

# APIC

## ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

### Long Island Chapter 38

#### General Meeting Minutes: February 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 ©.

**I.** Josie Padrone, President, called the General Meeting to order at 1pm. Minutes of January General meeting were accepted, pending a clarification of chapter awards which will be clarified in these minutes.

The following **New Members** were welcomed:

Lana Kaufman from Suffolk DOH

Marie Justice from Stony Brook University Medical Center

Carol Zinno from Rockville Center Extended Care

#### **Education offerings:**

1. The Northeastern Basic Course for Principles of Infection Control presented by Northern and Southern NJ Chapters of APIC and NYDOH on March 27-31 in Princeton, NJ.
2. SHEA Training Course in Healthcare Epidemiology on April 8-11 in Canada.  
Continuing education Self study C. difficile-associated disease available free at <http://rmcom.net/CDADaudiobook>.
3. ICE II and EPI 101 Courses, March 2006 in Seattle.
4. 2006 Annual Conference in Maryland on Antimicrobial Resistance

#### **Job openings:**

Chapter website will have a link to APIC GNY Chapter job offering site. Currently there are 10 jobs from Gallileo Search available. Check website for details.

### **II. STANDING BUSINESS**

**A. 2005 Chapter Budget and Treasurer's Report:** J. Lucchetti reported the single account balance of \$14318.50 in the General Fund and two \$5000 CDs earning 4%. See attached reports. Chapter sustained a \$5000 loss last year due to no annual conference. Chapter laptop and LCD projector will be purchased as approved at last meeting. APIC tax exempt number will be used and the budget will be \$3000. Members are encouraged to submit fundraising ideas to D. DeDomenico.

**C. 2005-2007 Strategic Plan:** J. Abbenda reported for C. Wilfinger who requested the Board continue to work on the Plan in her absence.

### **III. OLD and NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Inclement Weather/Cancellation of Chapter Meetings:** See Website or call (631) 632-SNOW. This will be noted in monthly minutes as well.

**B. Website for Job Ads:** Board agreed to post job ads on Website as available.

**C. CDC Comparative HAI rates:** June 2006 AJIC to include NHSH (National Health Safety Network)/ former NNIS Report... Members should use Oct 2004 NNIS Report for comparison purpose.

- D. Membership:** Chapter membership is 103 as of 1/20/06. Members not receiving membership cards by 2/15 contact membership department @ [apicmembership@apic.org](mailto:apicmembership@apic.org) or (202) 789-1890 and select option 1.
- E. 2006 Chapter Conference:** Contract received by F. Singh and Board Members to review for accuracy today.
- F. Chapter 38 Fact Sheet:** L. Kopmann revised Board member changes. A. Genovese-Candela to have fact sheet printed professionally. The fact sheet will be sent to all CEOs from the Board and general membership as well, unless otherwise requested. Letter from past mailing will be revised. Addresses for acute care facilities will be taken from Nassau Suffolk Hospital Association listing.
- G. Newsletter:** M. Solliday reported some articles are still not completed.
- H. Chapter Bylaws:** No report at this time.
- I. CDC TB Guidelines:** Board discussed how to manage a chapter review of the extensive new guidelines. Particular interest was expressed regarding: the lack of requirement for annual respirator fit testing: baseline testing following exposures the “first circle of exposures” (instead 3 months, etc. since last tuberculin skin testing); substitution of QFT for TST (which seems cost prohibitive at present time). No formal position by the Board at this time. NYS requires annual TB screening for healthcare workers. Board will ask Rachel Strikof to address QFT during her keynote address at the annual Chapter conference. Chapter will discuss new TB guidelines at general meeting. B. Kranz to lead chapter effort.
- J. Honorarium fee:** the fee for speakers is \$150, but some speakers accept \$100 or refuse the fee. F. Edwards will be asked to add this to the policy/procedure.
- K. May evening meeting:** location still undecided. Tentative schedule noted on agenda. May Board meeting to be from 2 - 4 pm, Networking from 4 – 5pm, Education Program 5-6pm and Business meeting 6-7pm.
- L. First APIC/SHEA Communication Network Conference Call:** The call will take place on 2/14 and 2/21 12-1pm. Agenda: Oct 2004–Feb 2005 Flu vaccine shortage; Sept-Dec 2005 Survey of interest in networking; Hurricane facilities; Pandemic Flu readiness and Avian Flu antiviral use; Jan-Feb 2006 resurvey demographics and interests; Topics to work on: current and future: SHEA and APIC Annual collaborative meetings and website.
- M. Chapter Networking Meeting:** Board again discussed changing the format of the monthly networking meeting for LTC and acute care to a more formal clinical presentation. To be discussed further.
- N. Speaker cancellation:** M. Tsivitis reports that P. Kurpiel NYS DOH cancelled for today due to illness. He was to present on Legionella. He will be rescheduled timely.
- L. Financial Aid forms:** are available for educational offerings. Monies are available to subsidize 2 members for \$1000 each who meets criteria: member greater than 2 years, attendance at greater than or equal to 50% meetings, etc. See form for additional criteria and details. Members may only apply for this once in 3 years. Recipient must go to business meeting at annual conference and report back to the chapter.

#### IV. Committee Reports

- A. Acute Care and Long Term Care: joint networking meeting**
- **B. Kranz:** discussed new CDC guidelines released 12/30/05. Chapter will continue review at next meeting, and possibly use networking time to complete review of this lengthy document. Volunteers are needed to report on sections of the TB guideline.
  - **JCAH surveys:** recently in acute care, surveys have been unannounced. Tracer methodology used. Looking for unit specific data on graphs. Staff must know about the data. Anyone may check the **JCAH website** daily to see who is being surveyed. Some facilities have been cited for unapproved abbreviations. PPR or Periodic Performance Review is available on the website for self assessment.

- **D.Caccavale:** reported some flu still present in LTC facilities
- **MMWR:** free subscription available on CDC website [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov)
- **D. DeDomenico:** discussed risk analysis for JCAH and EOC construction policy
- **J. Padrone:** Nassau DOH offers mandatory IC training course free of charge. Members discussed which facilities offer the course and what the average cost is. Also, reminder for members that the CBIC sample study exam is available for practice on line for \$50.
- B. NYSACC/Governmental Affairs:** L. Kopmann reports that next meeting 3/26-3/27. L. Kopmann, J. Padrone and B. Kranz will attend.
- C. Education:** M. Tsivitis/M. Andresen report that there will be a wound care presentation next month and P. Kurpiel will be rescheduled to speak about Legionella.
- D. 2006 Chapter Conference:** contract received and to be reviewed.
- E. Membership:** See above
- F. Library:** reports that APIC Core Curriculum and JCAH manual available
- G. Nominating:** C. Terruso reports no issues at present
- H. Marketing and Website:** **A. Genovese-Candela.** See above. Members should email power point presentations to webmaster as an attachment for inclusion on the web site.
- I. Newsletter:** M. Solliday **still** waiting for one article. The newsletter is mailed to all facilities and should be at the printer prior to the next meeting.
- J. Fundraising:** D. DeDomenico **to** work on the donation for the national conference.

#### **V. Public Health Announcements**

- A.** Nassau DOH reports rabies in raccoons and use of oral baiting. Police and animal control are working with the DOH on this.
- B.** NYS DOH reports Flu and RSV still prevalent. Some viral GI and scabies are being seen as well. Reminder about Health Advisory Jan 30 for flu, which all ICPs should review.

**\*\*\*Members are encouraged to check Chapter Website frequently for important Infection Control information and resources. Go to [www.apic-longisland.com](http://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 3:00 pm.

**Next Meeting:**        March 21, 2006 10am  
                                 Brunswick Hospital Center

Respectfully submitted,

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