

# APIC

## ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

### Long Island Chapter 38

### General Meeting Minutes 9/18/07

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 June 2007 meeting were accepted. Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBILITY
<b>Standing Business:</b>		
<b>I. New member Introductions Job Opening Announcements</b>	New Members welcomed: Janet Hsieh Li from Queens Children Psychiatric Center, Yolanda Yeuco from LI state Vets Home, Eddie Korycka from Sands Point, Elin Antinori from VA Northport. Job openings at Temple University, ICP needed in Brooklyn, St Catherine's looking for a FT coordinator, Northport looking for MRSA coordinator. Check chapter website for complete listing	
<b>II. Standing Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Financial Report</li> <li>• Bylaws</li> </ul>	-Strategic Plan: B. Lambert reports that the Chapter is on target with the plans. Changes will be finalized by B.Lambert and A. Candela. Public relations and advertising are still weak links for the chapter. Infection Control week would be an opportunity to do some advertising for the chapter. General membership will be asked if anyone is interested in participating. -P. Kabigting reported \$8770 in the general fund and \$10,000 in CDs. Written report on file with the minutes -Bylaws are not yet sent to National due to tentative changes in the meeting schedule. B. Lambert and A. Candela will complete this once the meeting schedule is finalized.	All Board members
<b>III. Old and New Business</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter Conference</li> </ul>	The Board discussed the Oct 2008 Chapter Conference. The conference is booked at the Swan Club with a \$500 deposit. The conference will be held on Tuesday Oct 21, 2008, in lieu of the monthly chapter meeting. Members are encouraged to save the date.	All Board members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule of meetings</li> </ul>	-Schedule of meetings: B. Lambert reports that the Sept through Dec meetings will be at South Oaks, Chapel Auditorium. Discussion of other possible locations for future meetings included Our Lady of Consolation and St Catherine's. General meetings will continue at 12 noon. The Board voted to continue monthly Board meetings at 10am until December. Board will meet from 10-11am; Conference planning from 11am-12noon with general membership invited; 12-1pm lunch and networking; 1-2pm general meeting and 2-3pm educational session. B.Lambert discussed the possibility of a webinar in lieu of a chapter meeting to avoid travel for members who are unable to leave their jobs. Tentative schedule for meetings after December was discussed. See the chapter website for details. Some meetings were changed due to conflict with holidays or other events.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYS Infection Control training course for new practitioners</li> </ul>	<p>B. Lambert reported on the info presented at the NYSACC meeting. The course will be presented for new practitioners, in Albany on Mon March 3 through Fri March 7, 2008. 150 participants are expected. The fee is only \$150 since this is a grant funded project. The fee includes breakfast and lunch. The hotel will cost approximately \$120 per room and the conference will take place in the hotel. Transportation is very convenient and volunteers are needed to teach and help with many other tasks such as registration, etc. CEUs will not be offered due to the lack of time for submission. Speaker outlines are due on 1/15/08. The intent is for the program to be offered in other locations as well.</p>	
<p><b>IV. Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYSACC</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Membership</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Nominating</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Website</li> <li>• Newsletter</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> <li>• Long term Care</li> <li>• Acute Care</li> </ul>	<p>B. Lambert requests that committee representatives email reports to D. Caccavale for inclusion in the monthly minutes.</p> <p>NSYACC - B. Lambert reported that the MRSA bill is currently in legislature. Letters to assemblymen are available on the national APIC website and members are encouraged to send letters to their elected officials. The Board discussed the possibility of legislature regarding reporting of staph infections and the impact of that. Additionally, CMS issues with reimbursement for facility acquired infections were discussed. Clinical representatives must have input into the legislation, since it does not address the difference between infection and colonization. The Board voted to draft a letter and include what Chapter 38 deems would be appropriate.</p> <p>B. Lambert presented a national APIC press release sample, which will be emailed to members and posted on the chapter website.</p> <p>Education – M. Tsivitis will be resigning from her position of Education Chair. The Board thanks Marie for an exceptional job done and knows that members are often encouraged to attend APIC due to the wonderful educational offerings. Marie will continue to assist in planning the educational sessions, but a volunteer will be sought to take over the role officially. Marie reviewed the following for membership: attendance certificates, CDC training materials, HEP B VIS must be offered to employees receiving vaccination; Flu VIS – date rec'd must be documented; GNYHA Conference in Oct at Laguardia Marriott; annual NHSN training first 2 weeks of Dec (see website): Upcoming Chapter calendar events reviewed.</p> <p>Membership – N. Barrett reported that the chapter currently has 99 members and 19 lapsed members. Nancy will contact the lapsed members.</p> <p>Library – no report</p> <p>Nominating – B. Kranz will be nominating chair for 2008. Positions for approval in Oct include President Elect for 2009, Nominating chair for 2008-2009, Secretary and Treasurer Elect for 2008.</p> <p>Marketing and Website- J. Greenko will be taking over the Webmaster role in 2008. The Board thanks Andrea for an unbelievable job done with our chapter website.</p> <p>Newsletter - members will be asked to contribute articles for the net newsletter</p> <p>Fundraising –D. DeDomenico sold APIC holiday cards at the meeting and collected \$216.</p> <p>-LTC report- New members welcomed. D. Caccavale reported. Issues discussed included foley bag changes, recent DOH citing of a facility in Suffolk for not hand washing for 30sec during tube feeding bag change, recent survey issues such as PPV for employees, CDC guidelines for Isolation for LTC 2007, N95s and OSHA, and AEDs in LTC.</p>	<p>All members</p>

	-Acute care report – MRSA and UTIs, and CMS reimbursement issues were discussed.	
<b>V. Public Health Announcements</b>	None	
<b>VI. Educational Presentations from attendees at APIC National</b>	A. Candela – Construction terminology B. Garcia – Zero Tolerance P. Kabigting – Post Exposure Prophylaxis C. Shannon - Monitoring of Hand Hygiene D. DeDomenico – Cdiff L. Barlow – Blood borne pathogens J. Padrone – Boomers, Gen Xers and Millenials; generational differences M. Solliday – MRSA guidelines M. Tsivitis – MRSA prevalence survey 2006 highlights B. Lambert – President’s meeting report	

**Educational Session:** Topic: Topics from APIC National Convention  
**Speaker:** Chapter attendees reported on lectures attended at the convention

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2007  
South Oaks Hospital  
Chapel Auditorium  
See Chapter Website for directions

Educational session for Oct 16 - Topic: Respiratory Viruses and Pandemic Preparedness  
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Speaker and luncheon Sponsored by Roche

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