

# APIC

## ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

### Long Island Chapter 38

### General Meeting Minutes 4/17/07

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 ©.

Barbara Lambert, President, called the General Meeting to order at 1:00pm.

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESPONSIBILITY</i>
<p><b>I. Call to Order</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and approval of minutes</li> <li>• New Member Introductions</li> <li>• Job Openings (Chapter Website Job Bank)</li> </ul>	<p>-Minutes of Feb meeting were accepted with a change made to the section related to announcement of the elected positions. Minutes should read that the President will announce the vote rather than approve the vote.</p> <p>-No new members present at this meeting</p> <p>-Job openings reported at Stonybrook, LI Vets Home and Wycoff Heights. NYC GNYHA has a job opening for the Brooklyn/Manhattan area. Chapter website should be referenced for job openings as well</p>	
<p><b>II. Standing Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Report</li> <li>• Bylaws</li> <li>• Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Miscellaneous</li> </ul>	<p>-J. Luchetti submitted the monthly financial report. Conference funds ( less \$1000) will be transferred into two \$5000 CDs to increase the amount of interest earned. The conference fund will remain open for use in the future.</p> <p>- C. Wilfinger completed the bylaws. A. Candela will take this role over from C. Wilfinger. The bylaws will be sent into National for approval.</p> <p>-Strategic Plan: now posted on the chapter website. The Chapter is on target with the plan, except for public marketing of the chapter.</p> <p>-Volunteers still needed for policy and procedure position and marketing and publications.</p> <p>- A. Candela was nominated by the Board for Chapter Leadership at National APIC and did receive notification that she will be receiving the award. The Chapter extends congratulations to Andrea for her work for our chapter and well deserved national recognition.</p> <p>-B. Lambert announced the results of the recent election. A. Candela was voted President-Elect and B. Kranz was voted Nominating Chair. The Board extends congratulation to both.</p>	<p>J. Luchetti</p> <p>C. Wilfinger and A. Candela</p>
<p><b>III. Old and New Business</b></p>		
<p>A. Chapter Conference</p>	<p>Board discussed the need for additional volunteers, including a chair for the Chapter</p>	<p>All members</p>

	Conference in Oct 2008. C. Wilfinger will be unable to participate in coordinating the chapter conference.	
B. Schedule of Meetings	<p>- Discussion regarding changing the date of the June meeting due to APIC National Conference. <b>The Board voted to change the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to June 12<sup>th</sup></b> to accommodate those going to APIC National Conference. The Board discussed ways to facilitate attendance at General meetings. A survey will be developed to help identify ways to improve chapter meeting attendance.</p> <p>-The dates for the Jan and Feb meetings will be changed, since they are both close to holidays, making it difficult for some members to attend</p>	
C. Financial Assistance for APIC National Conference	-5 requests for financial assistance have been received. The Secretary will verify required criteria for assistance and report back to the President.	D. Caccavale
<b>IV. Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute Care</li> <li>• Long Term Care</li> <li>• NYSACC</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Membership</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Nominating</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Website</li> <li>• Newsletter</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> </ul>	<p>-Acute Care: C. Shannon reported that there seems to be an increase in prevalence of ESBL and Klebsiella. Members discussed disinfection and storage of flexible fiberoptic endoscopes, resulting in the conclusion that we all need to look at our practice and revisit this issue at the next meeting. Members were asked to share protocols for VAP bundles at the next meeting also. EHS immunizations were discussed; it is anticipated that Varicella immunization will eventually be a mandatory requirement. TB resistance to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> line drugs was discussed, as well PPDs and Quantiferon testing.</p> <p>-Long term Care: D.Caccavale reported that the DOH is presently surveying 3 LTC facilities. Most facilities present are still giving flu vaccine to residents and employees, since no stop date has been issued by local DOH. Discussion of variation in use of nasal swabs for flu demonstrated differences in facility practices. GI outbreaks are still prevalent in several LTC facilities, as well as communities. The issue of ABHR bottles being used and refilled was discussed. In general it is not good practice to refill bottles that are not meant for this purpose. One facility recently had JCAH survey and the issues addressed for Infection Control included: who covers for the ICP when absent, Pandemic preparedness, general EOC issues, Hand washing monitoring and competencies, what would you do if a Katrina like event happened and victims came to your facility contaminated with water and sewage, and what are the 3 most important infection control issues in your facility.</p> <p>NSYACC - C. Shannon reported from the 4/2/07 meeting. R. Strikoff NYSDOH discussed mandatory reporting.; the DOH will do comparison studies, i.e. central line infections, GI surgery, etc. and evaluate the results. Other issues discussed included: post discharge surveillance and HIPAA regulations, Bundle compliance, the lack of federal funding for new TB regulations. Regarding the PPV issue for employees in LTC, Rachel Strikoff did comment that it is clearly an error for a local DOH to expect LTC facilities to give PPV to all employees. Nationally accepted guidelines, including CDC, do not recommend this and</p>	

	<p>she will investigate this error further.</p> <p>Education - M. Tsivitis reported that she could use some assistance in arranging educational sessions. Perhaps a session could be done on how to write an abstract/article for publication.</p> <p>Membership – no report.</p> <p>Library - N. Barrett has past CBIC tests which will be made available to those interested</p> <p>Nominating – B. Lambert announced that B. Kranz was elected as nominating chair</p> <p>Marketing and Website - A. Candela will update the Board members' information on the website</p> <p>Newsletter - no report</p> <p>Fundraising – D. DeDomenico will assemble a gift basket from the chapter for APIC National as a donation for the Research foundation. Anyone with a craft or skill is asked to donate their work for inclusion in the basket.</p>	
<p><b><i>V. Public Health Announcements</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nassau County DOH</li> <li>• Suffolk County DOH</li> <li>• NYS DOH</li> </ul>	<p>No formal DO report.</p> <p>General conversation: Flu is still prevalent in our area. Facilities are advised to continue giving vaccine until otherwise noted by their local DOH, or until the expiration date on the vaccine, which is June 2007.</p>	

**Educational Session: Dr Henry M. Feder**

**University of Connecticut, Health Science Center**

**Topic: Herpes Zoster and Zostavax**

**Luncheon provided by Merck Pharmaceuticals, Ryan Earley Sales Rep**

**\*\* Members are encouraged to look at our Chapter Website frequently for important Infection Control information and resources.**

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

The General Meeting adjourned at 3pm .

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday May 15, 2007

South Oaks Chapel Auditorium

**See Chapter Website** for directions

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE FOR THE JUNE MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM JUNE 19, 2007 TO JUNE 12, 2007.**

Respectfully submitted,

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