

APIC

ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

Long Island Chapter 38

General Meeting Minutes February 12, 2008.

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 ©.

Andrea Genovese-Candela, President, called the General Meeting to order at 1pm. Minutes of Jan 2008 meeting were accepted with one change noted below. Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBILITY
Standing Business:		
I. Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of minutes • New member introductions • Job openings – Chapter Website Job Bank 	Correction to minutes from Jan. J. Padrone agreed to take the Policy and Procedure Manual along with the Nominating Chair position, but not Strategic Planning. A. Candela introduced new member: Bonnie Morales from St Catherine’s. Welcome to Bonnie. There is a job opening for ICP in the North Bronx. Check chapter website if interested.	
II. Standing Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report • Bylaws • Strategic Plan 	Written report pending until J. Luchetti’s return. P.Kabigting reported that \$1392 have been collected from members dues and fund raising. \$322 was distributed for expenses for Jan and Feb. A. Candela and D. Caccavale C. will work on the Bylaws and Strategic Plan. Volunteers to take over this role. Members were encouraged to get involved.	P. Kabigting
III. Old and New Business		
Good wishes to Joan Luchetti and Joanne Selva	The Board offers their best wishes to Joan Luchetti for a speedy recovery. A fruit basket was sent to her from the chapter. The Board voted to send flowers to Joanne Selva, former chapter president and program chair, and wishes her a speedy recovery as well	Completed
Schedule of meetings	After an email vote and a vote at the meeting today during lunch, the meeting location will change to St Catherine’s: March 18, April 15, May 20 and June 10. Email notice will be sent out to all members	
Chapter Conference	A. Candela reported for F. Singh. 3 vendors have committed to contribute. Speakers are almost all booked. C. Shannon is attempting to secure Senator Campanon. D. DeDomenico is looking for a sanitarian for panel discussion on “Successful Survey process”. A. Candela discussed some possible promotional items for the conference, i.e. flash drive or keychain. D. Caccavale will do some online searching for samples and cost. A. Candela will also be preparing the “save the date” postcards. Mailing labels for the chapter, vendors, etc, need to be updating prior to the mailing. This will be done by the Marketing and PR reps. APIC National will advertise the chapter conference for a fee. It was decided that it is too costly. Andrea encouraged chapter members to become involved in the planning process and to submit ideas to the program committee	Program committee members
NYS Infection Control training course for new practitioners	C. Shannon will email the course flyer to D. Caccavale when available, for distribution to membership. B. Lambert participated in the recent conference call regarding the conference. May 12-16 are the confirmed dates at the Holiday Inn in Albany. The fee is \$150. A save the date notice will be available soon. A volunteer is still needed to speak on risk assessment. B. Lambert will be a facilitator for 2 days and D. DeDomenico will be a speaker.	B. Lambert D. DeDomenico
Call for volunteers for vacant positions	A. Candela encouraged all members to attend a Board meeting and become involved with a	

	committee. Board discussed this position, and a Treasurer Elect is not needed for 2008, since the past Treasurer stays on the Board for one year after the new Treasurer takes office	
Public Relations	B. Kranz and D. Maile volunteered to accept Public Relations and Marketing. The Board extended thanks to them and offered whatever support is needed.	B. Kranz D. Maile
MRSA Training for Senior Living	M. Tsivitis reported that there has been a request for infection control in-services from a Senior Living Center. This is an opportunity for the chapter to participate in community education. Additionally, we have received a request to participate in training of medical technicians, from a Director of Patient Care from another facility. Interested members should contact M. Tsivitis	All
Foundations in Infection Control – on line course	A. Candela reported that the program available on line from the University of Minnesota might be used as a preparation course for CBIC. The cost is \$900 and it consists of 2 modules. CEUs are offered. Donna had emailed the resource to all chapter members recently.	All interested.
Other new items	The Board discussed the scholarships available for chapter members to attend National APIC. Members who have done service for the chapter and meet attendance requirements may apply for the \$1000 scholarship. 2 scholarships are available. The candidates must not have received this scholarship in the past 3 years. A. Candela will review the application and forward it to D. Caccavale for email to all membership ASAP.	All
IV. Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Term Care • Acute Care • Gov't Affairs • Education • Membership • Library • Nominating • Marketing • Website • Newsletter • Fundraising 	<p>Long term care- S. Martino reported that the group discussed GI outbreaks, FUOs, Flu and URI prevalence, Community acquired Cdiff, Flu vaccination rates in LTC, Vaccination declination employee forms and refusal to sign, MRSA colonization in LTC and practice changes related to precautions. D. DeDomenico reported on the Cdiff initiative with GNHYA. Acute care facilities are looking to partner with their LTC counterparts. Information will be emailed to members when available.</p> <p>Acute care- C. Shannon discussed some infection control issues related to the wound VAC</p> <p>Other items discussed: Flu vaccination rates, Foley securing devices.</p> <p>Gov't affairs- C. Shannon to attended a roundtable discussion with Commissioner Danes. It was more of a PR event. R. Strikoff also attended. The Finklestein case was discussed. D. DeDomenico reported that the NYS IC course syllabus is still in discussion. APIC input was requested for PPE, but Debbie reported that we had already contributed on this topic in the past. C. Shannon reported on a letter from Assemblywoman Pfeffer and the in-house training programs for sterilization and central sterile. Course must be completed by July 2009. See Bill 9270. Members are encouraged to email Cathy with concerns and input.</p> <p>Education – K. DeBenedetto discussed the thank you letter to speakers and sponsors and will handle this task after each educational session. Kathy will also look into performing another needs assessment to help determine educational planning. Discussion of using some educational sessions for CBIC preparation will be considered.</p> <p>Membership – N. Barrett reported 106 current chapter members.</p> <p>Library – N. Barrett reported that the CBIC review tapes have been missing since Sept. All members are asked to return material promptly. D. Caccavale will send out an email.</p> <p>Nominating – J. Padrone will prepare a ballot for the Sept 08 meeting for the positions of Treasurer elect, Secretary and President Elect for 2009. Josie urged all members to get involved with a committee or a position on the Board.</p> <p>Marketing and PR – see above. Marketing goals handout distributed.</p> <p>Website – Andrea added the NHSN information. Members were reminded to check the website for meeting cancellations due to weather conditions.</p> <p>Newsletter – no report</p> <p>Fundraising – a raffle prize for today was donated by B. Lambert. Thank you to Barbara.</p>	

	D. DeDomenico is investigating the possibility of an art auction and a flower sale. The Board discussed the annual donation to APIC National for research. The Board agreed to allot \$250 toward a basket and \$ 250 cash donation for the research foundation. Debbie will handle the basket preparation and delivery. Phey will handle the \$250 donation by check. Acute Care Rep – R. Luttinger will take this position over from C. Shannon	
V. Public Health Announcements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nassau DOH • Suffolk DOH • NYS DOH 	M. Tsivitis – updated the group on the follow-up with the Finklestein case. So far 113 pts have been tested. Norovirus is prevalent in the community at present. Influenza B is being identified, late in this flu season. NYC is offering a TB conference on 3/25 at CUNY on 34 th St and 5 th Ave for those interested. Marie has pandemic flu checklists available	

** 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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2008
St Catherines of Sienna Medical Center
Nursing Home, 3rd floor, Christabel Room
See Chapter Website for directions

Educational Session for March 18, 2008:

Speaker: Joseph Cervia, MD, MBA, FACP, FAAP

Topic: Waterborne Infection Prevention

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Respectfully submitted,
Donna Caccavale RN MBA, ICP