



## January 2010 Newsletter

Bridget Pfaff  
2010 Badger APIC President

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### President's Update

Greetings to all! It is with gratitude for surviving the pandemic of 2009 that we welcome a new year and renew our strength in our commitment to Badger APIC. I hope you can make it to the chapter meeting scheduled for January 19, 2010 at the UW Health East Clinic in Madison in the lower level meeting room.

I find the turn of the calendar to be a time for reflection, 2009 was a chaotic year for many of us, but I think the quote below embodies the strength of character of each of you in the Badger Chapter of APIC.

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.  
~Anne Frank

It is with gratitude that I reflect on the experience of our international partnership. Wondering if you can change the world...wonder no more Badger, you have. Although we exhausted her on her trip to the states, Rose walked away with tools as a pioneer in infection control as part of our focus on improving our international relationships as a chapter. Your generosity of time and talent did not go unnoticed, our chapter received recognition for excellence as a result of your efforts.

You also survived a pandemic! Each of you took on the challenges in your community and faced *the year of the flu* head on. This took partnerships, both within your organization and with your community to lead to success for Infection Preventionists in the state of Wisconsin. Some of you may have wondered as you sat around tables preparing for a pandemic if you would ever need to use the tools you were developing, not only did you put them to use – you survived! It is the willingness to improve things just a little that allowed each of you to be successful.

Many of you will remember a time in healthcare where there was great anticipation for the year 2000, or even the year 2010 – the time has arrived. It is through the strength of collaboration and continued relationship building that we, as a chapter, can continue to improve the world. It may be for a fellow chapter member, a student you mentor, one of our international partners or perhaps a patient who needs a little reassurance. You have the tools to aid in the success of Badger in 2010 and beyond!

Bring your stories from the pandemic Tuesday; the good, the bad and the things you learned from so that we can collaborate and learn from each other.

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## Fall Election 2010

- It is never too early to start thinking about taking on a leadership role in the chapter. The benefits of participation are enormous – please contact a member of the board or any current officer if you are interested in learning more about opportunities to serve.

## Recognition

- Thank you to all outgoing board members and committee chairs – your service has led to the success of the Badger Chapter.
- Chapter members were encouraged to nominate a colleague for the Outstanding Performance Award and the following names have been submitted.

Vote Using a Check Mark Here	Nominee	Reason for nomination (brief summary)
	Diane Dohm	Suggesting and implementing a successful vendor fundraising display during the local Badger meetings. Diane also implemented a certification study group.
	Jeannie Druckenmiller	A 20 year representative to the state planning committee, Jeannie has been a volunteer and leader in the state of Wisconsin. Jeannie always looks to recognize her peers and promote Infection Prevention Professionals just like her.
	Maria Leary	Outgoing president, by-laws chair and resources committee are just a few of Maria's contributions to Badger. She led meetings effectively and timely. She "walks the talk" for Infection Prevention.

**Please return completed ballots in person at the meeting to Bridget Pfaff, if you are unable to attend the meeting, please submit your vote to ([blpfaff@gundluth.org](mailto:blpfaff@gundluth.org)) by Friday, January 29, 1010.** You may also mail your vote by the 29<sup>th</sup> to Bridget Pfaff, C03-007, 1900 South Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601.

## News From APIC

- APIC has not increased the fees for the national conference scheduled July 11-15, 2010 in New Orleans, Louisiana. As the conference location of NOLA dictates, APIC encourages attendance for Networking, Optimizing, Learning, and Advocating – to learn more visit [www.apic.org](http://www.apic.org).
- The Fifth Decennial Conference is scheduled for March 18-22, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia. To find out more about the program visit <http://www.decennial2010.com/>.
- Did you get your latest Elimination Guide in the mail from APIC? The most recent guide provides tools for evaluating Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections (CRBSIs). CRBSIs affect an estimated 250,000 Americans and cost the US healthcare system billions of dollars each year. The high incidence, morbidity, and cost attributed to CRBSIs -- combined with new and stringent requirements from The Joint Commission and CMS -- require a comprehensive plan for the prevention of this infection. This guide provides step-by-step guidance to facilitate the bedside implementation of relevant clinical evidence and best practices for eliminating Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections

(CRBSIs). Visit the APIC website for all of the elimination guides.

- Upcoming webinars – more information available on the APIC web site. If you are unable to participate live, visit the archives and listen at your convenience.

**APIC's 2010 Webinar Series Begins!**

APIC expects to offer more than 25 webinars this year, providing members with **FREE** access to the most current, practice-based information.

**Upcoming Webinars**

**CMS Environmental Hygiene Regulations 5 Steps to Compliance and Improved Patient Safety**

(January 12, 2010 at 1:00 PM EST, 12:00 PM CST, 11:00 AM MST, 10:00 AM PST)

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**Alternate Care Sites: Infection Prevention and Control**

(January 14, 2010 at 1:00 PM EST, 12:00 PM CST, 11:00 AM MST, 10:00 AM PST)

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**A Comprehensive, System-Wide Program to Improve Hand Hygiene Compliance Within A Healthcare System**

(January 19, 2010 at 1:00 PM EST, 12:00 PM CST, 11:00 AM MST, 10:00 AM PST)

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# APIC BADGER

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Host/Hostess</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>January 19, 2010</b>	<b>UW Health East Clinic – 5249 E Terrace Dr, Madison, WI 53718</b>	<b>Michelle Schmitz, DeAnn Richards</b>	<b>H1N1 Lessons Learned</b>
<b>March 9, 2010</b>	<b>Divine Savior, Portage</b>	<b>Wanda Lowrey</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>April 29 &amp; 30, 2010</b>	<b>Pewaukee</b>	<b>Wisconsin APIC</b>	<b>Watch for Brochure!</b>
<b>July 20, 2010</b>	<b>Baraboo, Sauk County West Square Building</b>	<b>Peg Dobrovolny, Lori Greer</b>	<b>Wisconsin Immunization Registry &amp; Updates from National Attendees</b>
<b>Sep14, 2010</b>	<b>The Richland Hospital, Richland Center</b>	<b>Dick Lee, Melody Bahr</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Nov 16, 2010</b>	<b>Dodgeville</b>	<b>Maria Leary, Kandi Auel</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>January 11, 2011</b>	<b>TBD</b>		<b>TBD</b>

All meetings begin with the Business Meeting at 10 AM, followed by committees and break-out sessions at 11 AM. Lunch is typically served on site for a small fee and education sessions begin at 1PM with time for a “Parking Lot” discussion allotted at the end of each meeting.



# APIC BADGER

**Business Meeting Agenda  
January 19, 2010  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

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**10:00 Welcome**

1. Agenda Review-Call for additional items. 1-minute
  2. Approval of November 10 Meeting minutes. 1-minute
  3. Reminder About Lunch & Thank you to hostesses
  4. Welcome New Members & Guests
  5. Board and Committee Reports-
    - A. Membership Committee-**Ann Berg**, Membership Secretary
    - B. Program Committee-**Mel Reppen**-President-Elect
    - C. International Committee-**Linda McKinley**
    - D. Nominating and Awards Committee-**Nancy Moskal**
      1. Leadership and Outstanding Performance Nominees  
Development of Written Procedure Related to the Awards
    - E. By-Laws-**Gwen Borlaug**
    - F. Finance Committee
      1. Financial Report –**Diane Dohm**, Treasurer
        - Scholarships-requirements/stipulations to return something to the chapter  
Can we continue with new member scholarships and no strings
      2. Scholarship Report-**Mary Jo Stokes**, Treasurer-Elect
    - G. Resources
    - H. Legislative Update – **Brian Virgin**
    - I. Public Health Update – **Gwen Borlaug**
    - J. End of Year Reports – Maria Leary, Immediate Past President & Bridget Pfaff, President
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**11:00 Committee Breakouts – please participate and consider joining a group for the year.**

- Finance
- Membership
- Program
- Bylaws
- International
- Nominating and Awards
- Resource

**11:30 AM Subgroups – participate in group discussion about topics that challenge you!**

- Acute Care
- Long Term Care

- Home Health
  - Employee Health/AOHN
  - Ambulatory Care
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### **12:00 PM Lunch**

Pasta Choices will be available for a fee of \$5, thank you to Michelle Schmitz for organizing the lunch. Please visit vendors during this time.

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### **1:00 PM Program**

Jeanne Druckenmiller will lead the chapter members in a discussion of 2009 H1N1

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### **2:30 PM Parking Lot**

Members are encouraged to write questions that you would like to ask your peers as a way of checking in with your peers for standards or clarification.

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### **3:00 PM Adjourn**

Did you remember to sign in and complete your program evaluation?

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# APIC BADGER

**Badger APIC Business Meeting  
November 10, 2009  
UW Health Clinics East, Madison**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 10:06 AM by President Maria Leary

New Member: Kitty Murphy, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital.

Guests: Janel Benish, St Joseph's, Hillsboro and Lee Anne Schmitz, Boscobel Area Health Center.

WELCOME to all.

Thank you to our hostesses – Barb Gordon, Anna Hutchings and Bridget Pfaff. Note, Barb will be leaving the chapter and moving to the Milwaukee area. Thanks for all your help, Barb.

Thanks also to the teller committee, Peg Dobrovolny and Kathy Noe.

Two vendors are here today – Clorox Corp and Rochester Medical.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** ACTION ITEM: Brian Virgin moved and Mary Jo Stokes seconded a motion to approve as written the minutes of the Sept. 15, 2009 meeting. Motion passed.

**NEW AGENDA ITEMS** – Election Results.

**BUDGET and FINANCE REPORT** – Diane Dohm

- Budget – Diane Dohm
  - \$6099.81 in checking / savings accounts.
  - Projected assets by end of year = approx \$9000.
  - We have 2 vendors here today = \$600 (Clorox Corp.; Rochester Medical).
  - There could be up to \$3000 in expenditures before the end of '09:
    - \$3000 will go to a separate account earmarked for our share of the liability coverage for the state conference.
    - There will be bonding, committee and website expenses.
  - Each committee is asked to submit their projected expenses for the remainder of '09 to Diane before the end of today's meeting.
  - The Finance Committee will meet before the January meeting.
- Scholarships – Diane Dohm
  - Two “no strings” scholarships awarded in March have not been used. The winners will be reminded that they must be used by 12/31/09.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Ann Berg

- We have 91 members.
- It is membership renewal time for many members.
- We did not reach our goal of 100 members, but in light of the economy, 91 is not bad.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE** – Bridget Pfaff

- The program today is being presented by Dr. Christopher Crnich, UW / VA Hospital Infectious Disease Specialist. Topic: Antibiotic Resistance in LTC.

- For the January 2010 meeting, the board suggested a group-wide sharing / round table discussion of H1N1 experiences. The location will be UW Health East Clinics, Madison.
- Bridget will pass out a schedule via e-mail to indicate location / programs for 2010 meetings.
- Please volunteer to host a meeting. We need a room for 30 – 50 people with classroom seating and an area for the Board meeting. The hostess also brings juice, coffee, treats. Co-hosting is encouraged.

**BYLAWS** – Peg Dobrovolny -No business to report at this time.

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

- The committee met after the last meeting and decided not to apply for a Chapter Excellence Award in 2010, but will submit an article to the Wisconsin Hospital Assn Newsletter and an abstract to National APIC about our experience with Rose's visit. Kandi Auel has agreed to be the presenter if the abstract is accepted.
- Mel shared feed back from Rose about her trip to WI (very positive).
- The committee would like to in some way support Rose's membership in APIC and IFIC.
- Diane spoke to the attorney for Nat'l APIC who told her it would be OK for Badger to establish a separate account for the purpose of assisting our sister chapter. Monies earned by fundraising activities could be put in the account. Badger can use APIC's tax exempt status to establish the account. This is necessary because chapter general funds cannot go to support a single person.
- Linda will be a speaker on the December '09 Chapter Leadership Call.

**NOMINATING and AWARDS COMMITTEE** - Nancy Moskal

**2010 Election Results:**

- 35 ballots were returned; 34 were valid.
- Mary Jo Stokes was inadvertently left off the ballot, although she had agreed to run and her bio was included.
- Mary Jo was unanimously elected Membership Chair by show of hands vote.

New officers and Board are as follows:

- President-elect – Mel Reppen
- Treasurer-elect – Brian Virgin
- 1 year Board of Directors position - Anna Hutchings
- 2 year Board of Directors position – Diane Dohm
- Membership Chair – Mary Jo Stokes
- 2 year Nominating Committee positions – Nancy Moskal and Maureen Bruce.
- The Chapter Leadership Award is determined by vote of the Board.
- The Outstanding Performance by a Badger member is by vote of the membership to acknowledge a major contribution to the chapter.
- The Award Nomination Ballots will be re-circulated to the membership (Deadline Dec 31).
- Voting will be at the Jan 19, 2010 meeting.
- Badger will not pursue a chapter excellence award in 2010.

**PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT** - Gwen Borlaug

- “Clinical tidbits” and cover letter from Dr. Davis was sent to ICPs—please distribute to pulmonologists / intensivists / hospitalists and others caring for severely ill H1N1 patients.
- Influenza survey results from last season and the new survey were mailed to ICPs and CEOs of hospitals and DONs and administrators of nursing homes. In the DPH video regarding HCW influenza vaccination, Dr. Davis set a goal of increasing the median hospital employee seasonal influenza vaccination rate of 71% and the median nursing home rate of 67% to 80% in 2009-10.
- The Ryan White Act now has had the emergency responder notification requirement re-instated. Healthcare facilities are required to give notice to first responders if they have transported a patient with airborne infectious diseases and other infectious diseases specifically listed in the act. This was inadvertently deleted in the last fiscal cycle.
- Update on state HAI prevention program: the three positions were posted on the state jobs site; deadline for submission was Nov 2; interview process starts Nov 10. A face to face meeting of the HAI multidisciplinary

advisory committee is scheduled November 13 at the Wisconsin Hospital Association, Madison. CDC Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion held a grantee's meeting in Atlanta in October—CDC staff indicated it is highly likely Congress will pass a federal mandatory public reporting law. The first objective is to decide which two HAIs WI will include.

- APIC, SHEA and IDSA want to meet with the Obama administration to discuss the China study regarding protection provided (or not) by N 95 respirators.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT** – Brian Virgin

- November 19, 2009: HAIs: The Changing Legal and Regulatory Landscape Conference. This is two weeks away, but there is still time to register.
- Marilyn Michels met with Jennifer Schilling and representatives of ARCW (AIDS Resource Center of WI) to discuss an “opt out” provision amendment in place of Wisconsin’s current law that requires written, informed consent to test for HIV, even in instances of significant exposure. WI is one of two states with such a law. It is hoped the change will be approved by the legislature in 2010.

**RESOURCES** - Maureen Bruce

- Maureen reminded the group that we need to determine how we will spend our \$500 award money before the end of the year.

**STATE SEMINAR** – Nancy and Jeannie

- The committee met is meeting the 19<sup>th</sup>. There are some new members on the committee.
- Jeannie is requesting old photos – any kind, from previous state seminars.

**OTHER** – Maria

- Website – No report at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Strategic Planning
  - Badger will set aside \$3000 earmarked for our share of liability coverage should the state conference have to be cancelled.
  - We must decide how best to support our sister chapter in Nairobi.
  - Two scholarships are still available to be used by 12/31/09.
  - In the future the “No Strings” scholarship will have one string: The winner must make a presentation to the group regarding what was learned / gained at the educational program the scholarship was used for.
  - There are some fixed expenses built into the budget, *e.g.*, website maintenance, bonding, committee expenses.

Business Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Druckenmiller,  
Recording Secretary

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Begin Committee Meetings until 11:35.  
11:35 begin focus groups and an H1N1 issues discussion.

Noon – Lunch. \$5 = Wendy's salads.

Program: Christopher Crnich, MD MS – Antibiotic Resistance in Nursing Homes.

Parking Lot

Meeting adjourned 2:22 PM