

Welcome New Members

On behalf of APIC-SEW, welcome to our chapter! APIC-SEW offers valuable opportunities for learning and professional development. We thought about questions that you as a prospective or new member might ask and designed this area to help you get started. We hope that you will join us at the business meetings and participate in the various functions the chapter offers.

Membership

There are many benefits with a membership in APIC. APIC provides education through conferences, seminars and business meetings, professional support and practice guidance, reports on legislative and regulatory information, networking with colleagues, on-line information at the chapter and national websites (including a state and national ListServ), and much more.

- Potential members are invited to attend 2 local chapter meetings prior to joining.
- You need to join the National organization in order to join a local chapter. National APIC dues are \$180 annually. To join the APIC-SEW chapter include the \$10 chapter dues with your national dues (make sure you mark APIC-SEW, chapter 030 on the application). Membership is for individuals only.
- Your National membership includes a subscription to the *American Journal of Infection Control* and *APIC News*.
- You can join APIC in 3 ways:
 - For an online membership application:
 - go to www.apic.org
 - click on member services on the left tool bar,
 - click on join and
 - fill in the necessary information, or
 - Download and print a copy of the 2006 APIC membership application and renewal form, click: [Membership Application](#) or
 - Call: 202-789-1899 and request an application.

Be sure to fill in the application form the way you want your title and address to show on the APIC-SEW membership list.

- New members can e-mail Gwen Borlaug at the WI Division of Public Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases to get on a statewide mailing list. This list maintains communication with the Infection Prevention and Control Nurses regarding outbreak alerts, immunization program information, the Wisconsin EpiExpress, the IC Update and more. To contact Gwen, click: borlagm@dhfs.state.wi.us

Vera Pischke, our Membership Director, will be happy to answer any questions. Please contact her at vera.lynn.pischke@aurora.org

All members should review their information periodically with National APIC to make sure their membership information is accurate. To do this, go to apic.org, click on member services on the left tool bar, click update profile, enter your e-mail address or user name and password, click “here” to continue. If you need to change any of the information, click edit, make the changes, and submit.

Business Meetings

- APIC-SEW meets on the **first Thursday of every month** (except July) from 12:30 to 3:00 PM.
- From 12:30 to 1:00 PM is the **Q-Board** which is a time to post questions to chapter members. Q-Board time has been invaluable to acute care, long term care, and public health members.
- From 1:00 to 2:00 PM is an **Educational Presentation** followed by the **Business meeting** from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.
- **Committee Meetings** may be held from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.
- For a listing of the meeting dates and times, return to the Southeastern WI main page and click on **Meeting Schedule**

If you have an idea for an upcoming meeting, please contact Debbie Briggs, the Program Committee Chairman, at dbriggz@yahoo.com

If you are not receiving the minutes by e-mail or regular mail, please contact Cindy Meyer at cmeyer@luthermanor.org. E-mail is the preferred method. Please provide her with your e-mail address or mailing address.

Basic Education Course

A **Basic Education Course** is offered for both new and current chapter members. The goals of the Basic Education Course are to help members: 1) learn infection control principles and practices, 2) prepare for the certification exam, and 3) prepare for the infection control challenges to come. The next course is scheduled to begin February 2011.

For a listing of the course content, visit the Basic Course section on the Southeastern Wisconsin main page or contact (to be determined).

EPI 101

EPI 101: The Fundamentals of Infection Surveillance, Prevention and Control is a redesigned and updated program offered by APIC, Inc. The program emphasizes the role and responsibilities of the infection prevention and control professional and shows how to prepare an appropriate infection surveillance, prevention and control program specific to your organization and the populations you serve. For more information, visit: [EPI 101](#)

Mentor Program

APIC-SEW has many members who are willing to help new members develop their Infection Control skills. If you are interested in working with a mentor, please contact Vera Pischke at vera.lynn.pischke@aurora.org

Expert Resources

APIC-SEW has many members who have expertise in various specialty areas. The following have volunteered to assist you if you have questions. Please call or e-mail them if you need help.

Specialty Area	Expert	Work Phone	E-mail
Bioterrorism/Emergency Management	Peggy Eckart	262-928-2420	Peggy.eckart@phci.org
Bloodborne Pathogens	Patti Wilson	414-805-2638	pwilson@fmlh.edu
Construction	Gen Kloth	414-961-3523	gkloth@columbia-stmarys.org
Data Reports	Gayle Land	414-447-3511	gayle.land@wfhc.org
Dialysis	Vera Pischke	414-649-7331	vera.lynn.pischke@aurora.org
Epidemiology			
Education	Deb Schlehle	262-965-9227	dschlehle@threepillars.org
Employee Health	Deb Schlehle Nancy Andritsch Deb Bartlett	262-965-9227 262-836-7102 414-465-3423	dschlehle@threepillars.org dandritsch@sbcglobal.net dbartlett@covhealth.org
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Internet Research	Gayle Land	414044703511	gayle.land@wfhc.org
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NICU	Mary Rotar Sue Jessen	414-266-3382 414-266-3483	mrotar@chw.org
Outbreak Investigation	Vera Pischke	414-649-7331	vera.lynn.pischke@aurora.org
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Performance Improvement	Nancy Riederer	262-785-2203	nancy.riederer@wfhc.org
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