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ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS

IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY Long Island Chapter 38

General Meeting Minutes 12/16/08

Agenda items denoted as being on consent are approved en masse with a single motion to expedite issues on which all agree. Any Board Member may transfer any item on the consent agenda to the regular agenda for discussion and consideration. Items on the consent agenda are denoted a ©.

Andrea Genovese-Candela, President, called the General Meeting to order at 1pm. Minutes of Nov 2008 meeting were accepted. Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBILITY
Standing Business:		
I. New member Introductions and Job openings No new members were present. No job openings were offered.		
II. Standing Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan and Bylaws • Treasurers Report 	Membership was informed that Ita Hanson, as President Elect, would assume the Bylaws position. The Strategic Plan will be reviewed at each Board meeting. The current plan expires in 2012. Members are invited to participate in revision of the plan. Donna will coordinate review of the Strategic Plan. Phey presented the Oct and Nov financial reports. The chapter conference yielded about \$9000 profit. Debbie will report on the fundraising efforts at the conference once reconciled. Thanks to all the committee members who helped make the conference an educational and financial success.	
III. Old and New Business		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chapter Conference Update •Schedule of meetings •Chapter Excellence Award •Chapter Leadership award •Chapter election results •Laptop Purchase •Mileage reimbursement 	<p>Chapter Conference: Andrea reported that evaluations were positive. Thanks to all who worked hard to make it a success.</p> <p>Schedule of meetings: A vote was held at the General meeting today regarding the venue for Spring meetings. The choices were to remain at South Oaks or move to Island Nursing and Rehab Center. Those present voted to remain at South Oaks. Donna will send out an email vote to poll members who were unable to attend today's meeting. Final vote will be reported at the next meeting.</p> <p>Chapter Excellence Award: Andrea discussed the Chapter of the Year award for APIC National. The Board reviewed the 6 categories to choose from for submission. The Board choose category 1 , Member Support and Organizational Excellence. Donna will print the info from APIC National for discussion at the next meeting. Members will be asked to contribute to the application via email.</p> <p>Chapter Leadership Award: General membership was informed that the Board discussed the Chapter Leadership award for APIC National. P.Fitzsimmons nominated J. Padrone for her outstanding and long standing contributions to this chapter. The Board overwhelming supported the nomination. Patrice will submit the application by the Feb 1, 2009 deadline. The Board looks forward to celebrating with Josie at APIC national in June.</p> <p>J. Padrone reported the election results from November: Congratulations to all. Patrice Fitzsimons as recording Secretary. Susan Bayh-Martino as Treasurer elect Josie Padrone as Nominating Chair Ita Hanson as President Elect</p> <p>Andrea reported that Cathy Shannon has been elected President elect for NYSACC. The Board congratulates her for this well deserved honor. She has contributed so much to this chapter and will make an outstanding contribution in this new endeavor with NYSACC.</p> <p>Appointed positions were discussed as well: Donna will confirm appointed positions Fundraising: Debbie DeDomenico consented to remain</p>	All Board members

	<p>Acute Care Rep: Bonnie Morales agreed to accept this position Long Term Care Rep: Susan Bayh Martino consented to continue Education: Kathy DiBenedetto will remain as chair Gov't reps: Ita Hanson. A replacement is needed for Cathy Shannon Membership and Library: Nancy Barrett Newsletter: Marylou Solliday Policy and Procedure: to be discussed further Website: Andrea will continue as Madame Webmaster Marketing and PR: Barbara Kranz and Debbie Maile Corresponding Secretary: Patrice Fitzsimmons **Purchase of a second laptop was discussed as backup for use at the monthly meetings. They will purchase a Dell laptop, comparable to the one we have. Andrea will use the laptop she has to maintain the website. Donna will use the new laptop for APIC business only and bring it to all meetings. Mileage reimbursement was reviewed by the Board. The Board voted to increase reimbursement to 0.585 cents/mile which is equal to the Federal standard, effective immediately. D.Naval discussed VISA pts in hemodialysis units, in reference to use of the isolation room and dedicated equipment. DOH cited that CDC guidelines were not being followed despite cleaning of the room between pts. C. Shannon reports that the issue is being discussed at NYSACC currently.</p>	
<p>IV. Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acute Care ● Long term Care ● Gov't Affairs ● Education ● Membership ● Library ● Nominating ● Marketing ● Website ● Newsletter ● Fundraising 	<p>Acute Care – items discussed included Isolation precautions for disseminated shingles, shingles vaccination, DTP vaccination, and sporadic flu activity in NYC. They reported a best practice at her facility to improve employee flu vaccination which included a Flu vaccine reminder screensaver. Long term Care – Susan reported discussion of pet visitation policies in LTC. DOH survey issues discussed included hand washing observations, employee vaccination methodologies, and varying DOH surveyor requests related to vaccination statistics. Gov't affairs- C. Shannon reported on the last meeting. Issues discussed included Betsy McCaughery and RID and AARP; Isolation linen issues being worked on by Maryellen Henneshy and Rachel Strikof, Hepatitis B and dialysis units; SSI reporting follow-up for implants, and post op foley removal guidelines. The NYSACC June meeting will be a virtual meeting. The pilot Cdiff project will tentatively begin in June 2009 and be reportable through the HNSN. Education – calendar set by K. DeBenedetto through January. Membership –N. Barrett reports 108 members and no lapsed members. Library – National conference contribution to Library was discussed. New books were added. Nominating –as reported above. Marketing and PR –no report Website –Andrea will update the website with meeting cancellation information. Josie offered to revise the inclement weather policy. Info will be available on the chapter website when meetings are cancelled due to weather. F.Singh will be asked about the telephone number at Stonybrook, which is also posted on the website. Newsletter – no report Fundraising – Debbie will report on the final conference fundraising proceeds once reconciled.</p>	<p>All members</p>
<p>V. Public Health Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nassau County DOH ● Suffolk County DOH ● New York State DOH 	<p>L. Barstow reported: pertussis being seen in 9-10 year olds, GI virus in Nassau county, and sporadic flu activity. A salmonella outbreak in Nassau affecting about 50 people, related to partially cooked chicken, rabies in raccoons in Suffolk, rabies vaccine for animals available for post exposure. Rabies in bats is a different strain than that in raccoons, M. Tsvitis reported that there will be a conference call for hospital ICPs on Jan 22, 2009, from the Islip office. Those invited, please respond to Marie via email.</p>	

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 12 noon
South Oaks Hospital Chapel Auditorium
Amityville, New York**

Educational Session for January 20, 2009: Catheter Related Blood Stream Infections and CMS Regulations

Presenter: MaryAnn Stutz RN, Clinical Programs Manager for Baxter Healthcare Corporation

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Caccavale RN ICP