

# APIC

## ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

### Long Island Chapter 38

**General Meeting Minutes: January 17,2006**

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. Call to order:** J. Padrone called the General Meeting to order at 2:00pm.

**II. Minutes of December meeting** were distributed and accepted.

**New member introductions:** committee welcomed Anne Fining from Birchwood

**Education offerings:** M. Tsivitis reported the Cdiff teleconference on 1/18/06. members can call (800) 282-9233 to get conference code and register.

**Job openings:** Infection Control Assistant Director position at NYU is still available

### III. STANDING BUSINESS

**A. 2006 Chapter Budget and Treasurer's Report:** J. Lucchetti reported the single account balance of \$15,067.97 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.

**B. 2005-2007 Strategic Plan :** Members not present to offer update at this time.

### IV. OLD & NEW BUSINESS

**A. APIC President Sue Sebazco request for financial assistance for Patient Safety Initiative on HAIs:**

The Board decided not to make a donation on behalf of the Chapter after discussion related to recent NYSACC meeting. 7 other chapters in NYS also agreed not to donate. This agenda item is now closed.

**B. Select Chapter Designee for Charting Course for New Leadership:** F. Kabigting, Treasurer-Elect was nominated by the Board. One nights hotel fee plus meals for the day will be paid. Any member may submit a nomination.

**C. Chapter Leadership Award:** decision pending

**D. Chapter Excellence Award:** Board chose possible candidates: M. Tsivitis, M. Solliday, A. Genovese-Candela. J. Abbenda is working with M. Solliday on submission. Deadline is 4/1/06

**E. Chapter Website:** Committee voted to pay \$200 per year to the Webmaster for services rendered. This has been discussed with APIC National. A. Genovese-Candela discussed new links on the Website. Members are encouraged to email Infection Control power point presentations to the Webmaster for inclusion on the website.

**F. CBIC Chapter Certification:** M. Tsivitis to arrange for chapter to review an on line mock CBIC exam at the next meeting. Hopefully this will encourage non-certified members to sit for the exam. APIC core curriculum is available in the Chapter Library for member use. A chapter recertification group for the SARE may be formed. M. Solliday and J. Abbenda working on updating the lists.

**G. Membership:** Chapter membership is 100 as of 1/10/06. 2 members present at the meeting were noted to be absent from the roster from APIC national, despite having current membership cards. Follow-up for the discrepancy needed.

**H. Chapter 38 Fact Sheet :** L. Kopmann to revise Board member changes. Possibility of the fact sheet being sent to all CEOs from the committee and added to the Website was discussed. Decision pending.

**I. CBIC Chapter Certification Promotion/ 2006 CBIC Certification:**

**J. 2006 Chapter Conference:** \$500 deposit submitted to George Washington Manor to secure the date, which is in October.

**K. Call for Chapter Meeting Dates and APIC Speaker's Bureau:** J. Padrone reviewed qualifications for members with previous speaking/teaching experience and Research/Development experience. Request for CV's and areas of expertise should be submitted as soon as possible by those interested.

**L. Financial Assistance Forms:** Forms were distributed to membership today for use at National APIC in Tampa or any other Infection Control related conference. F. Edwards will revise the form to include "other IC topics".

**M. Inclement Weather Policy:** reviewed and revised. President will contact Webmaster and a notice of cancellation will be placed on the Chapter Homepage. Members may also call Stonybrook at (631) 632-SNOW for information.

**V. Committee Reports**

**Acute Care: B. Kranz reported discussions related to**

- Discussion of cohorting and hall beds – JCAH standard for not holding in the ER
- CDC and amantadine DOH alert for flu treatment
- New protocols for post op joint replacements
- JCAH mandates related to ABHR dispenser placement

**Long Term Care: D. Caccavale reported discussions related to**

- Facilities with recent DOH surveys and Infection control issues such as wound care and glove change
- CDC and amantadine DOH alert for flu treatment
- NHQI – IPRO survey for quality measures
- Some facilities with an increase in RSV
- Rapid flu test kits for on site testing
- Fire Marshall letter related to ABHR should be sent to all chapter members
- 1 facility with a case of Shigella and NYS DOH involvement
- 1 facility with a case of Syphilis.
- 1 facility with Acinetobacter in the vent unit
- EHS issues and PPDs. CXR requirement unclear. New guidelines for TB being reviewed.
- Legionella guidelines for LTC pending at present time
- On line reporting to DOH
- Cdiff issues and flagyl resistance
- Committee requests a list of LTC members and contact information

**NYSACC/Governmental Affairs: L. Kopmann reports**

- Next meeting 3/26-3/27. A 4<sup>th</sup> member is needed to go to Albany. Let chairs know if interested.

**Education: M. Tsivitis/M. Andresen**

- Guest speaker for today was Judy Greene who spoke about the MPH program at Stonybrook
- M. Tsivitis spoke on how to do an abstract
- See above for Cdiff teleconference information

**2006 Chapter Conference:** See above

**Membership: N. Barrett** See above

**Library: N. Barrett** reports that APIC Core Curriculum and JCAH manual available

**Nominating: C. Terruso** reports no issues at present

**Marketing and Website: A. Genovese-Candela** See above

**Newsletter: M. Solliday** still waiting for articles for the winter edition. The newsletter is mailed to all facilities.

**Fundraising: D. DeDomenico** No report at present

**New TB Guidelines:** B. Kranz discussed new CDC guidelines released 12/30/05. Chapter will review at next meeting after membership has time to review this lengthy document

**VI. Public Health Announcements**

- Nassau County DOH reports a viral GI outbreak in one facility and Flu in an assisted living facility. Discussion of use of the NORA for reporting to NYS DOH.
- Suffolk DOH reported an outbreak of scabies in a city hospital
- NYS DOH guest speaker will be present at next meeting to discuss Legionella

**\*\*\*Members are encouraged to look at our 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.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

**Next Meeting:** February 21, 2006  
Brunswick Hospital Center  
12:00pm

**Educational Program:** Legionella Update: P. Kurpiel NYS DOH

Respectfully submitted,

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