



Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter [SEW]  
Web Site: [www.wisconsinapic.org](http://www.wisconsinapic.org)

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday – February 3, 2011**  
**Froedtert – Milwaukee**  
**9200 W. Wisconsin Avenue**  
**Milwaukee, WI**

- 0930 – 1100 Board Meeting
- 1100 Committees
- 1115 – 1215 Long Term Care Group
- 1130 – Public Health Group
- 1300 Program
- 1400 Business Meeting

\*\*\*\*\*

**Meeting: APIC-SEW Minutes**  
**Location: WFH – Milwaukee**  
**Date: January 06, 2011**

**Q Board:** There was discussion on the following topics:

1. Decorative Water Walls – some members commented that they no longer have decorative water walls and those that do (i.e. ponds), have a specific procedure on treatment, monitoring, testing and alarm systems are in place to indicate problems. Gwen Borlaug commented on specific guidelines which Cindy Meyer will send out to members after today's meeting.

**Program:** "Infection Prevention for Ambulatory Surgery Centers: Meeting CMS Conditions for Coverage" by Judy Hintzman, RN, MS, CIC, Infection Preventionist (a power point handout was provided – refer to Attachment #1). The presentation was very informative and there were comments from membership on the benefits of being an APIC-SEW member and networking with others in similar fields (i.e. acute care, long term care, public health, clinics, ambulatory surgery centers, etc.). Note: for those not present, a useful website was within Judy's presentation . . . [www.ONEandONLYcampaign.org](http://www.ONEandONLYcampaign.org) for a FREE within 3 days.

**Introduction of New Members and Guests:** The following new members and guests were introduced to the group:

- New Members:
  - Cara Hesse – Jewish Home ([c-hesse@att.net](mailto:c-hesse@att.net))
  - Debra McLeod – Community Memorial Hospital ([dmcleod@froedterthealth.org](mailto:dmcleod@froedterthealth.org))
  - Anne Yakos – Aurora Medical Center – Kenosha ([anne.yakos@aurora.org](mailto:anne.yakos@aurora.org))
- Guests:
  - Pam Linden – West Bend Surgery Center
  - Chris Severin – St. Francis Hospital

**Approval of Minutes:** December minutes approved.

**Announcements:** The following information was shared:

1. Committee Openings – Debbie Briggs circulated a listing of APIC-SEW Committees along with a description of the committees with the goal to get more members from APIC-SEW involved. Note: at the end of the meeting, Debbie thanked members that decided to sign-up and get more involved.
2. Holiday Card – Debbie Briggs shared a holiday card received from the Ronald McDonald House Charities.
3. Applications for Scholarships for State Conference (04/28/11 – 04/29/11) – Donna Phillips, Treasurer announced that requests for scholarships (along with the paperwork) must be submitted to her no later than 03/01/11 via FAX at 414-247-4784 or via email at [dphill@ah.com](mailto:dphill@ah.com). This is so the Board can review and approve at the March Board meeting.
4. Sunshine Club – Debbie Briggs announced the following decisions from today's Board meeting regarding a Sunshine Club:
  - Facilitator of the Sunshine Club – Pat Pearson will serve at the facilitator as the Board member leaving the treasurer position.
  - Collection for the Fund – members can contribute whatever amount they would like at the meeting sign-in table at each meeting.
  - Guidelines – Kathy Kaiser will be developing draft guidelines to present to the Board for approval.
  - Cards vs. Gifts – the Board will decide on a case by case basis on whether a card would be involved or a \$25.00 gift (gift card, flowers or memorial).
5. Infection Control Positions – please refer to the website for specific listings of open Infection Control positions.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Basic Course – Linda Coakley briefly reported on the following:
  - Committee Membership – welcome any new members to join the committee.
  - Goals – no real change until Spring when we see how Gunderson Lutheran progresses with their program.
2. Budget and Finance – Donna Phillips reported that the current balance is at \$34,475.77 (\$1,865.91 checking plus \$22,609.86 savings) and \$10,000 CD.
3. Bylaws – no report.
4. Education – Lisa Scherer introduced Andre Pells from Pro Health who provided today's 10 minute educational presentations on "Hand Hygiene Monitoring using iPod Touch". He went on to report that the application is free if you have an iPod, so Pro Health in Waukesha decided to get 3 iPods. There were several members present at today's meeting that have found this resource to be very helpful. Ginny Baas from Life Care Hospital commented on the following:
  - Infectious Disease Compendium – is a quick and easy iPhone, iPod, iTouch application for \$5.99 with lifetime updates included. It includes ready information on:
    - Bugs (organisms) . . . including micro, epidemiology, risks, syndromes, treatment and notes.
    - Drugs
    - Diseases

Lisa also announced that next month's 10 minute presentation will be on "Bed Bugs Experience" by Kerri Lintott from Aurora Sinai.

5. Governmental Affairs/Public Health – Gwen Borlaug reported on the following (refer to Attachment #2):

- New Guide for Elimination of Orthopedic Surgical Site Infections by APIC and AORN.
- APIC Infection Control Course for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.
- Reporting Criteria for Hospitalized Influenza Cases from Tom Haupt.
- *S. aureus* Foodborne Illness Outbreaks.
- Article “Recent Studies Bolster Earlier Evidence: Flu Shots Not Beneficial”.
- Recirculation of 2006 Bill – that would expand protections for quality improvement data to include peer-to-peer and inter-institution collaboration.
- Dennis Smith, new Secretary of the Department of Health Services.

Note: Cindy Meyer will send out the detailed report on above topics to all APIC-SEW members.

6. Long Term Care (refer to separate minutes).

7. Long-Range Planning/Marketing – Kathy Kaiser reported on the following:

- Become an Infection Control Preventionist – the information handout will be sent out to all nursing schools and some medical technical schools within the healthcare field.
- Survey – in the future, a survey monkey will be sent out to members asking for more feedback regarding APIC-SEW meeting format.

8. Membership – Nancy Andritsch reported that the current membership is at 160 total members with 3 new members (refer to listing earlier in the meeting).

9. Nominating – no report.

10. Program – Vera Pischke provided members with an updated 2011 Meeting Schedule (refer to Attachment #3). Any other suggestions for future programs should be submitted to Vera to go the Board for approval. She also made the following announcement regarding next month’s program:

- February (02/03/11) will be at Froedtert in Milwaukee – “CJD” by Jean Druckenmiller, BS, SM (NRCM), CIC, Wisconsin Division of Public Health.

11. Resources – Debbie Schlehlein reported that there was nothing new added to the library. She reminded members that the list of resources is available on the website.

12. State Seminar/Conference – Kathy Kaiser requested members to think about suggestions for an organization to donate to in 2011. She went on to comment that there should be a connection to Infection Control. There have been a couple of suggestions (see below):

- Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic
- Habitat for Humanity

Kathy also announced that it is always appreciated if members want to donate gift baskets/certificates for the silent auction.

13. Website – no report.

**Adjournment:** 2:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Meyer, RN, BSN  
Recording Secretary