

APIC

ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

Long Island Chapter 38

General Meeting Minutes 11/21/2006

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 ©.

Josie Padrone, President, called the General Meeting to order at 1:00pm. Minutes of September meeting were accepted.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBILITY
Standing Business:		
<p>A. Chapter Calendar Review & President Board Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballot for President elect • • National Chapter Data Sheet • • New President • • Chapter Excellence Award • APIC Headquarters: Increase in dues APIC Nominating and Award Committee Chlorox <p>• Miscellaneous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still recruiting for President-elect. Ballot should have gone out in November. B. Lambert will be asked to reconsider President-Elect for 2007, since she had been elected to this position in the past.. • National Chapter Data Sheet access was discussed. B. Kranz will submit committee member list in December. • B. Kranz will assume President position at the December meeting. She will go to the bank in January with the Treasurer to complete necessary paperwork to gain access for chapter banking needs. General membership encouraged to consider Board positions • Chapter Excellence Award - Board members to begin to identify ideas for submission • APIC national increase in dues will be \$8 annually. Chapter dues will remain \$30 annually. Board discussed responding to National regarding the increase in dues. J. Padrone will write a response to National to relay our dissatisfaction with the increase in dues, without any noticeable increase in services. • Chlorox would like to host a focus group at a regular meeting for "Protect Our Patient" program. 8 volunteers are needed. Board discussed with the general membership to recruit volunteers, possibly at the Jan. meeting. • C. Terruso will be resigning her position as Nominating Chair, due to a new job obligation. Committee thanks Cindy for her dedication to the committee and wishes her well. 	<p>C. Terruso</p>

B. Treasurer's report	J. Luchetti reported: Conference account now has \$19,491.91 and the general account has \$12,088.10. Conference generated approximately \$15,000, after all remaining bills are paid. Attendance was 126, an all time high for the annual conference. Written report submitted. F. Kabigtang will continue the Treasurer-elect position and will have information related to the chapter bank accounts. Only the treasurer is able to write checks for Chapter expenses.	J. Luchetti
C. Chapter Bylaws	C. Wilfinger submitted bylaws for initialing by Board members. Initialing completed.	Completed
Old and New Business		
A. Chapter letter to Administrators	Board members reported the letter was sent and well received by administrators. A letter will be sent to administrators for the general membership, outlining the purpose of APIC and the reasons it is important for ICP's to attend. Members need to contact Cely Wilfinger with the names of the administrator, facility, etc.	All members
B. Chapter Conference	Evaluations of speakers were very good. Biggest complaint was that the room was too small. Board discussed improvements for the next conference. Overall the conference was a great success educationally and financially. December chapter meeting will focus on conference related plans for next year. D. DeDomenico, J. Woltmann, M. Andresen and B. Kranz were acknowledged for extraordinary contributions in fundraising for the conference.	
C. Salary Survey	M. Andresen completed the survey. Chapter response was poor. Written report was distributed. Generally, salaries are better in Manhattan, regardless of advanced degrees. National APIC survey was discussed.	
D. Miscellaneous	Job openings continue to be posted on the chapter website	
Committee Reports		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSACC • • Education • Membership • Library • Nominating • Marketing and Website • • Newsletter • Fundraising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSACC - next meeting 12/3, to be attended by J. Padrone, B. Kranz, C. Wilfinger, and C. Shannon. J. Padrone explained what NYSACC addresses, for new chapter members and encouraged participation. • Education - no report • Membership - 103 members as of 11/17/06; 6 members lapsed • Library- no report • Nominating - see above • Marketing and Website- A. Candela reported and demonstrated the Job Bank and Bookstore on our site, with connected links. Board acknowledges this excellent addition to our website. • Newsletter – no report • Fundraising – see above • 	
Public Health Announcements	• J. Greenko reports sporadic flu activity in western NYS. See below.	
Long Term Care Report	• Recent DOH and JCAH surveys discussed.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu vaccination going well for residents. Some difficulty with vaccinating employees persists. Strategies to convert employees were discussed. Some facilities experienced a delay in receipt of vaccine. Some flu vaccine reactions included: GI symptoms and local reactions. Some received vaccine in preloaded syringes with latex, causing a problem for those with latex allergies. • Most facilities are providing PPV to qualified employees, in addition to flu vaccine • AED use in LTC was discussed • J. Greenko DOH discussed rapid flu testing and false negatives. All rapid tests, both positive and negatives, should be followed up by cultures. Sporadic flu activity noted in NYS, mostly in the western area. Tamiflu neuro-behavioral events have been reported in children. • C. Terruso reports an Infection Control position is available at Our Lady of Consolation. Cindy will be moving to Good Samaritan. 	
Acute Care Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Shannon discussed Legionella screening and reporting for acute care. • Classes for HAIR, Hospital Acquired Infection Reporting, still ongoing • Discussion of linen handling and storage • Perinatal infections on post partum units, regarding moving pts who are infected 	

**Educational Session: TheraDoc
Computer Program - Infection Control Assistant
presented by Jackie Battisto
Aldo Tinoco MD**

**** Members are encouraged to look at our Chapter Website frequently for important Infection Control information and resources.
Go to www.apic-longisland.com . Save it as a Favorite.**

*****In case of Inclement Weather or Meeting Cancellation, please see Chapter Website or call (631) 632-SNOW for information.**

Meeting adjourned at 3pm .

Next Meeting: December 19, 2006 at 12 pm
Brunswick Hospital Center

*****Infectious Awareables products and Chapter holiday greeting cards will be available at the December meeting for purchase.**

*****MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE AN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE SESSION FOR OUR MEMBERS. BRING COPIES OF A BEST PRACTICE IN INFECTION CONTROL THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED AT YOUR FACILITY OR AN EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION (on paper or PowerPoint). LET'S TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR EXPERTISE WITH EACH OTHER.**

Respectfully submitted, _

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