



## Member Meeting Minutes: 11/12/2024

Hybrid: Fullerton Urgent Care/Virtual Teams Meeting

1	Agenda Item	Presenter	Minutes	Time
1	<b>Call to Order</b>			12:00-12:05
	Review last meeting Minutes	Suwannee	<p>Suwannee called the meeting to order.            Heather presented the agenda for the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of previous minutes</li> <li>• Introduction of new members/Vendors and Recognition</li> <li>• OCHCA Report</li> <li>• Regulatory sharing</li> <li>• Announcements</li> <li>• Membership Spotlight</li> <li>• Board Report</li> <li>• Vendor Report</li> <li>• Round Table</li> <li>• Education Presentation</li> </ul> <p>Suwannee asked for a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from September 10. Motion to approve the minutes was received and seconded; the September minutes were approved.</p>	
	Introductions: New Members/Vendors		No new members / vendors in person or online	
	Recognitions: CICs, FAPICs, Honors/Awards		One new member from St Jude received her CIC.	
2	<b>OCHCA Report</b>	Mimi for Dr. Zahn	<p>Mimi presented the OCHCA report for Dr Zahn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on the MDRO exchange</li> <li>- Update regarding Flu reporting for the 2024-2025 season</li> </ul>	12:05- 12:15
3	<b>Old Business</b>		None	12:15-12:20
4	<b>Announcements</b>	Suwannee	<p>Suwannee presented the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please help your Chapter: we still need the following positions filled</li> </ul>	12:20 -12:25

			<p>for 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member at Large year 1</li> <li>• Award and Nominating Committee (3 members)</li> <li>• Donna Law Nomination: we need to nominate someone for the Donna Law award for this year. Here's a little bit of background - Donna Law was an Infection Preventionist in the Orange County APIC Chapter from 1983 to 1987. Although new in her role in infection prevention, Donna actively participated in our Chapter. She served as a member of the Board and the Education Committee, and was always willing to volunteer her time and help for the chapter. Donna's enthusiasm for infection prevention, her continuing efforts to work, to attend chapter meetings, and to study for her CIC certification throughout her illness served as an inspiration to us all. Her infection control colleagues in our chapter established this award after her death in 1987.</li> </ul> <p>This award recognizes achievements in infection prevention, leadership, integrity, interest in epidemiology and improvement in patient outcomes.</p>	
5	<b>Regulatory/Position Sharing</b>			12:25-12:30
	CDPH HAI Validation Surveys, CDPH, PSLs, TJC, CMS, Cal OSHA, etc.	All	None	
	IP Job Openings	All	None	
6	<b>Membership Spotlight</b>	<b>Tamara Alvarez, MBS, a-IPC</b>	<p>1. <b>What made you want to pursue a career in infection prevention and control?</b></p> <p>My personal experience with my immunocompromised son, who underwent a kidney transplant back in 2011, initially sparked my interest in infection prevention. Witnessing firsthand the importance of safeguarding vulnerable patients like him drove my passion to make a positive impact in this field.</p> <p>I started at Clorox Healthcare focused on environmental cleaning and disinfection and then transitioned to hand hygiene at GOJO/Purell Healthcare. At these two organizations, I built a solid foundation for understanding the critical role of Infection Prevention. Now, working in facilities and construction in healthcare settings at The Garland Co., I'm particularly drawn to the unique challenges and opportunities that arise during construction, renovation, and maintenance activities. By focusing</p>	12:30-12:35

			<p>on preventing healthcare-acquired infections as a result of critical infrastructure work, I can continue to contribute to the safety and well-being of patients, like my son.</p> <p><b>2. What does being a-IPC mean to you?</b> Obtaining the a-IPC is a significant milestone for me, reflecting over 15 years of time as a valued strategic partner in this field. My dedication to making a meaningful difference in patient care is evident in the relationships I have built, where I truly strive to understand their unique challenges and provide solutions that lead to positive outcomes. I believe that collaborative partnerships between healthcare providers and strategic partners are essential for achieving success.</p> <p><b>3. What was the best studying method for you when preparing for the examination?</b> My experience working with hospitals was invaluable in preparing for the Infection Prevention certification exam as I always strived to learn as much as I could, even outside of my specific focus. I encourage all vendors to deepen their understanding of infection prevention by actively participating in organizations like APIC (I served on several local APIC chapter boards), attending CE presentations, and spending time learning from clinicians. Additionally, I found the APIC prep course and practice exams to be great resources.</p> <p><b>4. How has gaining the a-IPC™ credential impacted your career development?</b> Gaining the a-IPC credential has inspired me to seek out opportunities where I can use my expertise to help others, by providing education for teams, particularly in facilities and construction as a valued partner. I'm eager to share my knowledge to help improve compliance and mitigate risks associated with construction activities.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Is It an HAI?</b>		No "Is It an HAI" for this meeting.	12:35-12:40
<b>8</b>	<b>New Business / Board Member Reports</b>			12:40-1:00
	President's Report	Suwannee	<p><b>CBIC Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate – Infection Prevention and Control (a-IPCTM) certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Measure of basic infection prevention competency. It is intended for the novice IP and for those interested in pursuing careers in infection prevention and control. There are no eligibility requirements to apply for the a-IPCTM.</li> <li>○ Valid for five years</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Renewable through exam or continuing education as Infection Prevention Units (IPUs).</li> </ul> <p><b>For more information on this update, visit the <a href="#">CBIC website</a>.</b></p> <p><b>2025 AI Webinar Series</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This series will provide tools for how IPs can become critical coaches in the deployment of these technologies within their organizations as the technology continues to emerge.</li> </ul> <p>Suwanee provided information (titles, dates and times) for several AI webinars that members can register for and attend.</p>	
	<p>Past President's Report</p>	<p>Heather West</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heather presented an update on the holiday luncheon</li> <li>2. Tamara Alvarez presented the "Trauma Intervention Program – TIP of Orange County as a non-profit for our charity auction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TIP of Orange County is a chapter of Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. (TIP), a national non-profit organization founded in 1985 in San Diego County.</li> <li>• Volunteers respond quickly to traumatic incidents at the request of law enforcement, fire and hospital personnel to offer emotional support and practical resources to survivors, family members, witnesses, friends and bystanders.</li> <li>• Volunteers are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to support those in need following an unexpected death or injury, suicide, overdose, motor vehicle or other accident, fire, sexual assault or other tragic event - often on the worst day of someone's life.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Heather presented the "DYIN 2 LIVE DREAMS" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implemented in 2011, Dyin 2 Live Dreams is a wish-granting program committed to helping those who are currently in the fight against cancer by giving them a one-of-a-kind "VIP Experience" that may be a source of hope, joy, and inspiration while they continue in their fight against these terrible diseases.</li> <li>• Through our extensive network of friends, supporters, and partners, we put together our VIP Experiences, focusing on select music festivals, concerts, and sporting events throughout the year. We take our Dyin 2 Live Dreams recipients backstage and behind the scenes at these events to meet their favorite bands, artists, athletes, and</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

			<p>celebrities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A nonprofit organization grounded in its belief that raising awareness and providing education about early cancer detection and prevention is the best way to keep the disease from taking lives.</li> </ul>	
	<p>President-Elect Report</p>	<p>Emily Bernard</p>	<p>Emily presented the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. APIC Associate and Retired Memberships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Undergraduate Student Member   US/Canada \$25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergraduate Student Members shall be individuals enrolled in an associate or bachelor’s degree program at an accredited institution</li> <li>• Who have never been employed in infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology.</li> <li>• Undergraduate Student Members may not vote, hold elected office, or serve on committees.</li> <li>• Note: Proof of program enrollment is required for Undergraduate Student Membership.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Graduate Student Member   US/Canada \$55</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Student Members shall be individuals enrolled in a master’s or doctorate program at an accredited institution</li> <li>• Who have never been employed in infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology.</li> <li>• Graduate Student Members may not vote, hold elected office, or serve on committees.</li> <li>• Note: Proof of program enrollment is required for Graduate Student Membership.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Retired Member   US/Canada \$80</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. APIC Membership Discount / Advanced Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Advanced Training Discount (save \$50)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New to Profession and Professional Members based in the US/Canada and enrolled in a formal degree or certificate program with an accredited college/university can save \$50 on annual membership dues.</li> <li>• Discount is available to both new and renewing members. Discount is only available online and must be entered at the</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

			<p>time of payment. The code cannot be applied retroactively or outside of the annual join/renew process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discount can only be used once per program and degree/certification information must be provided at the time of payment.</li> <li>To take advantage of this discount, enter M7W2F9 in the online form. Questions? Contact <a href="mailto:membership@apic.org">membership@apic.org</a>.</li> </ul>	
	Treasurer's Report	Carolyn Khong	Carolyn presented a detailed report on the budget and the projections for 2025.	
	Secretary	Salah Fouad	No report	
	Membership at Large Year 2	Sarah Pak	No report	
	Membership at Large Year 1	Nakdong Brunelle	No report	
	Membership Secretary	Amanda Frutos	No report	
	Social Media/Webmaster	Mary Payumo	<p>Suwannee presented the report for Mary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 Fall Conference Website update.</li> <li>2024 Holiday Luncheon update</li> </ul>	
	Vendor Liaison	Kristen Ruinard	<p>Kristen presented her final report as Vendor representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you for your support and a great conference!!</li> <li>2025 Vendor Liaison – Lindsay Kincaid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Phone:</b> (330) 697-0423, <b>Email:</b> KincaidL@GOJO.COM</li> <li>Monthly meeting sponsorships for 2025 will open soon.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Round Table / Adjournment</b>		No roundtable discussion	1:00 pm
<b>11</b>	<b>Vendor Product Presentation:</b>		Hygiena: The numerous benefits of ATP cleaning verifications	10 min (1:00-1:10pm)
<b>12</b>	<b>Intermission</b>			1:10 -1:30pm

**Next Meeting:** 1/14/2025

Education Presentation	Presenter	Time
Operation of Food and Nutrition – Hospital setting	Hector Vasquez, MS, RD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of California, Davis: BS Biological Anthropology</li> <li>• California State University, Long Beach: MS Nutritional Science</li> <li>• Dietetic Internship</li> <li>• Clinical Dietitian               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital setting</li> <li>• Inpatient &amp; Outpatient</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1:30 – 3:30pm (1.0 CE hour)

Board & Committee			
President	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suwannee Srisatidnarakul</b> (City of Hope)	Member at Large Year 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Nakdong Brunelle</b> (MemorialCare Long Beach Med Ctr)
President-Past	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Heather West</b> (Kaiser)	Member at Large Year 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sarah Pak</b> (Kaiser)
President-Elect	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Emily Barnard</b> (Loma Linda University)	Membership Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Amanda Frutos</b> (Hoag Hospital)
Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Carolyn Khong</b> (Providence Mission Hosp)	Vendor Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kristen Ruinard</b> (vendor)
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Salah Fouad</b> (MemorialCare Saddleback Med Ctr)	Social Media/Webmaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mary Payumo</b> (Kaiser)