – Hess Memorial, Mauston

In addition, Melody Bahr and Nancy Moskal each won a gift certificate from Caltech for a *C. difficile* webinar.



Meeting adjourned 1:45 PM