



June-July 2009 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Hello to all! I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the wonderful Wisconsin summer. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the July Chapter meeting in Baraboo. Hopefully, if you are not on vacation you can make it to the meeting and take a break from Novel Influenza response, pertussis cases and all these other wonderful communicable diseases that seem to be finding their way to be ever present in our lives. (I don't think anything is seasonal anymore!)

It has been a fun few months for our Chapter. We participated in a great State APIC conference and the opportunity to welcome Rose Ngugi of our Sister Chapter in Kenya to Wisconsin and share the State Conference. Along with that opportunity she was able to share directly with our members at the day to day work level through visits to different healthcare organizations. If you had the opportunity to attend the State Conference you were probably as awe struck as I was when quiet spoken Rose got up before the conference and eloquently shared her story of how she and her colleagues began their Infection Control Chapter and are working to make a difference for those they serve. She also shared about their efforts to improve the sanitary conditions and provide for the very basics of simple hand washing with very limited resources. Rose is truly an infection prevention hero! It is great to know that our chapter can help to support and sustain her and her colleague's infection prevention efforts.

In June, I had the honor of attending the 2009 APIC Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida as your President and to participate as a representative of such a great chapter and its members. The Badger Chapter was well represented at the National Conference with at least 10 members in attendance (a few others may have come as well in various capacities)

- At the President's meeting and Chapter Leadership ideas exchange, Badger APIC was noted as one of the early pioneers in the area of chapter websites-kudos to Chris Bell for her work in launching this project for our chapter and to all the members that have continued to collaborate on this effort.
- Crystal Moohn of APIC Headquarters shared with me that she has truly enjoyed working with our chapter members over the past years and their enthusiasm to take on projects and share information with others.
- At the Awards Luncheon-it was great pleasure to see friend, mentor and chapter member DeAnn Richards receiving a Chapter Leadership Excellence Award. It was also fitting to see Linda McKinley accept, on behalf of our chapter, the Excellence Award for Worldwide Activities in recognition this Chapter's work with our Sister Chapter.
- In case you were wondering, I did attend the seminars and viewed posters and listened to abstract presentations-more about those later in the newsletter. I and some of the other chapter attendees will be providing informational updates at the meeting in July as well.
- Yes, we had opportunities to socialize-we went out one evening for a meal and fellowship with the Wisconsin contingency (members of all the Wisconsin Chapters that could make the get together). You may have seen some of the pictures from these events (a good time was had by all).

- One other interesting part of the National Conference is attending the Business Meeting. We were reassured that APIC should continue to be a financially strong entity and strategic planning has been key to the organization’s growth and success. Kathy Wayre, APIC CEO, gave a great overview regarding the strategic endeavors of the organization and what the next critical steps will be to continue to build on those strengths, such as collaborative partnerships.
- One other hot topic from the business meeting was related to a possible name change for the organization- the decision is not final yet. It was introduced as a proposed bylaws change which would go out for vote in the fall. We would still retain our current abbreviation of APIC , but would transition to The Association of Infection Prevention Inc. – keying in on prevention. Multiple persons came to the mike to discuss their views-most in favor of the change, but some questioning the need for change and the dropping of Control. How do you feel about a name change-please share your thoughts!

So, please plan to come to the July Meeting and get the updates and participate in your own chapters activities to promote Infection Prevention, share your expertise and solutions, as we all learn from each other experiences. July meeting info is as follows:

Date	Location	Host/Hostess	Topic
<p>July 14th</p> <p>Business meeting begins at 10 am Agenda will be sent out early next week</p>	<p>Sauk County West Square Building 505 Broadway Baraboo, WI 53913</p> <p>We will be in the lower level meeting room- Follow the signs to the meeting room</p>	<p>Sue Bergs</p> <p>Peg Dobrovlny</p>	<p>Updates from the National Conference & Ideas exchange on how your facility is addressing National Patient Safety Goals moderated by Bridget Pfaff-</p> <p>National Patient Safety Goals focus areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand Hygiene, Cough Etiquette and Contact Precaution(if applicable) Education to Patients/Families • Prevention of Antibiotic Resistant Organism Infections • Prevention of Central Line Bloodstream Infections • Prevention of Surgical Site Infections <p>Even if you are not surveyed by The Joint Commission you can share how you are addressing any of these issues for those you care for and hopefully learn helpful tips from others.</p>

We will update the Meeting Schedule on the Website after the July 14th meeting.

**Badger APIC Business Meeting Agenda
July 14, 2009**

Agenda Item	Individual to Present	Timeline
Call to order	Maria Leary	1000-1001
Thank you extended to the Hostesses	Maria Leary	1002-1003
Acknowledgements	Maria Leary	1003-1004
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.	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 	Diane Dohm Barbara Gordon Ann Berg Bridget Pfaff Peg Dolbrovolny Linda McKinley Nancy Moskal/Mel Reppen Maureen Bruce Brian Virgin Gwen Borlaug	
Old Business		1041-1051
Website Update	Michelle Schmitz	
Awards Acknowledgement	Maria Leary	
State Seminar Update	Planning Committee Members	
New Business		1052-1100
Strategic Planning	Maria Leary	
Other New Business???		
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 chapter goals for 2008. Do you need any assistance from the Board?

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.
Lunch –Will be available on site for \$5.00 or bring your own (Sub Sandwiches)	All Vendor Visit Time	1200-1300
Program Presentation	National Conference Updates Ideas Exchange: National Patient Safety Goals-Moderated by Bridget Pfaff	1300-1430
Parking Lot	Members are encouraged to write questions that you would like to ask your peers as a way of checking community standard or clarify regulatory items.	1431-1500
Reminders	◆ Remember to complete your program evaluations!	◆ Did you remember to sign in?

NEWS FROM NATIONAL APIC HEADQUARTERS

Webinars-Since this is a cost effective means for members to get information this is one of the targeted areas that APIC is investing resources to produce quality products to meet member's needs.

Here is the list of Upcoming webinars from APIC-to sign up go to <http://webinars.apic.org/>

Infection Prevention During Health Care Facility Design & Construction

(July 14, 2009 at 1:00 PM EDT, 12:00 PM CDT, 11:00 AM MDT, 10:00 AM PDT)

This webinar will present an overview of infection prevention issues during the design and construction of health care facilities. The presentation will include how to perform an infection control risk assessment for various types of projects from maintenance to greenfield. Discussion will also include design considerations, risk mitigation strategies, and recommendations for providing education, monitoring and documentation.

Access Site and Hub Disinfection: The Missing Link in the CRBSI Prevention Bundle

(July 23, 2009 at 1:00 PM EDT, 12:00 PM CDT, 11:00 AM MDT, 10:00 AM PDT)

The goal of this presentation is to review existing science and procedure recommendations for access site and catheter hub/stopcock disinfection.

Evaluating Research Evidence

(July 28, 2009 at 1:00 PM EDT, 12:00 PM CDT, 11:00 AM MDT, 10:00 AM PDT)

The purpose of this webinar is to provide a general overview of how to evaluate research and best evidence for use in practice.

Improving Infection Preventionist Practice Using the APIC Text

(August 4, 2009 at 1:00 PM EDT, 12:00 PM CDT, 11:00 AM MDT, 10:00 AM PDT)

This session will provide an overview of its contents and incorporate scenarios to guide use of the Text in improving the practice of new as well as experienced infection preventionists.

It's All in Your Facility's Plan: Insights into emerging alignment of CMS Conditions & Accreditation Requirements towards prevention of HAI's

(August 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM EDT, 12:00 PM CDT, 11:00 AM MDT, 10:00 AM PDT)

Reduction of Central Line Associated Bacteremia (CLABSI) using the Current Guidelines

(August 27, 2009 at 1:00 PM EDT, 12:00 PM CDT, 11:00 AM MDT, 10:00 AM PDT)

This program is intended for the bedside care provider and those interested in best practices for the prevention of Central line associated bacteremia (CLABSI).

Strategies to Prevent Catheter Related Bloodstream Infection

(September 24, 2009 at 1:00 PM EDT, 12:00 PM CDT, 11:00 AM MDT, 10:00 AM PDT)

Catheter Related Bloodstream Infection (CRBSI) is a major cause of patient morbidity, mortality, and cost. Lower CRBSI rates would decrease inpatient length of stay, and improve patient safety and satisfaction. The importance of reducing CRBSI cannot be overstated.

The New APIC Text- The new text is now available through the APIC bookstore with purchase at this time you will automatically be eligible for the initial enrollment for at least a single person access on-line version. This means that only one person can access at a time and you would even be able to access from your home computer. Annual single access is going to be priced at \$99 each year. More details to come on multiple user access pricing.

On-Line Education:

Partnering with Healthstream to provide the existing APIC content in on-line education format-such as education related to Elimination Guides. This education can then be used as to train healthcare workers on Infection Prevention topics. If your facility is already a Healthstream customer check with the department that has the contact with Healthstream to learn more about what education modules are available. More details to be coming out for those of us that are not current Healthstream customers, from the discussion at National there are still some details to be worked out for individual pricing.

From National Conference-

It was a great conference. We heard an inspirational message to THINK BIG from Dr. Benjamin Carson the keynote speaker. Had an update on Novel Influenza in which there were still as many questions as answers related to what to truly expect this fall when influenza season arrives. We heard about patient safety, just culture and how the prevention of healthcare associated infections are linked to providing best outcomes for our customers. I attended a session on healthcare personnel immunizations-many of us are getting a handle on having staff immunized for seasonal influenza, are you ready if this fall you need to give 3 immunizations to some of your healthcare providers. One other interesting area of research from this session is related to whether you will need to provide prophylaxis to a healthcare worker exposed to pertussis if they have already received their pertussis booster immunization-haven't had enough cases in the study yet to be able to answer the question, we were invited back to hear more hopefully next year. As noted earlier we will have some topic presentations at the meeting and I will bring my book from the conference to pass around so if there is something we don't discuss, please just ask and I or another member that attended the conference would be happy to provide any of the resources made available to us on the topic.

Diane Dohm did put in the purchase order for the recorded sessions to include in our resources. We will also be providing access to the handouts as made available to us. We will work with the Resource committee to determine how to best make these available to the membership.

Long Term Care

I will be bringing some packets of Long Term Care Presentation Materials (usually the PowerPoint slides) to the meeting since I don't think we will be presenting on any of those sessions at the meeting. I had intended to put some information into the newsletter and I couldn't make it work. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy, please let me know and I can e-mail them or send snail mail if that would work better for you.

If you are a member from another focus group, I would encourage you to look over the book which lists posters, abstracts and all of the face to face presentations and let myself or another member who attended National know what you would like to get more information on and we can help to locate it for you.

Hope to see you Tuesday at the meeting in Baraboo!