**Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.**

**San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter 057**

**Minutes for March 8, 2023**

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| **TOPIC** | **PRESENTER** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION/ASSIGNMENT** |
| 1. Call to Order | Jarrod Becasen | TIME: 1300 | None |
| 2. Recognition/ Introductions | Jarrod Becasen | Meeting sponsored by Germitec.  New Members or Visitors:  When new members sign up, APIC alerts the chapter.  Andre Apodaca (Stryker Sage), Whitney Erdman, Natalie Jasa (BD), and Veronica Whitehorse.  Jennifer Pitt from Huntington Hospital in LA, moving to San Diego and will be joining our chapter.  New CIC Certifications or Re-certifications: none | None |
| 3. Old Business | Jarrod Becasen | Minutes approved for January 2023. <https://sdapic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/SDIC_minutes-02.08.2023.docx> | Minutes Approved. |
| 4. New Business | Jarrod Becasen | In-Person Engagement Incentive. This incentive is to encourage in person attendance at our monthly meetings. A little raffle will be done at the end of the meeting, gifts could be items such as gift cards.  Website malware attack, security package valid through 5/10/23, then $119.88/year for renewal. Jarrod is exploring APIC-hosted site option, mirror-site currently.  Motion to approve APIC chapter bank account transfer of authorizers from Maggie Turner and Sondra Lintz to Viviana Parra and Kristyn Schumacher. Frank Myers motioned to approved; Jarrod seconded.  Motion to approve tax filing professional service for business mutual fund and checking account. Jarrod motioned to approve; Frank Myers seconded.  UVDI hosting Complimentary Live CE Webinar: Improved Outcomes Using UV-C Disinfection: Targeting Prevalent MDROs in High-Risk Patient Areas (Dr. Ashish Mathur)  March 22, 2023, at 10am PST  1 CE Credit, Registration link - [UVDI CE Webinar Registration](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/uvdi.tellwise.com/rest/v1/url/redirect/eyJJZCI6MTE4MzY0MzMxNDk5NTQyNywiSW52aXRhdGlvbklkIjoxMTg0MDI2MDg2NTc2MzIyfQ__;!!CaRYG0c8Xg!AaU9tp8n0WhXfw4NHAJQI2WEj2b5vVCHsvXx6GmLPuw0hArDdJyxCyP884LaaJIKEM-dhQ0i01b-MBzD-nAo5vl4J1A5XnY$) | Encourage members to attend monthly meetings in person.  Motion Approved.  Motion Approved.  Sign up for Webinar. |
| 5. Membership Report | Liz Jefferson | Numbers current as of March 1, 2023:  153 Members (Up 18)  112 Full/Active Members (Up 21)  46 CIC (Up 3)  41 Associate Members (vendors) (Up 6)  Membership is receiving new member reports and sending out welcome letters. | None. |
| 6. Treasurer’s Report | Crystal | January 2023 Treasurer’s Report. No money spent in February.   1. Beginning Checking 01/01/2023 **$11,332.51**   **Cash Flow**  Deposits: **$0**  (PayPal-holiday party, APIC, Medline conference payment)  Disbursements: **$0**  (Board Meeting)  Ending balance: 02/28/2023 **$11,332.51**   1. Mutual Fund Investment: December 31 – January 31, 2023   Balance as of December 31, 2022 **$22,010.84**  *Income:* $ 202.80  *Fees:* $ 0.00  *Change in Investment Value:* $ (1,161.61)  Balance as of January 31, 2023: **$23,375.25** | None |
| 7. Education Report | Jessica Alicdan | New\*All APIC chapters will be collaborating with CACC to host monthly presentations to learn from other IPs across the state.  Next Meeting. Meeting hosted by Orange County on Friday, March 24  CACC in collaboration with Local APIC Chapters will be hosting monthly CEU starting April (Frank Myers). IPs are encouraged to present and use as a platform to practice presentations.  Mentorship Program has started. Reach out to Jessica if you have any questions.  Mentorship Timeline:  February 24, 2023: Mentor-Mentee match ups via email + letter  March 1, 2023: Start of Mentor-Mentee Program  August 2023: Six-month evaluation of the program  February 2024: 1 year evaluation of the program | Reach out to Jessica if you would like to be a presenter at our local SD Chapter Meeting. |
| 8. Legislative Report | Kim Delahanty | APIC Legislative Chapter Presentation: Infection Preventionists and APIC Priorities  Leg Day. Two scholarships available to go to Sacramento. Kim will be there to help guide. A review of the APIC Leg slides which can also be used if you decide to go to Leg Day, you can also use APIC’s ‘Infection Prevention and You’ infographic.  **Ideas of what to share:**  Who are IPs  Role and Responsibilities of an IP  What are HAI’s  Who IPs work with  **Other possible topics to discuss:**  APIC Advocacy (Federal Topics)  Coalition letter calling on Senate leaders to not consider H.R. 497, which would rescind the CMS rule requiring healthcare personnel to receive their COVID-19 vaccination  IDSA letter supporting the PASTEUR Act, which supports a subscription model for antibiotic research  Natural Resources Defense Council letter asks members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee to act on antibiotic use in food animals  APIC Federal Appropriations Process  Important Terms to Know During Appropriations  **Continuing Resolutions (CR)**  Legislation passed to continue government operations until a full appropriations bill is passed  CRs can be used to fund the government for a few days, weeks, or even months, depending on the circumstances  **Debt Ceiling**  Represents the maximum amount of money that the government can borrow to finance its operations  To raise the debt ceiling, Congress must pass legislation authorizing an increase in the limit. Which can be a bargaining chip to advance their policy goals or to force spending cuts  **Government Shutdown**  “Non-essential" government agencies and services are closed  **“Mini-buses”**  Smaller version of an omnibus, generally combining several different appropriations bills  **Omnibus Spending Bill**  Legislation that combines individual appropriations bills into one large bill that funds the federal government's discretionary spending for a given fiscal year  Typically a massive and complex piece of legislation that covers a broad range of policy areas and spending priorities  **APIC Priorities for FY 2024**  National Healthcare Safety Network  Asking for an increase in funding from FY 2023 levels  Expand critical user support for NHSN to additional facilities across the spectrum of care  Enable expansion of NHSN’s Antibiotic Use and Resistance (AUR) module reporting options  Antibiotic Resistance Solutions Initiative  Asking for an increase in funding from FY 2023 levels  Sustains the Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory Network of seven AR Regional Labs to serve as a national resource for cutting-edge lab support to states and characterize emerging resistance  Implement antibiotic stewardship programs that align with CDC’s Core Elements for Antibiotic Stewardship in inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care settings  BIO Preparedness Workforce Pilot Program  Incentive program for individuals to enter infectious disease fields  Passed late in 2023 as part Omnibus Package  Authorized, but did not fund the pilot program  **APIC Legislative Priorities**  Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes: Pre-COVID-19  CMS currently requires a “designated” IP, not a “dedicated” IP  IPs in nursing homes dedicate less than 1/3 of their job to infection control processes (many are “volunteered”).  Less than 10% of infection prevention personnel have specialized training in their field.  Infection prevention personnel in for-profit nursing homes dropped from 2014-2018.  1.6 to 3.8 million HAIs occur in nursing homes annually. ​  Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes: During-COVID-19  At the peak, 34% of all COVID deaths were in nursing homes  CMS and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, labeled nurses in LTC as one of the deadliest jobs of 2020  National Guard called in to help facilities with staffing shortages.  APIC Goals for IPs in Nursing Homes  At a minimum, 1 full-time dedicated IP on the premises  IP must be certified in Infection Prevention and Control  Use National Healthcare Safety Network to track prevalent HAIs  CDC’s System for reporting HAIs in a standardized way  BIO Preparedness Workforce Act (H.R. 5602/S. 3244)  This bill is key to preparing for future pandemics  40% of the IP workforce will enter retirement age within the next ten years  Student loan burdens are a challenge for infection preventionists entering the field  When IPs were asked what could improve retention, continuing education support and tuition reimbursement were two of the highest rated incentives  Bolstering Infectious Outbreaks (BIO) Preparedness Workforce Act (H.R. 5602/S. 3244)  Legislation was introduced Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA) and Rep. David McKinley (R-WV) and Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)  Directs the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administrator (HRSA), to establish a student loan repayment program specifically for the infectious disease workforce  Includes IPs, Infectious Disease Physicians, Lab techs and other infectious disease professionals  For each year of service, a qualified individual entering a contract will receive no more than a third of their loan balance each year not to exceed $50,000  OSHA proposed standards, for awareness only!  Review of OSHA proposals post COVID-19, for all settings where any employee provides healthcare services. Reviewed all the new, retained, modified, and removed requirements. Note: this is a proposed standard only. | None. |
| 9. Social Committee | Latrice Jackson-Washington,  Christian B. Andaya,  Heidi Campas-Higgins | Summer Social. Save the Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 11 AM to 3 PM, location TBD. [APIC | San Diego Chapter » 2023 Summer Event (sdapic.org)](https://sdapic.org/2023-summer-event/)  Possible Ideas.   * Beachside with picnic or an activity. * Considering Bahia Resort, depending on cost. * Liberty Station. * Open to ideas. | Reach out to the Social Committee if you have ideas on a venue. |
| 10. Nomination Committee | Lisa Mattia | 2023 Education Support Awards applications to open soon, after the budget is complete.  Education Award Schedule   * 2022 award recipients = expires June 30, 2023 * 2023 award recipients = expires June 30, 2024   Applications open for ESAs. [APIC | San Diego Chapter » Important Links & Tools (sdapic.org)](https://sdapic.org/important-links-tools/)   * $2000 for National APIC Conference (Application Due Date: May 26, 2023) <https://www.emedevents.com/c/medical-conferences-2023/association-for-professionals-in-infection-control-and-epidemiology-apic-2023> * $600 for Cheryl Richardson Leg Day (Application Due Date: April 5, 2023) <https://community.apic.org/cacc/events/meetings> * (6) $500 for Standard Award (Application Due Date: December 31, 2023) <https://forms.gle/pJzRgucefbC1SLgv7> * Earmark 3 for SNF/LTC IP chapter participant   If you receive an award, it is encouraged that you would come back and share with the committee what you learned from the conference. | None.  Only two applications received for the Standard APIC award, so if you are interested, apply. |
| 12. Updates |  |  |  |
| 12.1 HAI Advisory Committee |  | No Report. | None |
| 12.2 CACC Meeting | Jarrod Becasen | Deferred to next meeting as budget not updated.   * Meeting schedule posted <https://community.apic.org/cacc/events/meetings>   Friday, March 24, 2023; 9:00am - 3:05pm Hosted by Orange County Chapter  Host Chapter Contact: Heather West  In-Person Location: Mission Conference Center 26726 Crown Valley Parkway, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 ([MAP](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/APIC/99e02149-c1d1-4740-9e58-0306e97a6ef3/UploadedImages/missionviejocampusmap.pdf))  Closest Airport: John Wayne Airport (SNA)  Virtual: [Zoom Link](https://apic.zoom.us/j/88938586944?pwd=UytrZTh4ZG4zZEoya1lvNEdCb2NUUT09) | None.  If you are interested in participating in CACC, email Jarrod. |
| 12.3 Legislative Report | Frank Edward Myers III | No Report. | None |
| 12.4 HAI Liaison Report | Tracy Lanier, Maggie Turner, Deweese Quigley | No Report. | None |
| 12.5 IDAC Report | Lisa Kilgore | * Link to IDAC for more information <https://idac.org/> * IDAC 37th Annual Southern California Spring Symposium, May 6-7, 2023, Register at <https://idac.org/event-4811349> * Next IP day in November 2023. | Sign up for IDAC 37th Annual Southern CA Spring Symposium. |
| 12.6 GERM Report | Frank Edward Myers III | * Working on a county-wide antibiogram * HEP A outbreak in unsheltered population. Request is to offer vaccines. Lisa to send out a link to the group. [HEP A Vaccine Info](https://sdapic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/HAV_Vaccination_Reminder_for_Healthcare_Providers_02162023.pdf) * If you are interested in GERM, reach out to Frank via email or text for more information. * Dr. Francesca Torriani is the current President of GERM * <http://www.sdcms.org/about-sdcms/committees-commissions/sdcms-germ-commission.aspx> * You can use this link to look for a physician or journals. The October journal has an article around the new changes to endoscope reprocessing. | Encourage vaccine to homeless population.  Email Frank is you are interested in participating in GERM. |
| 13. Long-Term Care | Israel Sanchez | No Report. | None |
| 14. Ambulatory Care | Janessa Esteban | * Just finished survey, went well. | None. |
| 15. Pediatric Care | Rady Children’s | * Seeing a high number of RSV and Rhino. * Closed COVID vaccine clinic. | None |
| 16. County Epidemiology | Catherine Blaser | At this time, we have limited HEP A vaccine supply as there is not a declared outbreak. If organizations need vaccine, reach out to the county immunizations group. | None. |
| 17. Other Announcements, Questions, Comments | Group | Recent Surveys   * UCSD had their survey two weeks ago. * One finding in HLD. * Hand hygiene finding, changed gloves with blood to new gloves but did not wash hands in between. * Oxivir wipes had the wrong expiration date on them, was a printing error.   **Open Positions:**  VA is going to be posting a new IP position.  Scripps per diem position for NHSN Surveillance. Posted, 100% Remote.  Sharp Chula Vista fulltime IP position. Posted  0.8 FTE at Scripps Green. Posted.  SHEA is redoing MRSA document. They state that contact precautions are essential. APIC has endorsed, IDSA not in support.  **Celebrating the Life of Rowena Okumura**  **SUNDAY, MARCH 19 FROM 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM PT**  **https://www.evite.com/event/02D26V6NHHDZ6UJ7UEPNXFS7ITIUAA/**  **Training**:  Under the Scope by Jessica Alicdan. [Webinar Link](https://sdapic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Webinar-03-22-23-Improved-Outcomes-Using-UV-Disinfection.pdf)  **Winner of the Starbucks gift card:**  **NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  Location: Sharp Copley, 5651 Copley Dr, San Diego, CA 92111, Room C  Sharp Copley is within the “substantial tier” and currently does not allow food inside  Virtual Link: [APIC ZOOM Meeting Link April 12, 2023](https://apic.zoom.us/j/89108082766?pwd=SWFSdlczNDZNQVA0TGwrRW9BUFlxZz09) | None  Reach out to APIC practice guidance, ask them to revisit. |
| 18. Adjournment | Jarrod Becasen | TIME: 1530 | None |

