

APIC

**ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS
IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY
Long Island Chapter 38**

General Meeting Minutes 6/20/2006

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 May meeting were accepted.

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESPONSIBILITY</i>
Standing Business:		
A. Chapter Calendar Review & President Board Issues 2006 APIC National Conference	13 members attended. Board members reported on some of the speakers. A very positive and informative experience was had by all. APIC National is working on the TB and N95 issues with R. Strikoff. Thanks to D. DeDomenico for the silent auction basket for the conference from the chapter.	
Publicity during Infection Control week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Todd for AJIC "Emerging Infections" • Nursing Spectrum and ADVANCE • Bill Green VP Community and Public Affairs Wycoff Heights • Ideas for article topics • Chapter dues • Nominating chair ballot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.Todd requests that ICPs write articles for AJIC • D. Caccavale contacted J. Spillane from Nursing Spectrum and M.McAndrews from Advance who agreed to publish articles from our ICPs • B. Green from Wycoff invited to the meeting to speak about PR strategies to promote the chapter • Ideas for articles include "Superbugs" from M. Andresen. M. Tsivitis is writing an article as well. • After discussion, Board agreed not to change the chapter dues • C. Terruso's term as Nominating Chair will be up soon. Board to begin thinking about possible nominees for this important position. Thanks to Cindy. • 	All Board members
B. Treasurer's report	J. Luchetti reported: All chapter monies were combined. Written report submitted. \$5000 was set aside for the Conference Fund.	J. Luchetti
C. 2005-2007 Strategic Plan	C. Wilfinger and J. Padrone completed the changes. Board members will receive a final copy by email. Members are asked to read the Strategic Plan and communicate changes as soon as possible to C. Wilfinger.	C. Wilfinger

Old and New Business

<p>A. Vote for President Elect and appointments to Legislative Representative positions</p>	<p>B. Kranz was elected President Elect. All ballots received were counted. Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Barbara.</p> <p>The position of Legislative Representative which B. Kranz held will need to be filled, and L. Kopmann's position is still vacant. Barbara will still attend NYSACC as president-elect.</p> <p>Addendum: Cely Wilfinger and Cathy Shannon have accepted the positions of Legislative Representatives.</p>	
<p>B. Chapter Conference</p>	<p>F. Singh shared the conference program and vendor letters. Board members reviewed the Draft program. R. Strikoff to be the keynote speaker and also present HAIR. A. Streifel will speak about construction issues, and about Legionella . A TBA speaker from the CDC will present on C Diff. Board made some minor changes to the program draft. A. Genovese will make the conference brochure. Conference fee will be increased to \$95 for members, \$105 for nonmembers, and \$115 for walk ins, as previously voted by the Board. J. Luchetti will book the hotel rooms for the speakers, and J. Padrone will arrange the transportation for the speakers to and from the hotel. Board members are invited to dinner with the speakers, the night before the conference. R. Strikoff will not accept an honorarium. A. Striefel will receive \$1000 honorarium for presenting 2 topics. Vendor support is being sought to cover the speakers' airfare. Room and board for the speakers will be paid by the chapter. CEUs will be applied for once the speakers CVs are received. The save the date postcard was also reviewed and N. Barrett is in the process of sending out the postcards. The conference will take place on the chapter meeting day, therefore there will be no regular chapter meeting in Oct. A. Genovese has arranged for M. Schwartz to handle the AV needs for the conference</p>	<p>F. Singh F. Genovese</p>
<p>C. Newsletter</p>	<p>M. Solliday reported that the Newsletter was delivered to the printer today, for mailing as soon as possible. The Board thanks Marylou for a job well done.</p>	<p>M. Solliday</p>
<p>D. Chapter Bylaws</p>	<p>C. Wilfinger will mail the bylaws to Board members.</p>	<p>C. Wilfinger</p>
<p>E. Membership</p>	<p>103 members as of 2/20/06 and 92 members as of 5/13/06.</p>	
<p>F. E-mail minutes</p>	<p>D. Caccavale will send a global email reminder monthly to all Chapter members to access the minutes on the website. Members are encouraged to comment on this new process when they receive the reminder email. Members who receive minutes by mail will continue to receive them.</p>	<p>D. Caccavale</p>

G. Chapter letter to Health Care Administrator, NYSACC	C. Wilfinger is working on the chapter letter and requests the names, credentials and addresses of whoever should receive the letter. This request will also be posted on the website. C. Wilfinger will send out the administrative letters for the members of the Board and requests that Board members send her their name with credentials and who in their institution (can be more than one name) should receive the letter.	C. Wilfinger
H. Salary Survey	M. Andresen not present to report on the survey.	M. Andresen
I. APIC National	Looking for success stories to feature in the 2006 International Prevention week website at jackerman@apic.org. Board discussed submitting something to Spectrum about the ICP and possibly the Chapter Newsletter.	All Board members
Committee Reports:		
Acute Care	*****	
Long Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 facility had DOH survey and was deficiency free. IC focus of survey was dressing changes, chart review. Fecal impaction and medication administration procedures were also investigated. • Another facility had survey and an issue came up related to smoking, since the resident is non compliant. DOH is still deciding on the citation. • Dispatch for Cdiff was discussed. Environmental staff does not like the bleach smell. • Glove issue with employees using white cotton glove liners, if they are unable to wear the type of gloves supplied. These employees break out with all types of gloves including Nitrile. Question will be posed to the CDC email about the use of the white cotton gloves. • Washings bananas for Infection Control was discussed. No facilities are currently washing bananas. Nassau DOH, foodborne illness division, reports that this is not necessary. • Needlesticks were discussed regarding the use of safety syringes. One facility has had no needlesticks for over a year since conversion to retractable syringes. • Respiratory protection program and fit testing is being done in some LTC facilities. Most facilities transfer these patients to acute care. 	D. Caccavale
NYSACC/Government Affairs	Membership asked to volunteer for two vacant positions.	B. Kranz
Education	*****	M. Tsivitis M. Andresen
2006 Conference	See above.	F. Singh
Membership	See above	N. Barrett
Library	No report.	N. Barrett
Nominating	See above	C. Terruso

Marketing and Website	No report	A. Genovese-Candela
Newsletter	M. Solliday reports that the Newsletter is almost ready for printing.	M. Solliday
Fundraising	D. DeDomenico reported the basket donated by the Chapter for the National APIC Silent Auction was purchased at a very good price and she was delighted to see the bidding-war that went on between members. The Chapter is very grateful to Debbie who donated this beautiful basket and included a popular book and momentos from Long Island.	D. DeDomenico
VI. Public Health Announcements:	.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nassau County DOH • Suffolk County DOH • NYS DOH 	*****	
Job openings	Stony Brook University Hospital FT	
New members are welcomed	Jean Castiglione from Affinity Denise Lobady from Penisula Center	

Educational Session:

1. Mr. Bill Green, VP External and Governmental Affairs, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, Brooklyn.

Topic: Publicizing the Role of the Infection Control Professional...How to be recognized by the public and other professionals.

2. Andrea Genovese-Candela: Review of the APIC Long Island Chapter 38 Website

*****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 3 pm.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2006 **CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE TO PMR MEETING ROOM**

Brunswick Hospital Center

Respectfully submitted,

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