



Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter [SEW]  
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**Next Meeting!**  
**Thursday, October 1, 2009**  
**St. Luke's South Shore**  
**5900 S. Lake Drive**  
**Cudahy, WI**

0930-1100 Board Meeting  
0800 Basic Course  
1100 Committees  
1230 Q Board  
1300 Program  
1400 Business Meeting

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**APIC-SEW**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**September 3, 2009**

**Introduction of new members and visitors:**

Guests: none

New Members: Pam Redding, Rebecca Seevers, David Swiderski

**Program: Christine Nutty – President, APIC National**  
**“History of Infection Control”**

**Minutes:** August minutes approved as written.

**Announcements:**

Discussion around proposed name change from *Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology* to *Association for Prevention of Infection*. Christine explained the history on the issue and rationale for proposed name change. Focus on patient and safety not on us. Everyone encouraged to vote on the issue.

Debbie Briggs notified the group that October 20<sup>th</sup> the Focus Conference will take place. This year we will need 2 members to man the chapter APIC booth. There is a \$55 fee for the booth. Also need “give-aways” for the booth.

**Committee Reports:**

**Basic IC Course:** Pat Skonieczny has been in charge of the Basic Course for many years and would like a replacement. She is resigning her position. Anyone interested please let Nancy Riederer know.

**Budget & Finance:** Beginning balance as of September 1, 2009 is \$29,459.54 (\$2,048.23 checking + \$27,411.31 savings.)

Bylaws: Looking into need to edit the by-laws to create the Treasurer-elect position. Treasurer-elect position will be a 3-year commitment. One year in training followed by two years as treasurer.

Education: none today due to Second Harvest presentation. Need ideas for future presentations.

Governmental Affairs/Public Health:

- A memo from Dr. Jim Kazmierczak regarding access to the rabies vaccine was sent to all ICPs—thank you for distributing to staff in your facilities
- DPH H1N1 planning related to infection prevention will include
  - distribution of best practices from facilities in the state regarding exclusion of sick healthcare personnel, consistent use of appropriate PPE, and triage and early identification of patients with ILI, especially in the ED and outpatient settings.
  - webinar to promote HCP uptake of both the seasonal and the H1N1 influenza vaccines
- WI has received notification of funds to start a statewide HAI prevention program. DPH received funding for three positions—a plan coordinator, a surveillance coordinator, and a prevention coordinator. The first step in the program will be to write a comprehensive 5-year HAI prevention plan. Hospitals will be targeted in the first two years, then ambulatory surgery centers followed by nursing homes. A steering committee has been formed; membership will be expanded and members will be assigned to serve on various technical advisory committees.
- National HAI reporting legislation
  - HR3104—HAI Reporting Act was introduced June 26 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The bill would require hospitals (including critical access hospitals) and ambulatory surgery centers to report each HAI to the NHSN, would require public posting for comparison of HAI incidence, and would require reporting of number of infection preventionists in each facility.
  - HR2937 and S1305—MRSA Infection Prevention and Patient Protection Act was introduced June 18 and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. This bill requires hospitals to report HA MRSA cases and implement incremental screening of patients for MRSA, starting with ICU patients.
  - S1299—Worker Infection Prevention Act introduced June 18 and referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. The bill would direct the Secretaries of Labor and HHS to jointly develop and issue workplace standards, recommendations, and plans to protect healthcare workers and first responders, police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and other workers as risk of workplace exposure to infectious agents and drug resistant infections, such as MRSA.

Long-term care: See LTC minutes.

Long-range planning/Marketing: Second Harvest here today to receive donation check. See above announcement re: Focus Conference.

Membership: Currently at 151 paid members. 3 new members: Pam Redding and 2 vendors.

Nominating: Open Positions for 2010 – President elect, Treasurer elect, Recording Secretary, two Board members at large and three nominating committee members.

Program: see website

- October will be at Aurora St. Luke's South Shore. Presenter will be Dr. Scheckler.
- November will be at Roger's Memorial. Presentation will be CMS.
- Need ideas for 2010 programs and locations.

Resources: No report.

State Seminar: Still need a representative from SEW chapter to join the vendor committee.

Website: All postings must be a link and come with an expiration date for removal from website.

Respectfully submitted,

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