



# APIC SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTY

Business Meeting  
August 9, 2023

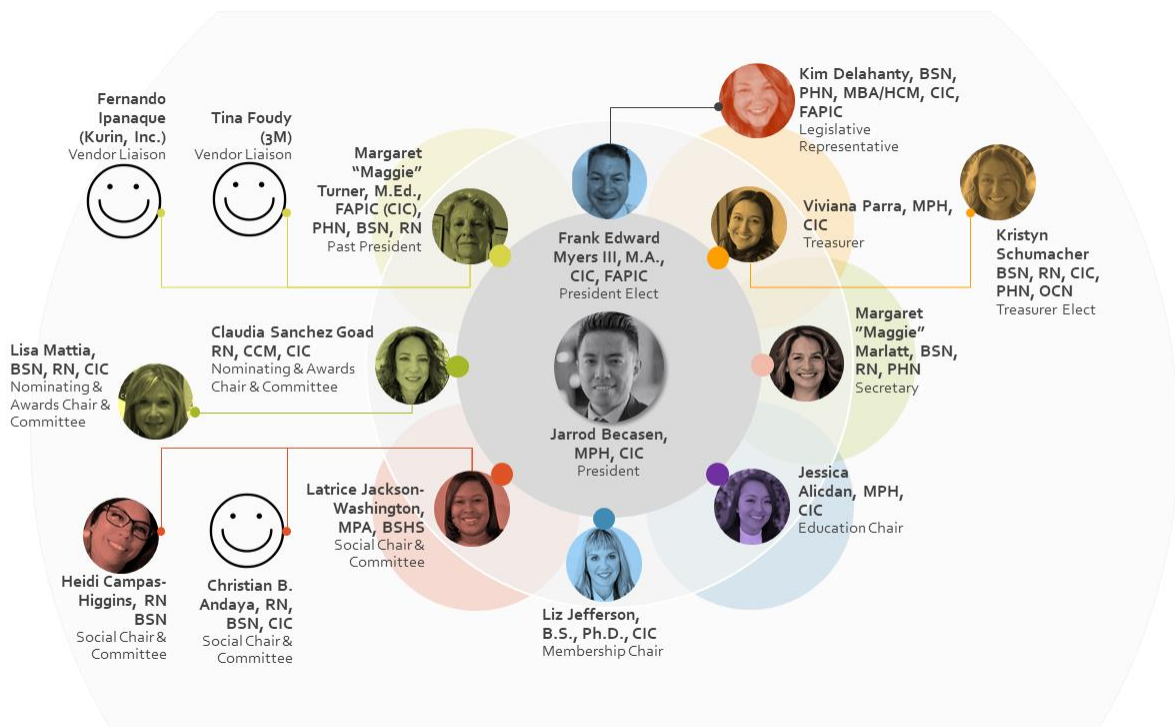
## Introductions & Recognitions

- **New Members or Visitors**
  - William Cullers - Adventist Health and Rideout
  - Caitlyn Price - Associate Member
  - Juliana Rodrigues - Infection Control RN
  - Aryeh Feldheim - UCSD Health
  - Jorge Otanez - Truecare
  - Nicole Davis - Eloquest
  - Jennifer Pitt
  - Mariah Maier - Scripps Health
  - Elizabeth Scharfe - Loma Linda University Medical Center
  - Rhonda Gonzalez - Sacramento Native American Health Center
- **New CIC certifications or re-certifications**

# Old Business

## Jarrorod Becasen

► May 2023 minutes



## Chapter Goals for 2023

Jarrold Becasen

- ▶ **Elevate Infection Preventionists as essential advocates, leaders, and experts**
  1. Increase member certification (CIC® & a-IPC™) by 5% from December 2022 within 1 year
- ▶ **Foster development of the next generation infection prevention and control workforce**
  2. Institute a chapter-based mentorship program that would provide resources to new or budding IPs, SNF & LTCF IPs, and support other career pipelines to the profession by December 2023
  3. Host a ~~joint~~ infection prevention educational conference to provide continuing education and network with industry partners by September 2023
  4. Host a virtual infection prevention educational webinar geared towards California SNF & LTCF IPs by November 2023

## New Business


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- ▶ **In-Person Engagement Incentive & Lunch & Networking Hour in October (Starts at Noon)!**
- ▶ **Fall Chapter Conference, Save-the-Date: September 29, 2023**
  - ▶ “Getting Back to Basics” <https://sdapic.org/2023-annual-conference/>
  - ▶ Register now, share with hospital partners (EVS, SPD, CNS, CE, Quality, RNs, Techs, Lab, etc.)
  - ▶ Vendor Registration - 30 capacity
- ▶ **CBIC Board Updates: Effective January 1, 2028**
  - ▶ demonstrate that portion IPU's are attained in different years of the five-year certification cycle.
  - ▶ multi-session infection control courses that offer CEUs, an IPU may be awarded for each educational session of one hour or more, to a maximum of 30 IPU's for the course.
  - ▶ recommends candidates earn at least two IPU's from diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and health equity within healthcare as a part of the minimum required 40 IPU's. DEI and health equity should be self-evident in the title or learning objectives.



# New Business

## Jarrold Becasen

- ▶ **CMS Changes to TJC Operations Effective July 14, 2023** [Joint Commission - CMS Transmittal Memo.pdf](#)
  - ▶ No more 7:30am notifications on TJC's website. TJC will begin to adopt CDPH's approach of just showing up. They also won't call to inquire about our scheduling prior to a hospital's survey. (see section 1 of the memo)
  - ▶ No more avoid dates (see section 2 of the memo)
  - ▶ TJC won't conduct offsite complaint investigations anymore—they'll either choose to do an immediate visit, move a facility's survey up sooner, or defer the investigation until the next survey date.
- ▶ **Member Service Committee**
  - ▶ Region 8b MSC Liaison - Aresenia Golfo 
  - ▶ [MSC Quarterly Update\\_June 2023.pdf](#)
- ▶ **Edx Award Recipient Presentation** Emily Barnard, MPH, CIC



## SDIC APIC Scholarship Presentation

Emily Barnard

8/9/2023



## Memorable Moments

### Florida 2023 National APIC Conference

#### **Presentations** **Vendor Networking**



Presentation title

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## Chaos to Cohesion: Building an IP Team



Maria Vacca MSN, RN, CIC,  
FAPIC  
Mary Ehly BSN, RN, CIC

- Effective departmental communication
  - Whiteboard
  - Teams
- Team Wellness
- Celebration of milestones (Birthdays, achievements, etc.)
- Work life balance
  - Flexible schedules
  - 4x 10Hrs/week
- Team building activates
- Diversity inclusion (gender, race, degree, religion, culture, etc.)

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# Gemba Walk to Sustainable High-level Disinfection Compliance



Emily Barnard, PhD-c, MPH, CIC  
 Eva Ghabrial, MBBCH, MPH, CIC, HACCP-CMS

- Process improvement project
- Abstract and objectives development
  - Who, What, When, Where, Why, How
- Outline – presentation concept development
- Development of PowerPoint Presentation
- Rehearsal for content, time, flow
  - Feedback integration



## Vendor Engagement: Olympus

### Damage Endoscopes Group 1, 2, & 3

OER PRO	OER Elite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify damage, if possible</li> <li>• Wrap with electric tape</li> <li>• Run cycle as normal</li> <li>• Scope decontamination</li> <li>• Leak test</li> <li>• Package and send for</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connector MAJ-2127</li> <li>• Attach to leaking scope</li> <li>• Run cycle as normal</li> <li>• Scope decontamination</li> <li>• Package and send for service</li> </ul>

# OER Endoscope Compatibility

OER PRO Group 1 and 2: PINK colored retaining rack. Do not use with white colored retaining rack.

OER PRO: MAJ-1970 Pink (Group 1,2)  
OER PRO: MAJ-840 Blue (Group 3)

OER ELITE: GL-830600



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Thank you

## Attend In-Person Recommendations:

- Attend speaker sessions
- Catch up on missed sessions
- Attend sponsored events
- Connect with vendors, speakers, and APIC attendees
  - Cell phone
  - Email
  - LinkedIn

## Membership Report

Liz Jefferson

- 153 members as of 8/7/23
- 115 full/active members
- 43 members with CIC
- 38 associate members

## Treasurer Report

Viviana Parra & Kristyn Schumacher

- ▶ BOD Approval to use MF contingent on inadequate sale of conference 7/25/23
- ▶ Beginning checking account balance: July 1, 2023 \$8,568.67
  - ▶ Deposits: \$13,967.91 (conference payments, APIC fees, opportunity raffle)
  - ▶ Disbursements: \$3,949.61 (scholarships, summer social, checks)
  - ▶ Ending balance: July 31, 2023 \$18,568.97
- ▶ Mutual fund and account access approval - include titles

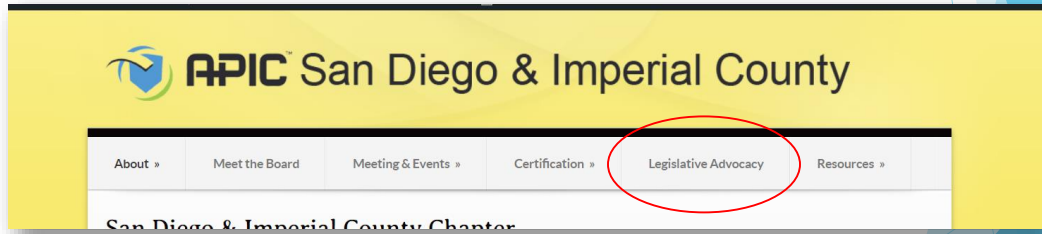




# Legislative Report

Kim Delahanty

- ▶ CLR reports in new website location



A graphic with a blue and green background. On the left, the APIC logo is displayed, consisting of a stylized white bird-like icon and the text "APIC Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology". On the right, the text "Chapter Legislative Representative Meeting" is written in white, with a horizontal line underneath. Below this, the date "July 31, 2023" is also written in white.



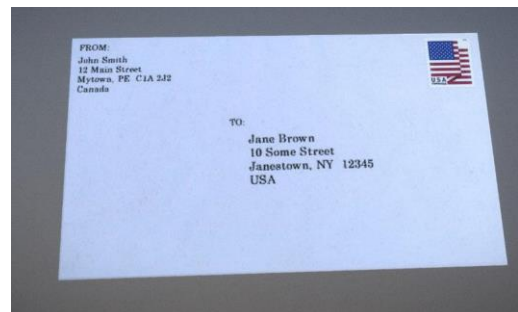
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Joined several coalition letters this month around the following topics:

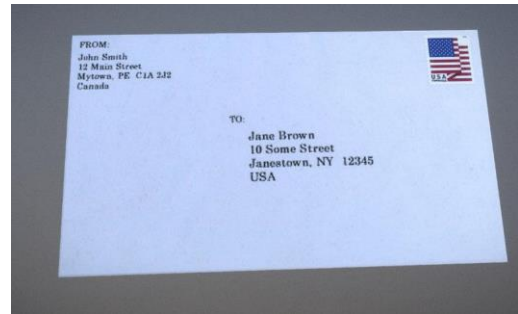
- APIC letter to New York legislators supporting S. 6347, regarding Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) standards in healthcare facilities.
- APIC letter to Florida legislators on the need to support pro-vaccine legislation during the legislative session.
- Coalition letter telling Congress to protect funding for non-defense discretionary appropriations. It was signed by 760 organizations.



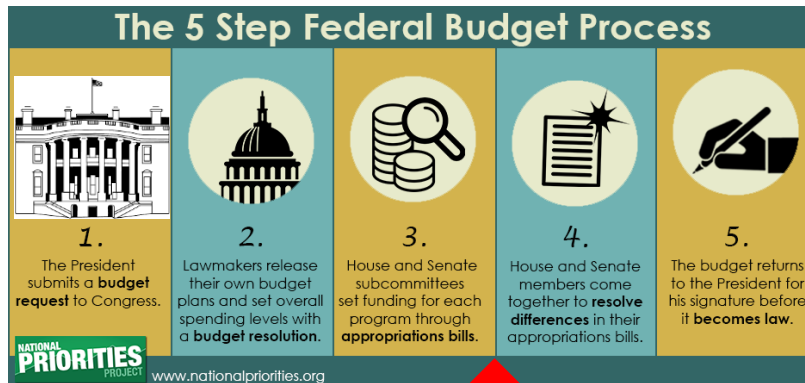


## APIC Advocacy

- APIC sent a letter to Congress urging action around IPC in nursing homes including the need for a full-time IP and surveillance.
- Coalition letter urging the Administration to work with Congress to secure funding for the Bio-Preparedness Workforce Pilot Program in FY2024 and FY 2025
- Encouraged Congress to pass the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization before it expires on September 30.
- Urged Congress to reject the House and Senate Animal Drug User Fee Act Reauthorization, as it contains weak provisions around animal use of antibiotics.



## APIC Federal Appropriations Process



We are here

- The House Appropriations Committee has passed their bills
- The House has not passed them
- Under this proposal there are major cuts:
  - Department of Health and Human Services would receive a 14% reduction from FY 2023
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would receive an 18% reduction from FY 2023
  - Eliminates funding for Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
  - Eliminates funding for the Center for Forecasting and Analytics, a cut of \$50 million below the enacted level
  - Eliminates funding for multiple programs to support diversity in the healthcare workforce





## APIC Federal Legislative Update

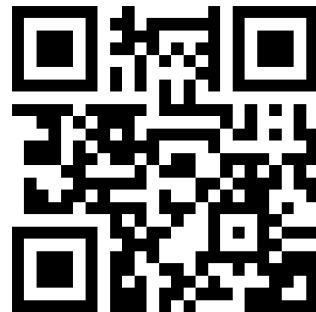
- The Senate Appropriations Committee has passed their bills
- The Senate has not passed them
- Under this proposal most key programs are flat funded:
  - **Department of Health and Human Services** – topline is \$7.2 billion less than the FY 2023
  - **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** - \$9.2 B, flat funded from FY 2023
  - **Center for Forecasting and Analytics** receives a cut of \$5 million
  - **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** received a cut of \$3 million from FY 2023



## APIC Federal Legislative Update

- Both chambers are very far apart
- Congress is in recess and will only have 11 legislative days to act
- House of Representatives is showing signs of struggle to pass the “easier” appropriations bills
- Shutdown or Continuing resolution seems most likely outcome by October 1
- **APIC members need to take action!**

### APIC Pre-written Action Alert



<https://www.voterveice.net/APICorg/Campaigns/106333/Respond>

## Education Report

Jessica Alicdan

- ▶ [Mentorship Program Midpoint Evaluation](#) to be completed by September 15
  - ▶ Participants enrolled, please check your email for survey link or select hyperlink above
- ▶ CEU Certificate update to include IPU domain category to support CBIC updated criteria
- ▶ October 11 SDIC APIC:
  - ▶ Searching for 5 speakers in our SDIC APIC Chapter
    - ▶ 5 min presentation each w/5 min Q&A
  - ▶ We want to learn from our own IPs on studies, performance improvement projects, Initiatives or any learning topics of your interest you wish to share with the chapter. Please contact Jessica Alicdan at [Jalican@health.ucsd.edu](mailto:Jalican@health.ucsd.edu)



## Nominating & Awards Committee Report

Claudia Sanchez Goad & Lisa Mattia

### “Standard APIC” Award

- ▶ Term of Award: January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
- ▶ Award amount: \$500.00
- ▶ Number of awards: 3 awards earmarked for SNF/LTC IP chapter participant

Complete Applications @

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyAlt7gL3D\\_8cfdW5TuumCfOAnJTYXBouNoOCCE9L-OvdRoA/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyAlt7gL3D_8cfdW5TuumCfOAnJTYXBouNoOCCE9L-OvdRoA/viewform?usp=pp_url)

- ▶ Application due date: December 31, 2023

## Social Committee

Latrice Jackson-Washington, Christian Andaya, Heidi Campas-Higgins

TOTAL 4 PLAYERS		MATCH 1 3 PLAYERS					
	MATCH1	MATCH2	MATCH4	AVERAGE	SCRATCH	HOP	TOTAL
BOY WONDER	79	20	67	55.3	166	0	166
FLASH	65	14	104	61.0	183	0	183
WONDERWOMAN	75	16	114	68.3	205	0	205
CORALINE			62	62.0	62	0	62
SCRATCH	219	50	347		616		
HDP	0	0	0		0		
TOTAL	219	50	347				616

BOY WONDER THROW A BALL TO CONTINUE

⏪ to navigate through the games   ⏩ to scroll   ⏏ to exit



## HAI Liaison & Advisory Report

Tracy Lanier, Maggie Turner, Deweese Quigley

- ▶ HAI Advisory Committee Meeting
  - ▶ For questions about upcoming meetings, please e-mail [HAIProgram@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:HAIProgram@cdph.ca.gov) or call (510) 412-6060

## California APIC Coordinating Council

Jessica Alicdan, Jarrod Becasen

- ▶ Meeting schedule posted  
<https://community.apic.org/cacc/events/meetings>
- ▶ Joint Chapter Education Schedule  
<https://community.apic.org/cacc/events/jointchapter>

### Speaker & Meeting Sponsors:

Nanosonics  
Barclay Water Management, Inc.  
Karius

### Presentations:

Hosniyeh Bagheri, BSN, RN, CIC  
Shantala Ahanya, MPH, CIC  
*CDPH HAI Update*



Allyson Luva, MSN, BSN, RN, PHN, CIC  
Dr. Brandie Richards, DNP, NP-C, CCRN  
*Collaborative Approach to Reduce Hospital-Acquired Infections During the COVID-19 Pandemic*

August 11, 2023

FRIDAY

9:00am- 3:05pm

Hosted by Coastline Chapter

**Host Chapter President:**  
Rene Rothrock-Singleton

**In-Person Location:**  
Long Beach Medical Center  
Houssels Forum  
2801 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807  
([map](#))

Closest Airport: Long Beach Airport (LGB)  
or Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

Recommended Lodging: Quality Inn Long  
Beach- Signal Hill

[Website](#)

**Virtual:**  
[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

[Add to your Calendar](#)  
[RSVP here](#)



## Infectious Disease Association of California (IDAC) Report

Lisa Kilgore

▶ <https://idac.org/>

## Group to Eradicate Resistant Microorganisms (GERM) Commission Report

Frank Myers

▶ <http://www.sdcms.org/about-sdcms/committees-commissions/sdcms-germ-commission.aspx>

- ▶ **Charge:** SDCMS's GERM Commission advises the SDCMS board of directors on antibiotic-resistant microorganisms and provides expert input on infectious disease and bioterrorism.
- ▶ **Chair:** Francesca J. Torriani, MD
- ▶ **Staff:** [Jennipher Ohmstede](#)
- ▶ **Meets:** Quarterly (February, May, August, November)

## Long Term Care

### Israel Sanchez

## Ambulatory Care

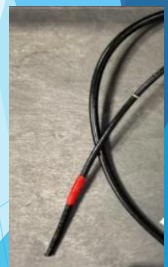
### Janessa Esteban

#### Addressing Gaps in Practice

- ▶ Identify the issues, trends, needs with key stakeholders
  - ▶ Develop standard of work/practice guidelines, policy, and or competency validation (initial and ongoing) in accordance with evidence-based practices, national guidelines, rules and regulations and Instruction for Use (IFU)
  - ▶ Vendor in-services
- ▶ Dissemination and collaboration with key stakeholders
- ▶ Ongoing quality improvement and sustainability (monthly or biweekly committees, rounds/inspection tool)

#### Olympus Endoscope In-service Update

- ▶ Letter from 2014 discusses mandatory cleaning for leaking scopes not in the IFU
  - ▶ Disinfect or sterilize a scope before sending out for repair
- ▶ Leaking scope need to tape holes and maintain continuous pressure to prevent damage to the internal system.
- ▶ Processes are different between AERs-may need to manually disinfection (back up process)
- ▶ Continuous in-services with manufacturer discuss the repair process for leaks, delayed reprocessing, working towards initiatives to decrease costs (repair reduction program), etc.



# Pediatric Care

Rady Children's

# County Epidemiology

Grace Kang & Mara Rauhauser



San Diego Immunization Coalition Presents

## 2023 KICK THE FLU +2

featuring COVID-19 and RSV

**Calling all Immunization Champions!**

Learn more about the upcoming Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV season and let's vaccinate San Diego together!

**Register [here!](#)**

**Wednesday, August 30, 2023**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**County Operations Center Chambers**  
**5520 Overland Ave.**  
**San Diego, CA 92123**



## Announcements, Questions, & Comments

- ▶ Surveys (The Joint Commission, CDPH, etc.)
- ▶ Acknowledgments
- ▶ New Positions in San Diego or Imperial County
- ▶ Questions/Discussion
- ▶ **Next Meeting:** October 11, 2023, HYBRID

Orange County APIC Annual Conference Present

*View From The Hills*

Advancing Infection Prevention  
Friday, October 13, 2023  
8 AM - 3:30 PM  
COME JOIN US FOR A DAY OF INSIGHT

**Five Fundamental Speakers including Dr. Aaron Kofman from the CDC  
Vendor Exhibit  
Continental Breakfast, Mimosas & Lunch**

*Orange Hill*  
RESTAURANT & BAR SPECIAL EVENTS  
6410 East Chapman Ave. Orange 92669



**Registration Fees**  
Attendees - \$120 (includes Valet Parking, Mimosas, Continental Breakfast & Lunch)  
Vendors - \$500  
Doors Open @ 7:30 for Registration

**SCAN NOW - Reserve Your Seating!**  
<https://forms.office.com/2NuDk3...>  
Space is Limited!