

APIC-SEW Membership Committee Welcomes YOU

On behalf of APIC-SouthEastern Wisconsin, 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 have 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 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 and the chapter and national websites, including a state and national ListServ, free Webinars and now APIC Anywhere courses.

- Potential members are invited to attend 2 local chapter meetings prior to joining. We think you'll like what you see!
- Membership in the national organization is a requirement for joining a local chapter
- 2011 National APIC dues are as follows:
 - Full/Active members - \$185
 - Associate (not actively involved in practice or management of infection prevention & control) - \$195
 - Student (enrolled in a 2 or 4 year college level program) - \$80
- Membership is not transferable and is for individuals only, not facilities.
- National Membership includes: subscriptions to the *American Journal of Infection Control and Prevention Strategist*. Two E-Newsletter subscriptions are also available for \$20 each: *Infection Connection* and *Preventing Infection in Ambulatory Care*.
- Members can be part of a specific "Section" of APIC and receive a complimentary membership to the first Section of their choice. Each additional Section is \$10. Sections include: Ambulatory Care, Behavioral Health, EMS/Public Health, Home Care, International, Long Term Care, Minority Issues, Pediatrics and Veteran Affairs.
- Find out more by visiting the National website www.apic.org.
- To join choose Member Services, Join and complete the necessary information. Be sure to complete the application indicating your title and credentials as you wish them to be displayed on the membership list.
<http://www.apic.org/Content/NavigationMenu/MemberServices/Join1/MemberApp2011.pdf>
- To join our chapter- mark Chapter #30 SouthEastern WI and \$10 for the dues. Remit chapter and national dues together along with the membership application. A member can join as many chapters as they wish. Find more Chapter information at http://www.apic.org/Content/NavigationMenu/MemberServices/Join1/2011_Chapters_by_region_with_dues.doc
- To contact APIC - National -- (202) 789-1890.
- To contact APIC – SEW -- Nancy Andritsch, Membership Director
nancy.andritsch@froedterthealth.org or Phone: (262) 250-5225

New Members

- Read your new member information carefully. Keep your membership card, ID number, login and passwords to the national website secure. You will need your member ID number, login and passwords to access the website and to gain access to the benefits that are part of your membership in the organization.
- Check out the local chapter meeting schedule and make plans to attend our monthly meetings. This is the chance to network with others. And, some say it's the best way to find your place in the world of Infection Prevention.
http://www.wisconsinapic.org/pdf/SouthEastern/Meeting_Schedules2011.pdf

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 me nancy.andritsch@froedterthealth.org

Business Meetings

- APIC-SEW meets on the **first Thursday of every month**
-except no meetings May and July
- Meetings rotate among various facilities in southeastern Wisconsin
- 11a.m. – 12 p.m. Long-term Care Group (contact: tricia.tull@wfhc.org)
- 11a.m. – 12 p.m. Committee Meetings (varies monthly)
- 12 – 12:30 p.m. Check-in and Registration (bring your bag lunch if you wish, or check out the cafeteria at the facility)
- 12:30 – 1 p.m. Q-Board (Post questions to chapter members for general discussion – invaluable for sharing issues and success stories.)
- 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Business Meeting
 - Educational Presentation
 The order of these two segments is variable. Each is approximately 1 hour long.
- Find the schedule of meetings here
http://www.wisconsinapic.org/pdf/SouthEastern/Meeting_Schedules2011.pdf
- If you have an educational topic for an upcoming meeting, please contact Vera Pischke / Program Committee Chairman at vera.lynn.pischke@aurora.org.

Current Members

Members should review their information periodically on the National APIC website to verify that information is accurate. Go to www.apic.org , LOGIN. Under Member Services on the left tool bar, click My APIC. When your profile opens, click EDIT to change any of the information. When finished, click SUBMIT. Verify your changes before exiting the site. Please notify the chapter Membership Director to look for the changes in your information.

Paid members not receiving the minutes should contact Cindy Meyer / Secretary at cmeyer@luthermanor.org. Provide your corrected e-mail address. Every effort is made to contact members whose e-mails are returned undeliverable. Please notify the Membership Director nancy.andritsch@froedterthealth.org or the Secretary cmeyer@luthermanor.org of changes in address and contact information so that we can maintain an accurate roster.

Basic Education Course

Offering by the chapter is UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Please check back at a later date.

National APIC Education Courses

EPI™ 101: The Fundamentals of Infection Surveillance, Prevention and Control
EPI 201: Beyond the Fundamentals, Advancing Practice Using Epidemiologic Principles
EPI 202: Utilizing Essential Tools for Assessing Surveillance Data

<http://www.apic.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Courses2&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=17593>