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January, 2009 Newsletter President's Update

From Maria Leary, President

Happy New Year to everyone! I am excited and enthusiastic about beginning my term as President for Badger APIC. I always look forward to our meetings and see it as an opportunity for me to get some needed recharging. I get a definite boost from my opportunity to network with my colleagues in Infection Prevention. As an Infection Preventionist in rural community healthcare setting, I have gained a lot from my opportunities through Badger APIC and hope that our chapter members feel they have had similar positive experiences.

Through the years I have worked on Resource, Bylaws, and Nominating Committees and been a Board Member. Each of these experiences has afforded me the opportunity to know more members, share discussion about what is similar and unique about our roles in our facilities and the day to day challenges of being an Infection Preventionist. I have received scholarships and have benefitted from the learning opportunities outside of the chapter meetings as well. I know that our chapter strengths come from the willingness of our members to share their knowledge, issues and experience.

I feel blessed to be able to network with each and everyone of you and I leave each meeting with some new gem or helpful resource, whether its from a group discussion on a topic, the educational presentation, committee work, someone's willingness to share their ideas for educating others on Infection Prevention and Control, or a policy or tool they use in their day to day practice. I know that often new members feel as they don't have a lot to share and I find that actually some of the best discussions come from the questions asked by our new members. A great chapter comes from everyone's participation.

My New Year's wish is that everyone attends the meetings, have willingness to share and a goal to be, in some way, an active participant of the chapter. I am new to the role of President and need your assistance to continue to make this APIC Chapter even better. Please feel free to catch me at a meeting, give me a call or e-mail me with any suggestions, questions or concerns. Looking forward to seeing you at the January 13th meeting and be prepared to share!

From Nancy Moskal, Past-President

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President in 2008. It was a busy year indeed for the Badger APIC Board and committees. Thank you to the many members who contributed to the chapter goals over the past year. Here are some of our chapter accomplishments!

In 2008 our chapter received the National APIC Excellence Award for Member Support and two chapter members received awards for their outstanding Leadership and Performance! The Chapter Excellence Award for Member Support is one of the highest honors a chapter can receive from National APIC. This award represents years of Badger Chapter commitment to serve our current and new members. The 2008 APIC Chapter Leader Award was given to Linda McKinley for her roles in initiating our Sister Chapter with Nairobi, Kenya and serving on the WI APIC Seminar Planning Committee. Linda

has inspired other chapters to establish Sister Chapters as well. The 2008 Badger Chapter Outstanding Performance Award went to DeAnn Richards for her many years of leadership on the board, willingness to help members and her enthusiasm. DeAnn was also recently nominated by the board for the 2009 National APIC Chapter Leader Award!

Over this past year we networked over lunch and benefited from chapter members' expertise at our meetings. In January, we learned about Nairobi, Kenya and establishing a Sister Chapter from Linda McKinley; Sue Bergs moderated a MRSA discussion in March; and over 50 Badger Chapter members attended the two-day WI APIC Seminar in May entitled "Infection Prevention and Control: A Campaign for Excellence." In July, we learned about International Medical Exchanges, heard from APIC National Conference attendees, and discussed infection control challenges related to flooding. Our September program featured Bridget Pfaff on Disinfection and Sterilization and Jeannie Druckenmiller on CJD. In addition, we discussed strategies to increase healthcare workers' influenza vaccine rates. In November we honored chapter member Dr. Bill Scheckler and celebrated his retirement with his presentation, "The Dark Side and the Bright Side of 40 years in Hospital Epidemiology: the Top Ten Hits and the Bottom Ten Misses."

Finally, the chapter purchased a laptop to take meeting minutes and maintain other records, as well as a digital projector for meeting presentations. The WI APIC website has a new webmaster and will be redesigned in 2009. And nearly \$10,000 was awarded in scholarships to members for their professional development. I hope you capitalized on these and other opportunities provided by the Badger Chapter this past year!

Badger APIC Business Meeting Minutes November 18, 2008 St. Mary's Care Center

CALL TO ORDER: 10:17 AM – by President Nancy Moskal

THANKS TO GINGER CROFT AND ST MARY'S CARE CENTER FOR HOSTING.

GUESTS / NEW MEMBERS:

- Dave Sullivan, Audrey Martino – American Lifeline – a probiotic company
- Jill Wells – Tidi Products, Neenah

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ACTION ITEM: Maureen Bruce moved and Mary Jo Stokes seconded a motion for approval of the September 08 minutes. Motion passed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE - Michelle Schmitz

- Michelle explained changes the Board made to balance the budget.
- Most changes are in the area of scholarships. The same amount of scholarship money is available, but money has been shifted from one scholarship category to another.
- Proposed Budget:
 - Program = \$250
 - Resource = \$500
 - Nominating / Awards = \$300
 - International = \$1000
 - Membership = \$500
 - Bylaws = \$20
 - General Scholarship = \$3000

- National Scholarship = \$5000
- State Scholarship = \$825
- No Strings Scholarship = \$1250 (5 @ \$250)
- Outstanding Performance = \$300
- Leadership Award = \$2500 (travel money if National selects our nominee as a winner)
- Website = \$250
- Printing / Postage = \$20
- Bonding / Banking = \$200
- TOTAL: \$15,915
- Anticipated Revenue: \$17,350 (savings, checking, state conference money, chapter dues, vendor support).
- The current balance is approximately \$6600.

ACTION ITEM: Melody Bahr moved, Brian Virgin seconded a motion to accept the proposed budget. Motion passed.

SCHOLARSHIPS - Diane Dohm

- Board Scholarships '08 = \$5000 budgeted; \$3659.58 paid out.
- General Scholarships '08 = \$3000 budgeted; \$2435 paid out; \$565 remaining.
- New Members Scholarship '08 - \$825 budgeted; \$330 paid out; remainder can be carried over to 2009.
- No Strings Scholarship '08 = \$2250 budgeted; \$1250 remaining; \$750 to be used in 2008.
- Outstanding Performance '08 = \$300 budgeted; \$300 paid out.
- National Leadership Award Winner = \$2500 budgeted; \$1443.90 paid.
- UNDER BUDGET TOTAL: \$2961.52.

MEMBERSHIP – DeAnn Richards for Ann Berg

- DeAnn reported we have 94 members.
- Please invite your Local Health Department nurse to attend a meeting. One of our goals is to increase participation by public health.
- Post-It notes will be available for breakout sessions (similar to parking lot) for questions to discuss at breakouts.
- DeAnn Richards will be on a national web cast to participate in a discussion of how we won the Chapter Excellence Award for Membership Support.

PROGRAM – Maria Leary

- Next meeting January 13, UW East, Madison - Looking for a speaker on *C. difficile*
- Other meetings for '09 are March 17, July 14, September 15, and November 13.
- Please fill out your meeting evaluations.
- Please fill out the Needs Assessment form.
 - Maria clarified that “vendor support” means vendors can set up and network during lunch and before and after the meeting. It does not mean the vendor will make a formal presentation.
- Today we honor Dr. William E. Scheckler on the occasion of his retirement.

BYLAWS - no report

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE – Linda McKinley

- Linda heard from our sister chapter in Nairobi. They have a new president and held their

conference in October with over 150 people attending from places as far away as Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

- They need training and training materials. This is what the committee is working on - how to ship the materials we have collected and how to provide them with a fully loaded laptop.
- It would be great if a member of the Nairobi chapter could attend our state conference.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Vicki Becker

- New Officers:
 - President-elect – Bridget Pfaff
 - Treasurer- elect – Barbara Gordon
 - Recording Secretary – Jeannie Druckenmiller
 - Board of Directors 1 year term - Linda McKinley
 - Board of Directors 2 year term – Mel Reppen
 - Nominating Committee 2 year term – Kathy Noe
 - Nominating Committee 2 year term – Joyce Meyers-Janquart

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Melody Bahr

- Melody stated that 7 people were nominated for the Chapter Leadership Award and one is ineligible because he/she has received the award within the last 5 years.
- The Board of Directors has selected DeAnn Richards as our nominee for a National Chapter Leadership Award.
- We hope to apply for an Outstanding Chapter Award in the area of International Relations.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Bridget Pfaff

- Someone is needed to replace Bridget as legislative representative because she will be President Elect. However, Bridget will continue to monitor these issues.
- There is not much activity in the legislature (both state and national) due to the election.
- The HIV testing without consent legislation recommended by CDC has not been amended in WI. Hopefully, representatives in the state legislature will take this up in January.
- There is a listening session scheduled for Thursday 12/18/08 9 – 4 CST. Topic: Hospital Acquired Conditions in Inpatient Settings and Hospital Outpatient Healthcare. The link to the Federal Register is <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-25833.pdf>
- The Governor has proposed raising taxes on hospitals to balance his budget.

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT– Gwen Borlaug

- Nancy complimented Gwen on her beautiful IC Update.
- Gwen passed out needle/syringe – shaped sugar cookies to remind everyone to keep vaccinating for influenza. She challenges you to get to 80%. One facility has already reached this goal. A few have reached 60 – 70%. Others are still pending.
- Gwen sent copies of the flu shot survey sent to all facility CEOs and she is calling CEOs of survey non-responders.



The National Institutes of Health has prepared a consensus statement on the management of Hepatitis B Virus infections. Go to http://consensus.nih.gov/2008/hebB%20draft%20statement%20102208_FINAL.pdf to view the document.



An article in the journal *Microbiology* [2008 Oct; 154 (Pt 10):3144-53] entitled, “Multidrug efflux pump overexpression in *Staphylococcus aureus* after single and multiple in vitro exposures to biocides and dye,” has led to inaccurate conclusions that there is a link between use of disinfectants and emergence of antimicrobial resistance. Reports misled readers into thinking the CDC supported this notion, but Dr. Srinivasan from the Division of Health Care Quality Promotion states that CDC has not seen evidence to support the link. He goes on to say CDC recommendations for environmental infection control have not changed, and the agency has always

encouraged proper use of disinfectants.

- Remember the mumps outbreak of 2006? Confusion arose because some states were isolating patients for 9 days, the recommendation at the time, while others advised patients to remain home for only 5 days. After review by CDC and the AAP, the recommended isolation time has been reduced to 5 days. This is based on evidence that mumps viral load rapidly declines 3 to 5 days after onset of parotitis, and risk of transmission is low after 5 days. See *MMWR* 2008; 57 (40) 1103-1105 at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5740a3.htm>
- The October issue of *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* contains a SHEA/HICPAC position paper entitled, "Recommendations for metrics for multidrug-resistant organisms in healthcare settings," providing guidance on developing a surveillance program for MRSA and other MDROs.
- The Madison VA hospital has a job opening for a nurse (or similar) research coordinator to head a 3-year MRSA research project. Contact Linda McKinley at 608-256-1901 ext 11776 if interested.
- For Long Term Care, Home Health, Hospice Facilities: Admin Code HFS 129 (certification of training programs for nurse assistants, home health aids, hospice aids) has been revised to include training requirements for feeding and medication assistants as well. Go to http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/rl_dsl/Publications/08-026.htm for more information on the revision that becomes effective December 1, 2008.

RESOURCES – Maureen Bruce

The following are the most requested resources and will be ordered by Maureen:

- Eliminating Catheter Related Complications Toolkit
- Infection Control Manual for LTC Facilities
- APIC/JCAHO Infection Control Workbook (2006)
- Best Infection Control Practices for Patients with Extended Spectrum Beta Lactamase (ESBL) *E. coli* and *Klebsiella* sp.
- CIC Certification Study Guide, 3d edition (2007)
- Disinfection, Sterilization and Antisepsis 2nd edition (2006).

STATE CONFERENCE – Marilyn Michels

Confirmed speakers:

- Andrew Streifel – water mitigation issues
- Dr. Sanjay Saint – UTIs
- Dr. William Rutala – Disinfection & Sterilization, environmental D& S, new HICPAC Guideline
- Dr. Todd Kowalski – antivirals
- Dennis Tomczyk (DPH) surge capacity
- John Hicks (Ramsey / Hennepin Co) – Ventilator shortages

MISCELLANEOUS

- Sister Chapter Policy – approved by the Board.
- Guest policy revision is tabled until January 09.

WEBSITE – Michelle Schmitz

- We cannot post anything at this time and we are looking to revise the site and getting someone to do this for us on a permanent basis. This topic is still under discussion.
- Other chapters have the same problem and we hope to find one person to do all the Wisconsin APIC websites.
- The Web site is an image of us as an organization.

Business meeting ended at 11:11 AM.

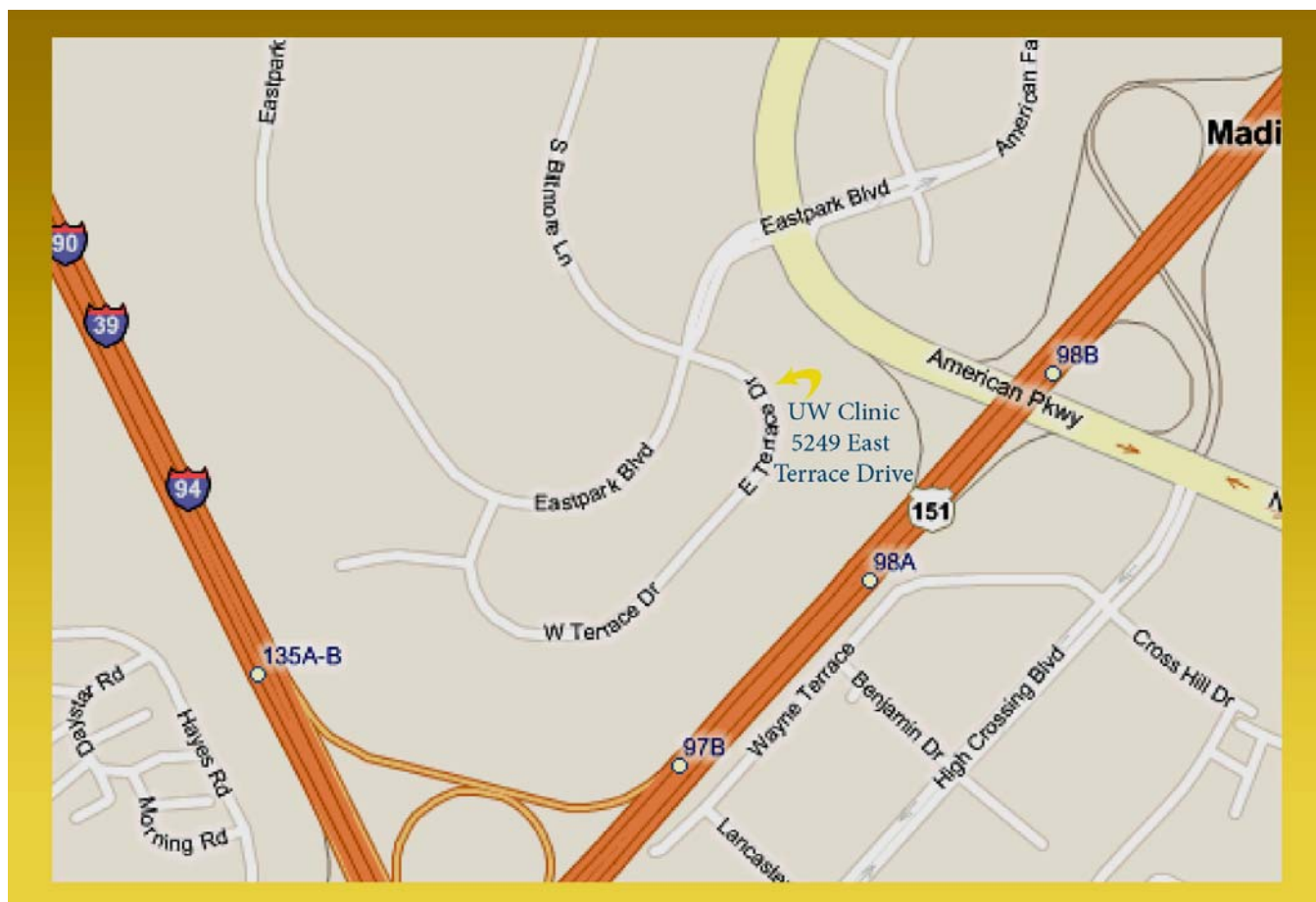
Begin committee reports followed by breakout sessions, lunch and Dr. Scheckler's presentation.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannie Druckenmiller
Recording Secretary

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Date	Location	Host/Hostess	Topic
January 13, 2008 Board meeting 8-10 Am Resources table 9AM Business meeting and program 10 AM – 3 PM	UW-East Clinic 5249 East Terrace Drive Madison, WI.	Barb Gordon Maria Leary	" C difficile- Surveillance and Management of Outbreaks" Nasia Safdar, MD, MS Section of Infectious Diseases Department of Medicine Director of Research Education Center for Womens Health Research University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health and Wm S Middleton VA Center

Lunch Opportunity: A \$5 lunch opportunity will be provided. Maria is finalizing and will send details as soon as available.



Badger APIC January 13, 2009 –UW-East Clinic, Madison

10:00 - 3:00 Business Meeting Agenda and Program

Agenda Item	Individual to Present	Timeline
Call to order and housekeeping items	Maria Leary	1000-1013
Thank you extended to the host	Maria Leary	
Welcome new members and guests	All	
Thank you extended to Out-going Board Members and Welcome New Board Members	Maria Leary	
Approval of the November 2008 Business Meeting minutes	Maria Leary	
Call for additional Items not on agenda	/Maria Leary	
Committee Reports:		1014-1040
◆ Finance	/Diane Dohm	
◆ Scholarship	Barb Gordon	
◆ Membership	Ann Berg	
◆ Program	/Bridget Pfaff	
◆ Bylaws	Peg Dolbrovolny	
◆ International	Linda McKinley	
◆ Nominating Committee		
◆ Awards Committee	Nancy Moskal	
◆ Legislative		
◆ Resource	Maureen Bruce	
◆ State Seminar	Jeannie Druckenmiller/Marilyn Michels	
Public Health Update	Gwen Borlaug	
Old Business		1041-1051
Guest Policy	Ann Berg	
Pressure Ulcer Coalition	Gwen Borlaug	
Website Update	Michelle Schmitz	
New Business		1052-1105
Chapter Outstanding Performance Award	Brian Virgin	
Committee Breakouts Finance, Membership, Program, Bylaws, International, Nominating and Awards Committee, Resource	Members are encouraged to join a committee for the year. At this breakout review 2008 goals and establish goals for 2009.	1115-1145
Subgroups Acute Care (<100 beds), Acute Care (≥100 beds), Long Term Care, Home Health, Employee Health, 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.	1145-1215 Remember to appoint a facilitator and recorder at your sub-group meeting
Lunch	\$5 Lunch Opportunity will be on site Maria to e-mail details soon.	1215-1300
Program Presentation	<i>"Surveillance and Management of C. Difficile Outbreaks"</i> Dr. Nasia Safdar	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, best practice, or clarify regulatory items.	1431-1500
Reminders	Remember to complete your program evaluations!	Did you sign in to be eligible to win a "No Strings Attached" scholarship in March?

APIC NEWS

NEW: First Issue of Ambulatory Care Newsletter Published

APIC's newest publication, *Preventing Infection in Ambulatory Care*, is a newsletter that focuses exclusively on a clinical area that is in desperate need of the type of expertise an organization such as ours provides. APIC continues to respond to this need by reaching out to our ambulatory care members, providing them with the educational tools so needed at this time. Read the first issue of [Preventing Infection in Ambulatory Care](#).

Please let us know if you have tools, examples or strategies to share that you feel are particularly successful in meeting The Joint Commission's current infection prevention and control standards and the expanded National Patient Safety Goal #7. Your solutions could make the difference to others facing an upcoming survey.

Tools may include:

Examples of infection prevention and control risk analysis; Examples of an infection prevention and control plans; Checklist for infection prevention and control-specific environmental rounds; Checklist for construction environmental rounds; Worksheets used to conduct infection prevention and control patient tracer. Please send your contributions by January 15, 2009 to products@apic.org.

Ready Reference to Medical Lab Testing

Are you an MT? CLS? MT(ASCP)? Would you like to contribute your laboratory testing expertise to this exciting new publication? APIC is in the process of creating a new reference to lab results for Infection Preventionists and we need your expertise! This book will be similar in format to APIC Ready Reference to Microbes; but it will address laboratory tests and results. Among others, topics will include: Infection-specific testing; Types of tests; Advantages of each type of test; Interpretation of results; The lab role in surveillance. Please send your qualifications/CV to products@apic.org

For more December APIC E-NEWS go to http://apic.informz.net/apic/archives/archive_423030.html and http://apic.informz.net/apic/archives/archive_426029.html

Other Quality News

In the coming months, IHI will expand the hospital quality agenda with three new interventions:

- WHO Surgical Safety Checklist
- Prevent Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
- Link Quality and Financial Management: Strategies to Engage the Chief Financial Officer and Provide Value for Patients

<http://www.ihi.org/NR/rdonlyres/7C219C29-129C-46C5-97A324DD0339E6B4/0/IHIImprovementMapOverviewDec08.pdf>