

# APIC

## ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

### Long Island Chapter 38

### General Meeting Minutes March 18, 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 2:30pm. Minutes of Feb 2008 meeting were accepted. Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBILITY
<b>Standing Business:</b>		
<b>I. Call to order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of minutes</li> <li>• New member introductions</li> <li>• Job openings – Chapter Website Job Bank</li> </ul>	Minutes were approved from the website review. No new members were present. Job announcements: Queens Hospital Center is seeking a per diem ICP for Outpt areas. A head hunter has an available position at St Johns Episcopal in Far Rockaway. Call Robin Lavery at 914-251-1000 if interested.	
<b>II. Standing Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Report</li> <li>• Bylaws and Strategic Plan</li> </ul>	Written financial report pending until J. Luchetti's return. A. Candela and D. Caccavale C. will periodically work on the Strategic Plan.	P. Kabigting
<b>III. Old and New Business</b>		
Schedule of meetings	A. Candela announced that the meetings will remain at St Catherine's through June.: March 18, April 15, May 20 and June 10. Email notice will be sent out to all members. Note that the June meeting is on the 10 <sup>th</sup> , due to a conflict with APIC national conference.	
Chapter Conference	A. Candela reported for F. Singh. Francina is still working on the speaker and vendor list. Please share potential vendors with Francina asap. Confirmed speakers include: William Jarvis and K. Hannon	Program committee members
Financial Stipend for National Conference	A. Candela reminded members that monies are available to fund two \$1000 scholarships to qualified members to attend National APIC Conference or other educational opportunities on a case by case basis. Interested members should mail or fax the scholarship application to D.Caccavale. See chapter website for more information. Scholarship application is available for download from the APIC Chapter 38 Business page of our chapter website	Interested members
NYS Infection Control training course for new practitioners	The NYSACC conference for new ICPs was discussed. Information regarding registration had been emailed to all members. The registration form is available for download from the APIC Chapter 38 Webpage Homepage	
Other new items		All
<b>IV. Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Term Care</li> <li>• Acute Care</li> <li>• Gov't Affairs</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Membership</li> </ul>	Long term care- S. Martino reported that the group discussed Influenza A and B, as well as Norovirus being prevalent in some LTC. Acute care- Issues discussed included emergency showers, N95 respirators, Cdificile project with GNYHA, Use of 1:10 bleach solution for frequently touched surfaces, standardization of terminal cleaning practices, hand hygiene prior to touching patients, noncritical item disinfection (ekg leads, bp cuffs) and risk for cross contamination. Gov't affairs- C. Shannon and Eta Hansen reported on the next NYSACC meeting	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Nominating</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Website</li> <li>• Newsletter</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> </ul>	<p>Education – slides from today's educational presentation will be on the chapter website.</p> <p>Membership – currently 104 members reported in this chapter. Last month was 106.</p> <p>Library – CBIC test review tapes are still missing. All members are again asked to check for the tapes and return them.</p> <p>Nominating – applicants are needed for secretary, president elect and treasurer elect.</p> <p>Marketing and PR – B. Kranz and D. Maile will use already developed chapter fact sheet to develop marketing materials to share with local media. Please email Barbara or Debbie with names and contact information about local newspapers.</p> <p>Website – Scholarship application and NYSACC new ICP class registration forms are both available on the website</p> <p>Newsletter – no report. Please submit articles pending to M. Solliday asap.</p> <p>Fundraising – D. DeDomenico reports that the bulb and art show possibilities are extremely labor intensive. Will plan such activities in a year when conference is not planned. Will focus on sales of greeting cards and Infectious Awareables at our Conference.</p>	
<p><b>V. Public Health Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nassau DOH</li> <li>• Suffolk DOH</li> <li>• NYS DOH</li> </ul>	<p>Flu and norovirus still remain prevalent in NY.</p>	

**\*\* Members are encouraged to look at our Chapter Website frequently for important Infection Control information and resources.**

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**\*\*\*In case of Inclement Weather or Meeting Cancellation, please see Chapter Website or call (631) 632-SNOW for information.**

**Next Meeting:                      Tuesday, April 15th**  
**St Catherine's of Sienna Medical Center**  
**Nursing Home, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Christabel Room**  
**See Chapter Website for directions**

**Educational Session for April 15, 2008:**

**Topic: Using the NHSN to analyze your data**

**Presented by: M. Tsivitis MPH, CIC and V. Tucci IC Manager/Epidemiologist LIJ**

**Lunch provided by Ossie Rhoden, Richmond Lab**

Respectfully submitted,  
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Donna Caccavale President-Elect