

APIC

ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

Long Island Chapter 38

General Meeting Minutes 12/18/07

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 1pm. Minutes of Nov 2007 meeting were accepted. Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBILITY
<p>I. Call to order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New member introductions • Job openings • 2008 President Elect position and Nominating Chair • Chapter Calendar Review 	<p>No new members were present.</p> <p>B. Lambert reported a job opening for Director IC and QM at Brookdale. See chapter website for details.</p> <p>The 2008 ballot will be sent by email ASAP. Members without email access will receive paper ballots in the mail. Members are asked to either mail the ballot in or bring it to the next meeting..</p> <p>B. Lambert reported on the personal crisis that B. Kranz is experiencing. The chapter voted to send a gift to Barbara and her family and offer them our best wishes.</p> <p>Board meeting will continue monthly meetings through June, to facilitate program development for the Oct 08 Chapter conferences. Location of meetings is still being worked out. The January meeting will be at South Oakes. The Feb meeting will be changed from 2/19 to 2/12 due to the conflict with President's Day. A mentor program for new Board members was discussed, as an option to encourage more chapter members to become Board members. A replacement for M. Tsivitis for Education chair is still needed. 2 volunteers have been identified</p>	
<p>II. Financial report</p>	<p>J. Luchetti submitted written report. \$49 will be collected from Infectious Awareables from purchases made through the chapter website. Chapter CD is due for rollover at Roslyn Bank in 5 months. Written report available upon request.</p>	<p>J. Luchetti P. Kabithang</p>
<p>Chapter Bylaws and Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Bylaws still need revision. B. Lambert and A. Genovese are currently working on this. Strategic Plan is still incomplete at present. The Public Relations rep is outstanding at this time. J. Greenko is unavailable at present to participate</p>	
<p>III. Old and New Business</p>		
<p>Chapter Conference</p>	<p>Committee members met from 11am – 12 noon to continue conference planning. Some members will meet at the Swan Club on 1/10 at 6:30pm for contract signing. A. Genovese will confirm the date and notify members if cancelled. Issues discussed included: titles for presentations, seeking a National APIC rep to speak about Gov't affairs, panel discussion topics, finalization of speakers by the end of Jan, letters of confirmation to speakers, sponsors for the speakers. The Board thanks Francina for her excellent work in pulling together the conference once again and sharing her expertise in organizing a conference with committee members. B. Lambert and D. Caccavale updated the general membership regarding the progress made in the conference planning.</p>	<p>Program committee members</p>
<p>NYS Infection Control training course for new practitioners</p>	<p>NYS IC course will be offered in March. D. DeDomenico scheduled to teach a session, and possibly Bob Garcia as well. A save the date card will be mailed. Conference is planned to take place at the Holiday Inn in Albany.</p>	

<p>IV. Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Care • Long Term Care • Gov't Affairs • Education • Membership/Library • Nominating • Marketing • Website • Newsletter • Fundraising 	<p>Acute Care- S. Zucker from Flushing reported on hand hygiene monitoring, nurse liaison program, UTIs and daily foley evaluation for d/c, foley automatic stop order, MRSA culture practices at various facilities. J. Padrone reported on recent JCAH surveys and infection control participation.</p> <p>Long Term Care- D. Caccavale reported that the group discussed red bag waste issues and discrepancies in what we consider appropriate red bag waste, RMW versus infected waste, suction canister survey was distributed by Pat McAteer, Salmonella case in a LTC resident on tube feedings, GI outbreak in a LTC facility, general increase in respiratory illnesses but no confirmed flu as yet, increased prevalence of community acquired Cdiff</p> <p>Gov't Affairs – mtg cancelled due to snow. Next mtg 1/13 – 1/14.</p> <p>Education – 2 volunteers have offered to co-chair with M. Andresen. Chapter thanks K. DiBenedetto and Pat McAteer for volunteering. B. Lambert thanked M. Tsivitis for 3 years of hard work as education chair. All are encouraged to identify speakers and sponsors as well.</p> <p>Membership/Library – N. Barrett repots 106 paid members and 15 lapsed members. D. Caccavale will send an email to the lapsed members to encourage them to rejoin. Extra copies of abstracts from APIC national conference are still available.</p> <p>Nominating – ballot will be distributed as described above in B. Kranz's absence</p> <p>Marketing – no report</p> <p>Website – Andrea will be adding NHSN website to chapter website as a resource for under Gov't Affairs, under mandatory reporting</p> <p>Newsletter – M. Solliday reports several articles have been submitted and some are still pending, hopefully by Jan. The next letter is planned for Spring. Photos from the APIC conference should be forwarded to MaryLou and Andrea please.</p> <p>Fundraising – the chapter thanks Debbie for her relentless efforts to raise money. \$302 was collected in the past 2 months from sale of cards and raffles. Thank you to all who participated.</p>	
<p>V. Public Health Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nassau County DOH • Suffolk County DOH • NYS DOH 	<p>Nassau DOH – no report</p> <p>Suffolk DOH – Lauren Barlow reported on Community Acquired MRSA which is being tracked for children and school personnel. 32 cases have been reported since Sept.</p> <p>NYS DOH – no report</p>	
<p>VI. Thank you</p>	<p>B. Lambert expressed her thanks to the chapter for the support she received as President this past year and said that it was her honor to serve as President. D. DeDomenico will obtain the plaque for presentation to Barbara at the next meeting.</p>	

Educational Session: M. Tsivitis presented the Dr Finklestein case in J. Greenko's absence

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Next Meeting: **Tuesday, January 15, 2008**
South Oaks Hospital , Chapel Auditorium
See Chapter Website for directions

Educational Session for January 15, 2008:

Speaker: Lawrence Muscarella Ph.D. Director Research & Development, [Chief Infection Control Custom Ultrasonics, Inc.](#) and Editor, [The Q-Net Monthly](#)

Topic: "Ensuring Patient Safety during High-Level Disinfection of Semi-Critical Instruments"

Dr. Muscarella will also speak about the recent patient-to-patient transmission of Hepatitis C on Long Island.

Respectfully submitted,

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