

APIC

ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

Long Island Chapter 38

General Meeting Minutes

September 20, 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 1:00 pm. Minutes from June Board Meeting was approved©. The group welcomed back Debbie DeDomenico from her medical leave. Also, a special thank you to Barbara Lambert for reserving conference space at Southside Hospital for our Chapter meeting.

STANDING BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Joan Lucchetti reported a balance of \$16,252.34 in the General Fund. Joan Lucchetti transferred \$10,000 dollars from the Conference Fund into two \$5,000 CDs which will provide 3.25% interest. The balance of \$5,026.83 was transferred to the General Fund. These transactions were previously approved at Board and General meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

APIC Nat'l Research Fund Silent Auction Basket – Debbie reported that the Long Island theme basket was successfully auctioned at the conference for \$140.00. Thank you again Debbie.

Alcohol Gels/Corridor letters to Fire Marshals: Debbie DeDomenico announced that Greater New York Fire Marshall has reconsidered their decision and will allow alcohol hand gel dispensers in the corridors. Debbie spoke to Inspector Phillip Stein regarding this request to reconsider for Nassau County. He informed her that the Nassau County Fire Marshall Thomas Tilly will not reconsider nor approve the dispensers in the corridors. The Board suggested that Debbie contact Terry Straub from Greater New York Hospital Association to assist her in her attempts to prove the benefits of this change. Debbie agreed to contact Terry Straub to request her assistance.

2005-2007 Strategic Plan: Cecilia Wilfinger reported that the updated Strategic Plan will soon be posted on the Chapter website for membership viewing. Thank you Cely for successfully completing this monumental task.

Chapter Achievement Award/CBIC Chapter Certification: Jayne Abbenda and Mary Lou Soliday are currently working on applying for a Chapter Achievement Award. The deadline is March 11, 2006.

Up Coming Nominations: Josie Padrone reported that in order to encourage members to assume the responsibilities of the treasurer the position should have a greater learning period. Therefore, the Board motioned to have a two year Treasurer position, two year Treasurer-elect position and a one year post Treasure position. The proposal was accepted unanimously by the Board. Cindy Teruso was asked to prepare an October ballot for the positions of secretary and treasurer.

Website Update: Andrea Genovese-Candella continues to work diligently at perfecting the Long Island Chapter 38 website. Andrea is currently working on adding more links to the website and to provide an interactive (e-mail) component to facilitate networking between the Infection Control Practitioners.

Donation to Sponsor Indonesian Nursing Student: Cecilia Wilfinger shared a heartfelt letter that we received from this charity thanking us for our contribution and informing us about how the monies will be spent.

Membership: Nancy Barrett reported that we have 93 members as of September 11, 2005. Nancy is considering ways to encourage attendance for those who do not attend meetings. She faxed letters to different facilities but could not be sure if the letters reached the Infection Control Practitioners.

Fall 2006 Conference: Francina Singh discussed progress that has been made in preparing for the conference. The tentative date is October 17, 2006. The George Washington Manor remains the preferred location by most of the committee members. It was also agreed that the conference should be held in lieu of a meeting so that attendees may be more available for the conference.

Request for APIC Members to serve as Speakers: Josie Padrone asked if someone would be available to speak at a local function on HAI and CA-MRSA. Anyone interested should contact Josie at 718-963-7753.

NEW BUSINESS

Hurricane Katrina: Josie asked the membership if they thought it appropriate to contribute to the relief fund through either the Red Cross or by sponsoring a family that has been relocated to the Long Island area. The membership discussed the idea and agreed that we should contribute. Josie asked the group to think about how we should contribute and to bring those ideas to next months meeting for vote.

APIC Greater NY Chapter 13: Josie reminded the group about the 11th Symposium on October 19 at the LaGuardia Marriot.

APIC National Awards Luncheon: Congratulations to Cecilia Wilfinger for being honored as the chapter leader at the National Conference. Cely shared how wonderful the luncheon was and how honored felt to be named among the other winners. Best of luck to you, Cely!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Acute Care Report: The group discussed the NYS memorandum regarding carbapenum-resistant klebsiella pneumoniae. Many shared their ideas for isolation and reporting. They also discussed policies written to address surge capacity. Anyone willing to share their policies should bring them to the next networking meeting. Thank you.

Long Term Care: Donna Caccavale reported that the group discussed how buffet style dining is becoming more popular in long term care settings and the Infection Control issues that arise. The group also discussed their Legionella prevention programs.

Legislative Reps – Josie Padrone reported from NYSAC about the Legionella Guidelines. She also shared about the ACE 1 course that was held in Albany. Our chapter representatives questioned the update on the HIV law and where we are today with the changes.

Suffolk/Nassau County Department of Health Report: Representative Lauren Barlow shared that the county was waiting for influenza vaccine and will schedule clinics as soon as they know how much vaccine they will be receiving.

Thank you to our members who attended APIC National and provided the membership with the overview of the conference.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2005
 Brunswick Hospital Center
 12:00 pm
Education: APIC National Conference Highlights
 Speakers to be announced

Respectfully submitted by,

