



March 2010 Newsletter

Bridget Pfaff
2010 Badger APIC President

President's Update

The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.

Pierre de Coubertin

French Educator primarily responsible for reviving the Olympic Games in 1894

As we entered 2010 it was a joy to see so many turn out for the January meeting. If any of you have tuned into the 2010 Olympic Games, you can identify with the challenges faced by many of the athletes - we may not win every battle, but as Infection Control Practitioners, we show up armed with knowledge and ready for the challenge. The chance to network and learn from each other about our experiences with the H1N1 pandemic brought out the best in our membership and demonstrated how each of us survived the battle!

For me, it was like a "group therapy" session that reminded me of the importance of my APIC family. Listening to the ideas from chapter members and seeing so many new faces reminded me of my own entry into infection control. The day I started I was on my own; the practitioner in the facility needed a vacation. Imagine an Infection Control Professional needing a vacation, as many of you are solo practitioners in your facilities, I am sure you can relate.

As my first day started, I was greeted by tables full of binders and other resources - I was fresh out of school, and of course I already knew it all - I couldn't quite figure out what all the books were for. My assignment was to read these resources and prepare myself to be a resource for the healthcare facility. I reflect on that and think of the opportunity each of us has to be that resource for our facility and the support we get from APIC to attain that goal.

Little did I know how much I would come to rely on those books, but binders and books could never amount to the resource you are to me, my APIC support group! Please be that rock for those 'newbies' you see at our APIC meetings and for those of us who are a bit more seasoned who still need each other. Infection Control changes so quickly, if we don't support one another and learn and grow together it may seem the battle is too large.

As we prepare to attend the March meeting, join me in congratulating Gwen Borlaug - nominee for Chapter Leader from Badger APIC and Maria Leary, who is recognized by membership for Outstanding Performance. These two individuals demonstrate the beauty of APIC every day with their enthusiasm and commitment to Badger APIC.

Please review the agenda for our March Meeting, and many other documents in this newsletter. This is the time of year to ask for your generosity, feel free to bring donated items for the state conference silent auction to the March meeting; I will be putting together baskets from Badger again. I look forward to seeing many of you on March 9th in Portage!



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Business Meeting Agenda
March 9, 2010
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Divine Savior Healthcare
 2817 New Pinery Road
 Portage, WI 53901

10:00 Welcome

1. Agenda Review-Call for additional items. 1-minute
2. Approval of January 19th Meeting minutes. 1-minute
3. Reminder About Lunch (Wendy's salad \$5.25) Thank you Wanda!
4. Welcome New Members & Guests - reminder, please wear name tags!
5. Board and Committee Reports-

Finance	Michelle Schmitz
Scholarship	Brian Virgin
Membership	Mary Jo Stokes
Program	Mel Reppen
Bylaws	Peg Dobrovolny
International	Linda McKinley
Nominating/Awards	Kathy Noe
Resource	Gladys Briggs
Legislative	Brian Virgin
Public Health Updates	Gwen Borlaug

6. State Seminar - April 29th & 30th, 2010 - Program Updates, Call for Abstracts, Silent Auction/Raffle (see attachments).
7. Other new Business:
 - a. Certification Renewal Discussion

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

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Program

MRSA Improvement Project report - current status and future plans
Eric Streicher, MD

NHSN - Gwen Borlaug and Ashlie Dowdell

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.

3:00 PM Adjourn

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



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

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.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS VERY IMPORTANT!!

Rate each area according to the following scale: 4=Very Satisfied 3=Satisfied 2=Slightly Dissatisfied 1=Dissatisfied
Very Satisfied ~~~~~~Dissatisfied

1.	How satisfied were you with the information presented at the business meeting?	4 (21)	3 (6)	2	1
	Comments: <i>Lots of introductions & explanations, etc</i>				
2.	How satisfied are you with the committee meetings? Are you learning more about the organization by participating?	4 (20)	3 (6)	2 (1)	1
	Comments: <i>Very short time period Very noisy, crowded.</i>				
3.	How satisfied are you with the break-out sessions? Are they meeting your needs? Are you being provided with enough time for networking?	4 (16)	3 (9)	2 (1)	1
	Comments: <i>Would like to see more time devoted to this (7) Difficult to hear Yes, good discussion on pertinent matters for LTC Need to organize better</i>				
4.	Did you feel comfortable offering comments and asking questions during all parts of the meeting?	4 (21)	3 (4)	2 (1)	1
	Comments: <i>No. I came to learn.</i>				
5.	Presentation: H1N1 experiences & lessons learned				
	The topic(s) were clearly stated	4 (20)	3 (7)	2	1
	The content was relevant to the presented topic(s)	4 (21)	3 (6)	2	1
	The teaching methods were effective	4 (19)	3 (8)	2	1
	The content met my personal learning needs	4 (20)	3 (7)	2	1
	Comments: <i>Not much related to LTC Shorten lunch to 1/2 hour or incorporate into meeting time – break out session?</i>				
	National Patient Safety Goals Segment <i>discussed???</i>	4 (3)	3 (1)	2	1
6.	Overall, how well did this meeting meet your expectations	4 (20)	3 (7)	2	1
	Comments: <i>Lots of comments regarding more pertinent information for LTC. Thank you! The most LTC these meetings have mentioned. Overall, hard to get away from work for the day when I'm part time. The topic for presentation was not all that helpful. I feel H1N1'd to death (no pun intended) Thank you for having lunch available</i>				
7.	If you answered any of the above a "1" or "2", please explain what may have prevented you from being satisfied:				
8.	Miles driven to today's meeting: range 8-236 miles; median=50 miles; mean (average)=70 miles Preferences for Meeting Location: Madison=15; varied locations=5; Baraboo=1; Grant Co=1; LaCrosse=1 Anywhere outside of Madison=1; Baraboo/Portage/Madison=1				

Thank you for your participation!

Please return this form to the registration table at the end of the meeting.

Needs Assessment – 2010

My Current work in Infection Control involves the following work area(s) *check all that apply*:

10	Acute Care Hospital	5	Home Care
7	Critical Access Hospital	0	Specialty Hospital
9	Long Term Care	9	Employee or Occupational Health
1	Public Health	8	Ambulatory Care Setting
2	Dialysis	4	Other: Ambulatory Surgery Center (1); Geropsych (1); Psychiatric (1); PT/OT clinics (1)

Program Planning (rank order 1=most important) :

- #7 Infection Control – Waste Management – from OSHA to the DNR
 - #9 Vaccine Preventable Diseases
 - #6 Review of CDC UTI guideline
 - #5 Outbreak Management – stories from the field (ask chapter members to share experiences)
 - #1 New MRSA surveillance initiatives in Wisconsin
 - #8 Infection Control and Construction
 - #3 Outbreak Management – Influenza
 - #10 Wound care
 - #2 National Patient Safety Goals
 - #4 Resistant Organisms
- Other:
- NHSN - how to join & use; state project (3)
 - TB management/testing options (3)
 - EHS management/requirements for contractors (2)
 - Surveillance technology (1)
 - Quantitative infection control risk assessment (1)
 - Environmental hygiene/isolation & standard room cleaning (1)
 - CLABSI (1)
 - C. difficile (1)

B. Instructional - Pertains to interesting experiences, lessons learned, problems encountered, and problems solved. These Abstracts will be evaluated on the basis of originality and usefulness to Infection Control Practitioners.

Must include the following-

Issue: Identify the specific problems or needs addressed. Provide a brief introduction to the proposed topic. Include important background and current information on issues.

Project: Describe the intervention / program

Results: Specify the results in summary form.

Lessons Learned: Summarize the lessons learned and implications.

4. DISPLAY INFORMATION

Posters can be displayed on a standard size easel, which will be provided. Notify me if you will require an easel. Posters may also be submitted on a table-top display (tri-fold) which the author provides.

5. SUBMISSION

- ◆ ***Abstracts must be submitted to me following the guidelines provided above.***
- ◆ Submit the abstract via e-mail **on or before April 23, 2010**
- ◆ E-mail as an attachment in Microsoft Word. Use the last name of the first author for the name of the file (e.g., JONES.doc).
- ◆ Please confirm that your e-mail was sent by a follow-up phone call to me at (262) 836-7102.
- ◆ You will be notified by me via email and personal phone call when your abstract is received.

Thank you for participating!

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APIC WISCONSIN

Dear Business Partner:

Each spring the Wisconsin Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) has a Silent Auction at their Annual Conference to raise money for medical research in infection control or humanitarian organizations. This year the conference will be April 29th & 30th at the Country Inn Hotel and Water Park in Pewaukee, WI. We invite you to donate an item to the auction such as in-kind merchandise or a gift card.

Infection control research seeks to advance the science of infection prevention in the hospital and community. As indicated, humanitarian organizations provide funding for the underserved in our society. Each of the four APIC chapters in Wisconsin will select one non-profit to support with their share of the funds raised at the silent auction. This fundraiser brings together infection control professionals, physicians, researchers, industry and other members of the healthcare community to raise monies to better the human condition and save lives.

We hope we can count on you to support our Silent Auction. Last year we raised nearly \$4,000. Your donation will be much appreciated, support a good cause and help reduce the risk of infection in health care. We will send an acknowledgement and receipt after the conference to share the success of our fundraising efforts. We hope that we can count on you.

Sincerely,

Bridget Pfaff

Silent Auction, Wisconsin APIC Conference Committee

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APIC BADGER

**Badger APIC Business Meeting
January 19, 2010
UW Health Clinics East, Madison**

CALL TO ORDER: at 10:05 AM by President Bridget Pfaff

New Members: Lisa Fuehrer, Hospice Care, Inc.; Gwen Long, GHC; Jeanne Venzke, UW Medical Foundation; Kathy Komberec, Mercy- Janesville (Joyce Meyers-Janquart will be retiring); Lois Sater, Project Manager, DPH HAI Grant; Ashlie Dowdell, Surveillance Coordinator, DPH HAI Grant; Janel Benish, St Joseph's Hillsboro, Richard Lee, The Richland Hospital; LeeAnn Schmitz, Boscobel Area Health Care - LTC.
Returning member: Lily Postel, Dean Care. WELCOME to all.

Thank you to Maria Leary for all her work as president in 2009.
Thank you to Mel Reppen, Michelle Schmitz, DeAnn Richards and Diane Dohm - Meriter Hospital, for hosting; thanks to UW for the room.

One vendor is here today - Marc Grabell, from Metrex.

Lunch today is \$5 = 3 varieties of pasta from Pizza Hut, salad, beverage, cookies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ACTION ITEM: Diane Dohm moved and Mary Jo Stokes seconded a motion to approve as written the minutes of the Nov.10, 2009 meeting. Motion passed.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS - Strategic Planning

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome to the new Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

- Mary Jo Stokes replaces Ann Berg as Membership Chair
- Mel Reppen is President Elect, replacing Bridget Pfaff
- Michelle Schmitz will serve out Barb Gordon's remaining year as Treasurer; Brian Virgin is our new Treasurer-Elect
- Maureen Bruce leaves Resource Chair to serve on Nominating/Awards Committee
- Diane Dohm leaves Treasurer-elect to serve on the BOD (replacing Gwen Borlaug)
- Anna Hutchings will replace Linda McKinley on the BOD
- Nancy Moskal leaves BOD but will serve as Chair of Nominating/Awards Committee
- Linda McKinley leaves the BOD but will continue as Chair of the World Wide Relations Committee
- Maria Leary remains on the board as Past President

BUDGET and FINANCE REPORT - Diane Dohm, Michelle Schmitz

- Budget
 - \$7008.32 = 2010 starting balance with \$3000 in the WI APIC Conference Reserve Fund.

- Budgeted expenses for 2010 total \$8037.50.
- Estimated revenue for 2010 is \$11308.32 (not including the \$3000 in the Reserve Fund).
- The \$500 donation from Dr Kowalski will serve as seed money to create a fund/account for our Sister Chapter in Nairobi (see below).
- \$3000 must be earmarked for Badger's share of reserve money should the state conference have to be cancelled (liability loss). Each chapter has agreed to do this.
- We have 1 vendor here today = \$300 (Metrex).
- We received less than anticipated from the state conference. Vendors at meetings have helped offset this loss.
- Scholarships
 - The "No Strings" scholarships will be renamed and each recipient will have to bring back something to the group, either a presentation to the group or an article for the newsletter. Per National APIC, "no single member can benefit from chapter general monies."
 - Scholarships for 2010 include the Board Scholarship to National APIC of \$2000 and ten \$100 General Scholarships for a total of \$1000. (Only the president will receive money to go to National).
 - There will be two awards for 2010:
 - Outstanding Performance Award - \$300
 - National Chapter Leadership Award - \$1500
- ACTION ITEM: DeAnn moved; Melody seconded a motion to approve the budget. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP – Ann Berg / Mary Jo Stokes

- We have 97 members – with all our new members today we must have 100! (Our Goal).
- Please initial the membership roster and check to be certain your contact info is correct.
- If you haven't renewed yet, please watch for your renewal notice and submit promptly. Remember to indicate Chapter 75 – Badger.
- If you aren't getting chapter mailings let Mary Jo or Jeannie know. (Jeannie maintains the email list).
- A printed roster will be available soon.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE – Mel Reppen

- The program today is an open discussion on H1N1: Lessons Learned.
- Please fill out the Needs Assessment Survey regarding program content. This will help set our agenda for the next 2 years. All perspectives and suggestions are given serious consideration.
- Please join a committee. You will find it very rewarding.
- Please consider hosting a meeting. We need a room for 40 – 50 people with classroom seating and an area for the Board meeting. The hostess also brings juice, coffee, treats. Co-hosting is encouraged.
- We will continue to offer lunch at meetings for a nominal price.

BYLAWS – Peg Dobrovoly

- The bylaws will be changed to allow electronic balloting.

WORLDWIDE RELATIONS (INTERNATIONAL) COMMITTEE – Linda McKinley

- The committee submitted an abstract for the Society for Healthcare Epidemiologists (SHEA) meeting. The abstract was accepted. This will also be at the Decennial Conference in March.
- An abstract was also submitted to National APIC, but we've not heard from them, yet.

NOMINATING and AWARDS COMMITTEE

- The Board is voting today to determine the 2010 Chapter Leadership Awardee.
- The Outstanding Performance by a Badger member is by vote of the entire membership to acknowledge a major contribution by an individual to the chapter. Please vote today.

- The committee hopes to have electronic balloting in place by the Nov '10 elections.

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Gwen Borlaug

- HAI Reporting Project: Lois Sater, Project Manager and Ashlie Dowell, Surveillance Coordinator, (present at today's meeting), are working with the state Steering Committee for the project. Mary Jo Stokes and Peg Dobrovolny are Badger members currently on the committee. At the November '09 meeting, the committee selected Catheter-Related BSIs, HCA-MRSA infections and Knee & Hip arthroplasty SSIs as the targeted infections for WI. This is much like the Michigan plan. The initiative is collaborating with the Wisconsin Hospital Assn, which has similar projects, but this initiative is not duplicative. You can join NHSN and share your facilities HAI rates for these 3 infections. Three Collaborative Groups will be formed; one for each infection. Lois has sent a letter to hospital CEOs about the project. IPs will also get a letter and training will be involved.
- The APIC text was sent to all critical access hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. Please let us know if you will use it. If not, please return it so another user may have a copy.
- The 2010 edition of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities is available for purchase at <http://www.fgiguilines.org/index.html>
- The 1/2/10 MMWR reported that a CDC survey indicated only 22% of health care personnel have received the H1N1 flu vaccine. Only 20% of the general population has received it.
- Please be sure Gwen has your contact information. She maintains the statewide mailing list for infection preventionists for DPH.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Brian Virgin

- There is info on the National APIC website about HAI reporting to state health departments.

RESOURCES

- We need a new chair for the Resource Committee. See Bridget or Maureen.

20th ANNIVERSARY STATE SEMINAR – Jeannie Druckenmiller

- Current confirmed speakers include: William Rutala (2 presentations), Dennis Maki, Carla Alvarado, Russell Nassof (legal / liability issues), William Agger.
- "A Day in the Life" speakers will all be members of the 1990 Conference Committee, including Jane Kosolcharoen from Badger APIC.
- Jeannie is requesting old photos, brochures, memorabilia from previous state seminars. Please look through your old stuff!
- Jeannie is also requesting chapter treasurers to attempt to guesstimate the amount of money earned for each chapter from the state conference for the past 5 years - money that was applied to member scholarships.

OTHER – Maria

- Website – If you want anything posted on the website, please send it to Michelle Schmitz.

NEW BUSINESS

- Strategic Planning

- o The draft of the Strategic Plan will be sent to all members. We will discuss and vote on this at the March meeting.

Business Meeting adjourned at 11: 03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Druckenmiller,
Recording Secretary
Committee Goals 2010

World Wide Relations (International) Committee

1. Join IFIC.
2. Develop fundraising plan and establish a separate account for monies for our sister Chapter in Nairobi.
3. Develop a plan to send Badger members to Kenya.

Membership Committee

1. Increase membership to 100 (may have achieved that today!).
2. Maintain current membership.
3. Increase diversity of membership.
4. Partner with Program Committee to assure programs and events meet membership interests.

Resource Committee

1. Purchase relevant resources.
2. Maintain current inventory of resources.
3. Utilize vendors as resources.

Nominating and Awards Committee

1. Define and delegate a committee process for election and awards.
2. Develop and implement electronic balloting.
3. Complete online application for Chapter Leadership Award by Feb 2010.
4. Coordinate process for Outstanding Performance Award.

Bylaws Committee

1. Change bylaws to reflect need for electronic balloting.
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Begin Committee Meetings until 11:30.
11:30 begin focus groups.

Noon - Lunch. \$5 = Pizza Hut pasta

Program: H1N1 Lessons Learned Open Discussion.

Parking Lot - Bridget

Meeting adjourned 2:30 PM