



April 2026

Membership Meeting



WE MISS YOU WHEN
**YOU'RE NOT
HERE!**




ATTENDANCE COUNTS!





Agenda As Follows:

- 12:00–12:15 PM OCHCA Public Health Updates
- 12:15-12:45 PM Business Meeting
- 1:00 PM Meeting Adjourned

- 1:00-1:15 PM Metrex Strategic Partner Presentation
- 1:15-1:30 PM Break
-  **Educational Series:**
 - **NHSN Micro Learning 1:30–2:00 PM**
 - **Instrument Reprocessing 2:00-3:00 PM**



Regulatory Sharing

HOSPITAL SURVEY READINESS!

BE PREPARED!!
STAY COMPLIANT!
ENSURE QUALITY CARE!

PATIENT SAFETY | **INFECTION CONTROL** | **DOCUMENTATION REVIEW** | **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES | **ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDS** | **STAFF TRAINING**

MOCK AUDITS

ALWAYS READY FOR SURVEY!

THE TIME IS NOW!

The infographic is a colorful illustration for hospital survey readiness. At the top, a woman in a blue suit holds a clipboard and a magnifying glass over a checklist. To her right, three upward-pointing arrows (red, green, blue) are next to a banner that says 'BE PREPARED!! STAY COMPLIANT! ENSURE QUALITY CARE!'. Below this, four icons represent key areas: a blue shield with a white cross for 'PATIENT SAFETY', a green shield with gears for 'INFECTION CONTROL', a clipboard with a magnifying glass for 'DOCUMENTATION REVIEW', and a red alarm bell for 'EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS'. The middle section shows four hospital staff members in various settings: two doctors reviewing a chart, a nurse at a hand sanitizer station, and another nurse at a table. Below these scenes are three labels: 'POLICIES & PROCEDURES', 'ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDS', and 'STAFF TRAINING'. At the bottom, a clipboard with a checklist labeled 'MOCK AUDITS' is on the left, a large orange banner with 'ALWAYS READY FOR SURVEY!' is in the center, and a clock showing approximately 1:50 is on the right with the text 'THE TIME IS NOW!' below it.



Forward from Fumbles





CBIC Certification Pins

Recently Certified?

Let us know and receive a pin!

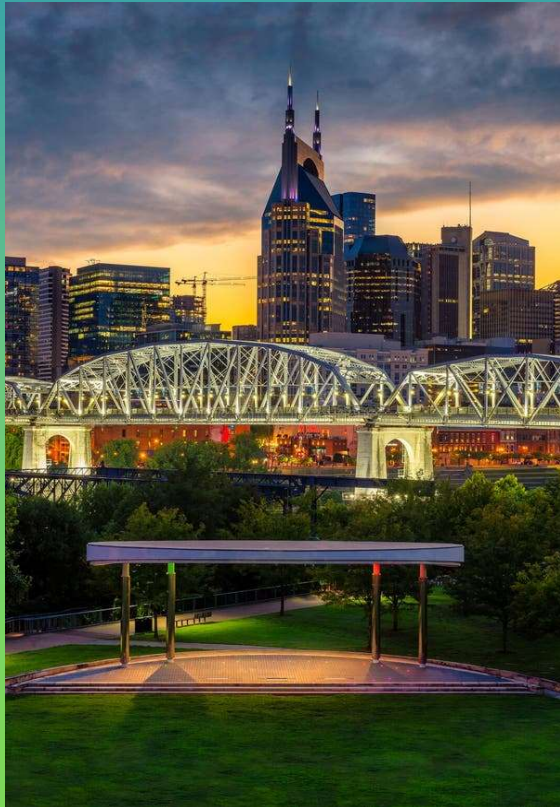


CBIC Certification





2026 Chapter Awards



April 1, 2026

Dear Emily:

Congratulations to the APIC Orange County Chapter on your selection as the 2026 APIC Chapter Excellence Award recipient in the Medium Chapter category. You will be recognized during APIC's 2026 Annual Conference (June 15-17) at the 2026 Chapter Leader Day on Sunday, June 14th as well as in the opening general session on Monday, June 15th.

The Chapter Excellence Award recognizes chapters that have aligned their members and resources to support APIC's mission and strategic plan. The award includes a decorative banner your chapter can use to highlight this achievement during chapter meetings, events, or conferences. Based on the award application, your chapter will be listed as:

APIC Orange County Chapter

The Chapter Excellence Award also includes a \$500 gift certificate redeemable for APIC products and services that will be emailed to you in the coming weeks.

Again, congratulations on your award. We appreciate your dedication to the profession, to your chapter, and to APIC.

Sincerely,

Andrew Donovan, BSN, RN, CIC

Chair, 2026 APIC Member Engagement Committee



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March 31, 2026

Emily Barnard, MPH, AL-CIP, CIC, HACP-CMS, CDIPC, CER
Orange County APIC Chapter 029

Dear Emily:

Congratulations on being selected for the 2026 APIC Chapter Leader Award. You are being honored for your leadership, achievements in developing your member community, and efforts to advance infection prevention. You will be recognized during APIC's 2026 Annual Conference (June 15-17) at the 2026 Chapter Leader Day on Sunday, June 14 as well during the opening general session on Monday, June 15.

This award includes a plaque. Based on the award application, you will be listed as:

Emily Barnard, MPH, AL-CIP, CIC, HACP-CMS, CDIPC, CER

Again, congratulations on your award. We appreciate your dedication to the profession, to your chapter, and to APIC.

Sincerely,

Andrew Donovan, BSN, RN, CIC
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cc: Mary Ann DeMaet

Membership Engagement APIC 2026





Education Awardees

Dr. Matthew Zahn Honorary Award

\$1500 –



Orange County APIC Awards

\$1500 –

\$1000 –

\$600 –



Education Awardees

Metrex Sharon Ward-Fore Awardee
\$2500 – Ekaete Usoh

CONGRATULATIONS!!! 🎉



Sharon Ward-Fore
Scholarship Opportunity



Sharon Ward-Fore
MS, MT(ASCP), CIC, FAPIC

APIC ORANGE COUNTY
Sponsored by
Metrex

Attend the 2026 APIC Annual Conference in Nashville!

The Orange County APIC Chapter is pleased to offer an **Education Grant** sponsored by **Metrex** to support professional development for infection preventionists.

Grant Award:
\$2,500

Funds may be used for:

- Conference registration
- Travel expenses
- Hotel accommodations

APIC26
JUNE 15-17 NASHVILLE

This grant helps support attendance at the **APIC 2026 Annual Conference**, providing opportunities to expand knowledge, connect with leaders in infection prevention, and bring best practices back to your organization.

Eligibility

- Be a member of the Orange County APIC Chapter
- Demonstrate commitment to infection prevention practice

How to Apply

1. Complete the application form
2. Submit a brief statement of professional goals
3. Provide chapter membership information

Application Deadline: March 31, 2026





Treasurer Report

		DO NOT ENTER HERE - THESE ARE FORMULAS FROM ANOTHER TAB						
EXPENSES	Description	Annual Budget	First Quarter 1/1-3/31	Second Quarter 4/1-6/30	Third Quarter 7/1-9/30	Fourth Quarter 10/1-12/31	Annual Totals	Variance From Budget
Fees for Service - Microsoft	Fees for contractors, legal, accounting and auditing professionals	\$ 600.00	72.00	24.00	-	-	96.00	504.00
Office expenses - Mail Merger	conference		65.25	-	-	-	65.25	(65.25)
Office supplies/Technology		\$ 400.00	-	-	-	-	-	400.00
Technology (AV Equipment)			-	-	-	-	-	-
Chapter business expenses	Travel, registration, etc		-	-	-	-	-	-
Conference	Travel	\$ 5,230.00	909.60	1,430.00	-	-	2,339.60	2,890.40
Annual OC APIC Conference		\$12,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	12,000.00
PWSA Conference			-	-	-	-	-	-
CACC Meeting Luncheon (Quarterly)	Insurance paid to APIC	\$ 2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
Install/Holiday Luncheon	prevention exempt organizations	\$ 1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Education reimbursement (scholarship)		\$ 3,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00
Insurance			-	-	-	-	-	-
APIC Bonding Renewal	transfers, stop payments	\$ 600.00	551.95	-	-	-	551.95	48.05
GACC Dues/Renewal fees		\$ 1,012.60	838.00	-	-	-	838.00	174.50
GACC Foundations Seed Money		\$ 100.00	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Monthly Education		\$ 500.00	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Bank charges			-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunshine		\$ 100.00	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Member Engagement		\$ 405.00	-	-	-	-	-	405.00
Plaques		\$ 250.00	130.38	-	-	-	130.38	119.62
Board Gifts		\$ 500.00	73.27	-	-	-	-	500.00
BRN Number			-	-	-	-	-	-
Other			-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		26,947.50	2,567.18	1,454.00	-	-	4,021.18	22,926.32
NET INCOME / (LOSS)		(597.50)	181.56	(1,454.00)	-	-	(1,272.44)	



Education Planning

Month	Topic Presentation Title
May	CLABSI Prevention
June	DARK
July	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion - APIC
August	Communicable Diseases - Lab Overview
September	HVAC Systems and Room Pressures
October	Conference
November	Waste Management Simplified
December	Holiday Party



23rd Annual Conference October 9th Save the Date

Cal State Fullerton Titans Student Union Center
Conference Planning Begins Soon





Membership Meeting Adjourned

