

# APIC

## ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

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### Long Island Chapter 38

#### General Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2005

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 ©.

V. Josie Padrone, President, called the Meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Minutes from May Board Meeting were approved©.

### STANDING BUSINESS

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Lucchetti reported a balance of \$15,089.20 in the Conference Fund and a balance of \$13,022.56 in the General Fund.

**2005-2007 Strategic Plan:** Cecilia Wilfinger announced completion of the first draft with revisions and updates to the Chapter Strategic Plan. The Board has begun to assess the Plan revisions and will continue until it is finalized.

### OLD BUSINESS

**APIC Nat'l Research Fund Silent Auction Basket** – Josie reported for Debbie DeDomenico: The Basket was completed with Long Island wines, wine glasses, Chapter greeting cards and other items and shipped to Baltimore. Josie will add a copy of the newly completed Chapter flyer to the basket at the Conference. The Membership thanks Debbie for her efforts and creativity in putting together this basket and other baskets, in the past.

**Alcohol Gels/Corridor letters to Fire Marshals:** Deborah DeDomenico was not present at the meeting to report on this topic. More on the subject will be reported at the September Meeting.

**Showcase/Chapter Flyer:** Andrea Genovese-Candella showed the Chapter the flyer that she and Josie created to distribute at the National Conference. Andrea completed the printing set-up and had the flyers printed. The President complimented Andrea for the professional appearance of the flyer and thanked Andrea for her continued commitment to the Chapter. The Chapter members suggested that the flyer be used for many of our marketing needs.

**APIC/JCAHO Infection Control Workbook:** V. Josie Padrone noted that while APIC National invited members to contribute to the Workbook, NYSACC has expressed interest in working together to contribute as a group. Josie asked for volunteers to work on involving our Chapter. After some discussion it was decided to wait for topic direction from NYSACC, to determine how the Chapter may participate. Anyone interested in participation with this project should contact Josie.

**Donation to Sponsor Indonesian Nursing Student:** Cecilia Wilfinger shared information about this charity, and noted that although it will not be possible to sponsor an individual student, a \$1000 donation could be made to the Nursing Student program. It was reported the Board agreed to the donation pending the membership's approval at today's meeting. The Board thanked Cely for her assistance and for her ongoing attention to ways the Chapter can reach out to others in need. The membership was asked to vote in favor or opposed and the group agreed to support this donation.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Marketing APIC:** Marie Tsvitis reported she is drafting letters to send to vendors and potential speakers to begin organizing the 2006 Chapter Conference.

**APIC National Accepting Applications:** V. Josie Padrone reported that the deadline for applications for 2006 APIC and CBIC Board of Directors and the APIC Nominating and Awards Committee is June 30, 2005. Josie encouraged anyone interested to apply.

**Chapter Microphone** – Andrea Genovese-Candela demonstrated the use of the very portable microphone she arranged to obtain for use by the chapter, as approved by the Board to be available for speakers to use. Andrea was thanked for her assistance in researching and purchasing the microphone which will be kept at Brunswick Hospital for now.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Acute Care Report:** The networking group continued to discussed processes they have put into place to develop the 100,000 lives campaign. The group shared information about the contents of the kit and their compliance monitoring tools.

**Long Term Care:** Cindy Teruso reported that the group discussed recent Department of Health inspections and the role infection control plays in the survey. They discussed how complex infection control decisions are made to strike a balance between a home-like environment for the resident and still maintain an infection control safe environment. They also discussed their struggle with cohorting resistant organisms and the need for better communication between acute and long term care facilities.

**Membership** – N. Barrett reported on putting together a team that will work on recruitment and also on the follow-up of members who do not come to meetings, and of former members who are not on recent membership rosters.

**Legislative Reps** – The group noted Mandatory Reporting of Infection legislation bill introduced in NYS Assembly, by Gottfried, Grannis, Markey, Bradlye, Christensen, Cohen, Dinowitz, Fields, Jacobs, Lavelle et al.

**Suffolk/Nassau County Department of Health Report:** The 7th Annual Nassau/Suffolk Adult Immunization Coalition will meet on Friday September 9, 2005 at the Hilton of Long Island/Huntington. There is no fee for this conference. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please register early by e-mail [janet@nysacho.org](mailto:janet@nysacho.org).

**Nominating Committee:** Cindy Teruso reminded the membership that the positions of Treasurer and Secretary will be open at the next election. Anyone interested in either of these positions should contact Cindy. Please get involved.

**Thank you to Anthony Liotta** for the informative May lecture regarding vacuum assisted wound closure.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Next Meeting:       September 20, 2005  
                              **Southside Hospital**  
                              12:00 pm

Education:           APIC National Conference Highlights  
                              Speakers to be announced

Respectfully submitted by,  
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