



## November 2009 Newsletter

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2009 Badger APIC President

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### PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Hello to all. I hope many of you will be able to take a short break away next week to come to our November 10th APIC meeting which will be held at the UW Health East Clinic in Madison in the lower level meeting room. It will be a good chance to share our H1N1 stories and collaborate on how we are managing in the prevention efforts for this novel influenza. Were you as prepared as you thought you would be? Here is part of my story.

We had stockpiled N95 masks and a small inventory of syringes and other supplies. We had done planning/training so staff was prepared. I was ready to role with immunization efforts. All systems were go! However, we soon found out we had no vaccine to immunize health care personnel or patients. Our vaccine order for H1N1 could not be fulfilled due to lack of supply and our distributor for seasonal influenza vaccine also ran out prior to being able to fill any of our order. **Patience** was the buzz word. There will be vaccine. An unexpected challenging situation for any Infection Preventionist- to reassure staff of this need for patience and to rely on PPE etc. when they were anticipating immunizations and already seeing ill patients. We all remember the initial media blitz to get immunized and we had been prepping our employees for the expected two immunizations for H1N1 immunization and an additional seasonal vaccine as well.

Yes, patience is a virtue. However, I would say **collaboration** has been an even more important element. I was able to work with local public health to get a minimal supply of H1N1 vaccine to begin immunizing our ED and OB staff, due to a great local working relationship, as they had received a more than adequate supply to begin their immunization efforts. I also had the opportunity to share our story at a regional meeting in Madison, to discuss what we were doing in preparedness in the face of no vaccines with other infection control colleagues and fellow Badger APIC members. I also heard that several other facilities were in similar circumstances. Through this discussion and through the efforts of this collaboration sharing these concerns with the Division of Public Health- things changed for us. One APIC colleague called to say they had some seasonal vaccine to offer us as a starting point for immunizing our healthcare workers and another contacted me to assist in facilitating some transfer of H1N1 vaccine to provide for additional vaccination of more of our direct care providers. So to you my colleagues and fellow Infection Preventionists, I say a big **THANK YOU**. I also want to share the word that collaboration is working in Wisconsin and once again my APIC colleagues were there and supportive. They were sharing ideas to manage employee absences and screenings, discussing how to manage visitors and even willing to share a precious resource (influenza vaccine) in a time of shortages. I am thankful of and awed by your collaborative spirit and proud to be your colleague. I am sure many of you have similar stories to share.

Now back to the meeting on Tuesday. I do want to spread the word that we have an excellent speaker, **Dr. Christopher Crnich**, related to **Infection Prevention in Long Term Care**, who can also share some insight related to MRSA in this patient population and what it means for us in Acute Care and other settings as well. Please plan to attend and consider inviting a Long Term Care colleague to participate as well.

## **Strategic and Financial Planning**

We will also be continuing our discussion of our strategic plan and the need for continued financial planning to meet our objectives. I had a great opportunity to meet with the International Committee during a special meeting session to discuss how we can continue to pursue objectives of building our relationship with our Sister Chapter. The committee has looked into how we can support them and what the next steps in the journey should and could be. As we have asked questions of the APIC headquarters to better define what may be possible, we have learned some additional information on how we can use our financial assets. This information is timely in relation to our strategic planning. We will share an update from the Board on this information at the meeting. I want to commend the International Committee on their continued efforts to pursue this endeavor and service project of the Chapter and wonderful cultural exchange opportunity. They are truly thinking BIG and looking at a long range strategic plan.

## **Election Time**

We have completed our Badger APIC chapter elections and it is also election time for the international APIC organization. By now you should have received notification via electronic ballot for that election. If you haven't submitted your ballot there is still time to do so. Check your e-mail and vote. Elections are open until November 13<sup>th</sup>. Badger APIC voting results will be announced at the November Meeting. Thanks to Peggy Dobrovolny and Kathy Noe our Teller Committee for doing the ballot counts. Thanks to the Nominating and Award Committee for recruiting candidates and assembling the ballots.

## **Willingness to Share of Your Time and Talents**

I want to again extend a very big **THANK YOU** to those members willing to commit to an elected office, host a meeting, chair a committee or assist with the State Conference. Without you our chapter would not be as awesome as it is. I have over the past months called on many of you with a question or for insight into how we are doing. You have all graciously answered and responded to requests to follow up and assist in some way.

Now, I want to challenge other members to consider taking on one of these roles in the coming months. Our chapter is as great as it is because of its members and their willingness to serve. As some of these members transition to newly elected roles, some of those that they fulfilled in the past may be open or we may simply need someone to host a meeting. Every year we need to continue to recruit for the next election and it starts now with each and everyone giving consideration to how you can serve the chapter. Not sure of what might be the right fit for you, please contact any current officer, board member or committee member and we can share information on additional opportunities to serve within our Chapter. Remember we all started out as a new member once too!

## **News from APIC**

### **Comment on the Draft Guidelines for Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related infections**

On November 3 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a request for comments on the [Draft Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections](#). Comments on the draft guidelines are due on or before December 3, 2009. Submit comments by email at [BSI@cdc.gov](mailto:BSI@cdc.gov) or by mail at CDC, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Attn: Resource Center, 1600 Clifton Rd. NE, Mailstop A-31, Atlanta, GA 30333 or by fax at 404-639-4049.

### **Certification Review Course Online**

APIC is offering an online review course to prepare for taking the CBIC certification exam. This course allows you to prepare and review for the exam at your own pace. Check out this link to the course information. [Online Certification Review Course](#)

## Check out these other Quick Links from APIC

- Obtain consulting services from the experts on infection prevention: [www.apicconsulting.com](http://www.apicconsulting.com).
- See APIC's informative website for consumers at [www.PreventInfection.org](http://www.PreventInfection.org).
- Use [Healthy DiscuSSions](#) to help prevent surgical site infections.
- Target and reach zero HAIs, then [Pay It Forward](#).
- [Order](#) Protect Our Patients (POP) materials
- Is there a Champion in you? Order your FREE [Champion's Kit](#) today.

## For Ambulatory Care Members

There is a new Ambulatory Care Manual now available through the APIC store. This manual created specifically for ambulatory care facilities contains polices and procedures to address infection prevention in this healthcare setting. Link to further information via [Infection Prevention for Ambulatory Care Manual](#)

## **Keeping connected to current information-using the resources available.**

I'm sure most of you already have these in your favorites, but just in case you don't. Here are the links to more information about the 2009 H1N1 at [www.apic.org/swineflu](http://www.apic.org/swineflu) and [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu) and for Wisconsin at [www.pandemic.wi.gov](http://www.pandemic.wi.gov).

Recent updates of interest-

The **Frequently Asked Questions** is now easily found on the home page of [www.pandemicwi.gov](http://www.pandemicwi.gov).

You can also get the link to the **CDC Questions and Answers on Respiratory Protection** to better understand the strategies of N95 mask use and conservation.

## **November Meeting Information:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Host/Hostess</b>	<b>Topic</b>
November 10 <sup>th</sup>  General Business meeting begins at 10 am for all members.	UW Health East Clinic 5249 E. Terrace Dr. Madison, WI 53718  Meeting Room Location: In the lower level-follow the signage.	Bridget Pfaff Anna Hutchings Barb Gordon  Lunch will be available for a small fee.	Infection Control in Long-Term Care  Dr. Christopher Crnich

## Badger APIC Business Meeting Agenda November 10, 2009

Agenda Item	Individual to Present	Timeline
<b>Call to order</b>	Maria Leary	1000-1001
<b>Thank you extended to the Hostesses Anna Hutchings, Barb Gordon and Bridget Pfaff</b>	Maria Leary	1002-1003
<b>Welcome New Members and Guests -Introductions</b>	All	1004-1006
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	Maria Leary	1006-1007
<b>Reminder about Lunch, Vendors networking time and restroom facilities etc.</b>	Maria Leary	1008-1009
<b>Approval of the September 2009 Business Meeting minutes. (see below)</b>	All	1010-1011
<b>Call for Additional Items not on the agenda.</b>	All	1012-1013
<b>Reports:</b>		1014-1040
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Finance</li> <li>◆ Scholarship</li> <li>◆ Membership</li> <li>◆ Program</li> <li>◆ Bylaws</li> <li>◆ International</li> <li>◆ Nominating and Awards Committee</li> <li>◆ Resource</li> <li>◆ Legislative</li> <li>◆ Public Health Updates</li> </ul>	Diane Dohm Barbara Gordon Ann Berg Bridget Pfaff Peg Dolbrovolny Linda McKinley Nancy Moskal/Mel Reppen Maureen Bruce Brian Virgin Gwen Borlaug	
<b>Old Business:</b>		1041-1051
State Seminar Update	Planning Committee Members	
Website Updates	Michelle Schmitz	
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>Strategic/Financial Planning-Update from Board</b>	Maria Leary	1052-1100
<u>Election Results</u> -Discuss Transition at January Meeting and Installation of New Officers	Maria Leary	
<b>Committee Breakouts</b>		1100-1130
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Finance</li> <li>◆ Membership</li> </ul>	Other than board members who are assigned to specific groups,	Discuss Goal Progress for 2009 Begin Plan for 2010 and Budget Request Submission

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<b>Subgroups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Acute Care</li> <li>◆ Long Term Care</li> <li>◆ Home Health</li> <li>◆ Employee Health/AOHN</li> <li>◆ Ambulatory Care</li> </ul>	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 and take notes to assist us to track the activities of our chapter meetings. Thanks!
<b>Lunch –</b> Available on site for small fee or bring your own (at this time the menu offering is being finalized-we will announce at beginning of meeting)	All Vendor Visit Time	1200-1300
<b>Program Presentation</b>		1300-1430
<b>Parking Lot</b>	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
<b>Reminders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Remember to complete your program evaluations!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Did you remember to sign in?</li> </ul>

Minutes of the September Business Meeting Follow-Please review prior to the meeting for approval at the meeting. T

**Badger APIC Business Meeting  
September 15, 2009  
Tomah Memorial Hospital**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 10:12 AM by President Maria Leary

Guest: Connie Allen from Mendota Mental Health Institute - for Patrick Gage who is on leave.

Thank you to our hostesses – Jan Path and Bridget Pfaff

One vendors are here today – Excelsior Medical

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** ACTION ITEM: Maureen Bruce moved and Dick Matushek seconded a motion to approve minutes as written. Motion passed.

**NEW AGENDA ITEMS** – Discuss website.

**BUDGET and FINANCE REPORT** – Diane Dohm

- Budget – Diane Dohm
  - \$6489.57 in checking / savings accounts
  - We expect ~ \$3000 in monies from the Badger share of the '09 state conference.

- The Board reviewed projected assets and expects to be okay through the end of the year.
- Scholarships – Diane Dohm
  - Three “no strings” scholarships remain for 2009. If you are interested, contact Barb Gordon.
  - \$698 still available in scholarships this year.
  - “No Strings” scholarships must be used by the end of the calendar year.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Ann Berg

- We currently have 89 members.
- Please check your name on the membership roster at every meeting to make sure your contact info is correct.
- Also please check APIC My Space page on the National website assure your info is correct.
- Please wear your nametag.
- Ann has a survey from Beaver Dam Memorial Hospital re: H1N1 2009 Influenza. She would appreciate having members input by filling out the survey.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE** – Bridget Pfaff

- Program today is being presented by a microbiologist from Gundersen Lutheran on ESBLs and carbapenem resistance.
- Programs are set for remainder of 2009.
  - November - speaker cancelled. Bridget will explore the possibility of getting Dr. Chernich from UW to discuss the LTC/MRSA study. Location is UW East Clinic.
  - January 2010 – UW East. Speaker TBA.
- The Program Committee welcomes new members and input from the membership at any time.
- Bridget is keeping a record of distance traveled to meetings by members.
- Evaluations indicate a wide variety of preference regarding meeting location. Baraboo seems to be a favorite.
- We average 30 – 40 members in attendance per meeting.

**BYLAWS** – Peg Dobrovolny

- We need to have some supplementary policies in place to cover issues not detailed in the by-laws. Of note, we need a policy regarding elections. It is important that by-laws provide guidance and polities provide detail.
- The Chapter handbook from National is also useful.

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

- Mel has surveyed members regarding the visit by Rose Ngugi from our sister chapter. Suggestions are as follows:
  - Bring another member of the Nairobi chapter to WI.
  - Send a member of Badger to Nairobi.
  - Get feedback from Rose before proceeding to do anything.
  - Nominate Rose as an Infection Control Hero.
- Two letters were sent to Gundersen Lutheran: 1) to thank them for donating the laptop for Rose and 2) To thank Dr. Todd Kowalski for donating his state conference honorarium to our sister chapter.

**NOMINATING and AWARDS COMMITTEE** - Nancy Moskal

**Positions open for 2010:**

- Roster of Nominees:
  - 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 position – Nancy Moskal and Maureen Bruce.
- Write-ins are welcome.
- PLEASE VOTE! Ballots are here. Those not picked up will be mailed.
- Peg (Margaret) and Kathy Noe will tally.
- Maria explained that Mel will have to resign her position on the BOD to run for President-elect.
- Maria noted that Barb Gordon will fulfill her role through the end of the year, but may not be available to do so in 2010. The BOD discussed how to fill projected vacancies on the Board. Michelle Schmitz volunteered to fill the treasurer vacancy.

**Awards Committee** – Nancy Moskal

- Do we want to pursue another Chapter Excellence Award? We have received one in each of the past two year. It may take time to work towards another award.
- It was suggested we apply for another International Committee (World Wide Relations) award.
- After a lengthy discussion, the group decided that the story of how we brought Rose to WI is one that needs to be told. This could be by applying for an award or by writing an abstract and/or poster to present at National or by writing a newspaper article. A PowerPoint presentation would be useful.
- Melody Bahr reminded everyone that applying for an award is a huge amount of work.

**LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT** - Gwen Borlaug

- Gwen reviewed the numbers of reported cases of TB, HIV, STDs, West Nile virus.
- WI did receive money for the Healthcare Acquired Infections grant. Health departments must build and sustain HAI surveillance and prevention programs. Three new positions will be open to coordinate planning, surveillance and prevention. It is a 5 year plan with a 2 year beginning cycle.
- H1N1 influenza remains the focus of attention for much of the communicable disease section.
- National Legislation
  - The HAI Reporting Act (HR 3104) would require hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers to report HAIs to the NHSN, require public posting for comparison of HAI incidence, and would require each facility to report the number of IPs they have. National APIC supports this bill.
  - The MRSA Infection Prevention and Patient Protection Act (HR 2937 and S 1305) requires hospitals to report HA MRSA and implement incremental screening of patients for MRSA, starting with ICU patients.
  - The Worker Infection Prevention Act (S1299) would require HHS and Labor to develop workplace issue standards to protect health care workers, first responders, etc. This bill mimics much of the OSHA standards.
  - None of this legislation has passed.
  - In WI, a hearing was recently held regarding the issue of opt-out consent for testing for HIV. Jeannie will check out the status of this bill.
- HCW influenza vaccination in hospitals increased to 71% of hospitals reaching the 80% mark for the 2009 season. Twenty-eight percent of LTC facilities achieved 80% vaccination of HCW; 71% of these used a declination form.
- Marshfield Clinic is requiring its HCW to be vaccinated for seasonal influenza or the HCW must wear a mask at all times. The hospital in Rice Lake is also doing this.
- Of note: June Doyle, RN in the TB Program has retired; Margie Hurie, RN died following an accident while on vacation.

**RESOURCES**

- Maureen reminded members to return resources checked out.
- The committee has not spent the \$500 award from National for Chapter Excellence, but must do so by 12/31/09. Check the APIC catalog online and let Maureen know if we need something.

**STATE SEMINAR** – Nancy and Jeannie

- The committee met yesterday for the first time. Jeannie will not be on the vendor committee this year so she can coordinate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. This will include inviting the original 1990 conference committee, speakers and Wisconsin Carole DeMille Award winners (5) to the conference. This will be dependent on how many of these people can be reached. The plan now is to ask Dr. Maki, Terry Moen, Dr. Scheckler, Dr. Gullberg and Dr. Agger, among others to be speakers.
- It was decided that there is so much work to do on the committee that new members will be accepted and assigned as needed.
- Bridget will be helping Miki Gould with the fundraiser and it has been suggested that one member from each chapter work on this task as it involves a lot of work.
- If you are interested in being on the committee let Nancy, Jeannie, Bridget or Wanda know.
- Jeannie is requesting old photos – any kind, from previous state seminars. Please look through your old photos!

**OTHER** – Maria

- Website
  - Michelle noted that a Badger List Serve is not an option.
  - If you want something posted on the site, please send it to Michelle. She hasn't posted anything because she hasn't received anything.
  - Webinars have been archived.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Strategic Planning
  - We are looking to our membership to tell us what their important issues are. These include:
    - Member support
    - Growth
    - Networking
    - International Affairs
    - Stewardship
    - Service / excellence
    - Leadership development
    - Information Technology
  - These will be prioritized.

Business Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Druckenmiller,  
Recording Secretary

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Begin Committee Meetings until 11:45.

11:45 – Noon – group discussion of H1N1 influenza issues.

Noon – Lunch. \$6 to build your own sandwich, with chips and beverage.

Program: Kathy Lesky, Microbiologist from Gundersen Lutheran, “When Your Patient has a Resistant Organism.”  
ESBL / Antibiotic Resistance Mechanisms.

Parking Lot

Meeting adjourned 3:12 PM

**Thankful as always to be part of such a great group.**

**Hope to see you all in Madison-Treat yourself to some networking time!**