



APIC BADGER

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2009 Badger APIC President

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Hello to all! I hope that this newsletter finds you healthy and well. We have had a recent influx of respiratory patients here and isolation numbers are up as is the work load. So, I have been a little delayed in getting this note out to everyone. A sure sign of spring is the hopeful end of influenza season and the arrival of the e-mail for the brochure announcing the Wisconsin State APIC conference to be held April 30 and May 1 at the Country Springs Hotel-Water Park & Conference Center in Pewaukee, WI. If you haven't received a copy yet, please check out the website www.wisconsinapic.org for one. Remember at March's meeting we draw for the no strings scholarships that can be used to attend the conference. Chances of winning are enhanced by your attending the meetings, as you get one chance for each meeting attended from the November through the March meeting.

Also, you will want to check out the website and see the newly revised format. See the note later in the newsletter from Michelle Schmitz our website liaison for more details. It's great to see it updated and working again-take the opportunity to check it out because it has links to great resources and gives you a chance to see what the other chapters in Wisconsin are doing too. Many thanks to our chapter member Michelle Schmitz for her work and to Cathy Mueller, the webmaster, who is assisting the chapters with this project.

Do you feel a little overwhelmed with all of the new guidance documents out there. Wondering what's really changed and what direction to take to best prevent healthcare associated infections. Come to the Badger Chapter APIC meetings. Last meeting, we had a great review on Clostridium difficile from Nasia Safdir and our next meeting looks to be equally informative and timely to the issues facing Infection Preventionists. Please plan to attend the March meeting to get the latest and greatest information on **Urinary Tract Infections** from our own **Marilyn Michels** on **Tuesday, March 17th**. Yes, you can wear your green and celebrate your Irish heritage too!

Looking forward to seeing you all in March at the Meeting-enjoy the other updates in this newsletter including the meeting agenda and information from the State Conference Planning Committee.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Date	Location	Host/Hostess	Topic
March 17, 2009	Meriter CBRF Location: 8221 Raymond Rd, Madison WI 53719 (off Hwy M and PD on Madison's far west side).	Michelle Schmitz	Urinary Tract Infections – Marilyn Michels

**Badger APIC Business Meeting Agenda
March 17, 2009**

Agenda Item	Individual to Present	Timeline
Call to order	Maria Leary	1000-1001
Thank you extended to the Hostess	Maria Leary	1002-1003
Welcome New Members and Guests -Introductions	All	1004-1007
Reminder about lunch, networking time, and bathrooms	Maria Leary	1008-1009
Approval of the January 2009 Business Meeting minutes.	All	1010-1011
Call for Additional Items not on the agenda.	All	1012-1013
Committee Reports:		1014-1040
◆ Finance	Diane Dohm	
◆ Scholarship	Barbara Gordon	
◆ Membership	Ann Berg	
◆ Program	Bridget Pfaff	
◆ Bylaws	Peg Dolbrovolny	
◆ International	Linda McKinley	
◆ Nominating and Awards Committee	DeAnn Richards	
◆ Resource	Maureen Bruce	
◆ Legislative	Brian Virgin	
◆ Public Health Updates	Gwen Borlaug	
Old Business		1041-1051
Website Update	Michelle Schmitz	
Chapter Excellence Award Submission	Deann Richards and Linda Mckinley	
State Seminar Update -Update Information -Call for Abstracts -Fundraising	Planning Committee Members	
New Business		1052-1100

Committee Breakouts ♦ 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 ♦ 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 (I will specify in separate e-mail message)	All Vendor Visit Time	1200-1300
<i>No Strings Attached</i> Scholarships Drawings	Barbara Gordon and Diane Dohm	1301-1310
Program Presentation	Urinary Tract Infections Marilyn Michels	1311-1430
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?

**Badger APIC Business Meeting
January 13, 2009
UW Clinics East, Madison**

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

Guests: Laurie Green, Ron Kagel – Pam Albrecht, new member from Franciscan Skemp

Thank you to our outgoing board members, Kandi Auel and Michelle Schmitz – your support is appreciated. Welcome to the new board members: Barb Gordon, Bridget Pfaff, Mel Reppen, Linda McKinley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ACTION ITEM: no changes, Diane Dohm moved Sue Bergs second – motion carried.

BUDGET and FINANCE REPORT – Michelle Schmitz

- Finance: Michelle discussed the following:
 - We have a balance of \$11,133.02 as of 12/31/08.
 - We received \$4580.30 from the '08 state conference.
 - Reported 4th quarter expenses; scholarships and minimal expenses.

- Scholarships – Diane Dohm:
 - Reviewed available scholarships and encouraged members to apply.
 - Drawing for no-strings scholarships will be at the next meeting – there will be 5 at \$250 each.

MEMBERSHIP – Ann Berg

- We currently have 93 members.
- Renewals are based on the month you joined. If you are not certain when your membership expires, check the National web site.
- Submit your community service records for our chapter. This information is maintained as part of our national awards program.
- A detailed membership will be available in March for all members.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE – Bridget Pfaff

- The Program evaluations and needs assessments are available.
- At this time there is no meeting location for the March 17 meeting.
- It has been suggested having members record mileage traveled to meetings – we will begin to gather this data.

BYLAWS - no report

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE – Linda McKinley

- The committee is trying to get a laptop to our sister chapter and determine how to best use our International Committee funds.
- The committee is also trying to get a member of our sister chapter to attend our state conference and sponsor them as a member of IFIC.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- DeAnn Richards is the board liaison.
- The committee will look for a list of open offices at the next meeting.

LEGISLATIVE – Bridget Pfaff

- Responsibility for this report will transition to Brian Virgin; no current report.

RESOURCES

- The end of year report was reviewed by Kathy Noe.
- The activity of items moving in and out of the library is being recorded.

STATE SEMINAR

- State Conference is 4/30 and 5/1 in Pewaukee at the Country Springs Hotel.
- Confirmed speakers include Rutala (environmental disinfection), Sanjay Saint (UTI's), Stout (water mitigation issues). The focus on day two will be disaster preparedness.
- Miki Gould (APIC-NEW) and Diane hope to organize a CIC review session for the conference.
- Bridget will help Miki with the fundraiser – bring your items for donation to the March meeting. We encourage Badger members to participate in prize gathering this year!

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE - no report

OLD BUSINESS

- The Guest Policy was reviewed and discussed. This policy will be included in the minutes for review.
- Pressure Ulcer Coalition – this project will be tabled. The Board took this item off of the agenda due to a lack of available funding.

- Web site update: new webmaster for all 4 chapters is Kathy Miller. She is updating the site. It will be similar. Please get any updates or items for posting to Michelle Schmitz. The goal is to have the site updated by March.
- Chapter outstanding performance winner – Diane Dohm wins the award for 2009! Congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS

- The new chapter logo was reviewed – we will use the template that Nancy Moskal has developed from the National model for all official communication.
- New vendor program – Stericycle and TIDI Products are here today. We look forward to having vendors display products during the lunch break. Vendor acquisition and set up will be managed by the finance committee.
- Marilyn Michels noted that the State Division of Public Health has purchased the AICP program from Gundersen Lutheran. This program is available at no charge to ICP's in the state of Wisconsin – if you know a novice practitioner, encourage them to sign up.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Pfaff/attended meeting and recorded

Jeannie Druckenmiller,
Recording Secretary

Committee Goals for 2009

Resource Committee

- Set up resources 30 minutes prior to meetings.
- Create a list of resources for the web site.

Bylaws Committee

- Monitor National APIC for bylaws changes.
- Address any Badger or National changes/requests quickly.

Membership

- Increase membership to >100.
- Increase diversity in membership especially for public health and environmental services.
- Define CIC certified members and encourage certification.
- Create an educational piece for publication, *e.g.*, Infection Prevention. Submit for publication to Nursing Matters or a lab publication.

Nominating Committee

- Encourage members to run for office for open positions.

Awards Committee

- Determine which Chapter Excellence Award to apply for.

International Committee

- Finalize means to get donated copies of IC materials (electronic or hard copy) to our sister chapter.
- Write letter of invitation to sister chapter to attend WI state conference in 2009.
- Confirm if Badger can sponsor membership fee for sister chapter in IFIC.

Finance Committee

- Encourage attendees / guests to apply for membership.
- New member applications will be evaluated within one week and submitted to National.

Program Committee

- Develop education programs for chapter meetings.
- Continue to provide on-site lunch during meetings.

ACTION ITEM: DeAnn Richards moved and Dick Matushek seconded a motion to accept the committee goals as written. Motion passed.

Program

Clostridium difficile

Living up to its Name.

Meeting adjourned at 3 PM

Website Updates from our Chapter Liaison Michelle Schmitz

The NEW Wisconsin APIC website is now posted online a www.wisconsinapic.org.

Navigating the website:

- Underlined items mean there is a link associated with it. Click on them and a link for more information appears.
- Please send any comments, concerns, additions or deletions to the website to Michelle Schmitz, mschmitz@meriter.com.
- At the March Badger APIC meeting, Michelle Schmitz will highlight changes to the website.

Chapter Excellence Award Submission Completed- Hurray!! Hurray!!

Thanks to the diligent efforts of our Awards and Nominating Committee and our International Committee another wonderful submission has been completed for our chapter and submitted to National APIC. Come to the meeting to hear about and see a copy of the submission. You will also have the opportunity to hear about the ongoing work of both of these committees. Great things are happening as we move forward with our goal to bring a member of our sister chapter to the State Conference. Thanks to DeAnn, Nancy and Linda and their fellow committee members for all of their efforts in continuing to promote and share our chapter's excellence.

State Conference Call for Abstracts

As part of our ongoing efforts of showcasing and recognizing the talent and work of fellow Infection Preventionist the State Conference Planning Committee has put the call out for Abstracts for presentation at the State Conference. Please consider submitting an abstract. Abstract Guidelines and submission information will be available at the meeting and also on the website. A letter detailing the call for abstracts was sent via e-mail to all chapter members.

State Conference Call for Fundraiser Donations

Just a friendly reminder... a synopsis of an earlier e-mail to all members from Bridget Pfaff.

Dear Badger APIC Members,

I am excited to be part of the planning for this years fundraising efforts. Last year we were able to contribute \$1,300 to our international efforts with our share of the funds. This fundraiser needs your help. If you have an item you would like to donate, please bring it to the March meeting in Madison and I will take care of getting it to the conference. If you would like, you can also bring your donation to the conference on April 30th, just please let me know in advance what you plan to donate.

As everyone is watching the changes in the economy with caution, it is more important than ever that more members contribute to ensure the continued success of our fundraising efforts.

Thank you!

Included an attachment of a vendor/business contact letter you could use to ask for a donation.

From the APIC Website

Another great resource for our members is the National APIC website at www.apic.org.

Some recent postings incase you missed them.

Patient Safety Awareness Week

Patient Safety Awareness Week (PSAW) is a national education and awareness-building campaign for improving patient safety at the local level. Hospitals and healthcare organizations across the country are encouraged to plan events to promote patient safety within their own organizations. Educational activities are centered on educating patients on how to become involved in their own health care, as well as working with hospitals to build partnerships with their patient community. To learn more, visit <http://www.npsf.org/hp/psaw/>.

For Patient Safety Awareness Week 2009, APIC issued a list of tips on being a good visitor to a healthcare facility. [Read more](#)

Targeting Zero Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs)

Enacting change is difficult and cannot occur overnight. To help you in *Targeting Zero*, APIC has created a comprehensive set of resources featuring Webinars, conferences and practical tools. Most recently, APIC has developed a series of infection-specific Elimination Guides which translate CDC guidelines into practice for frontline healthcare teams.

Read the January 2009 [press release on Targeting Zero](#).

And for a refresher for our meeting

APIC's Guide to the Eliminations of Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections

http://www.apic.org/Content/NavigationMenu/PracticeGuidance/APICEliminationGuides/CAUTI_Guide.pdf