



Welcome

Tuesday, August 4th
12pm - 3pm





Agenda



Dr. Davis OCHCA Public
Health Updates



Approval of Minutes
Membership Report



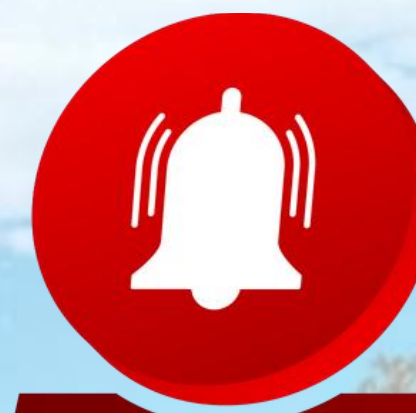
Lessons in Motion
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Adjourn Meeting



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July Meeting Minutes



Association For Professionals In Infection Control Orange County Chapter 029

APIC Chapter 029 – Orange County is dedicated professional organization operating within the healthcare landscape of Orange County, California. Our fundamental purpose is to serve as a leader and indispensable resource in the specialized field of infection prevention, control and epidemiology within healthcare settings.

Member Meeting Minutes: 7/7/2026 @12:05p

Meeting Location: Virtual TEAMS Meeting

Agenda Item	Presenter	Minutes	Time
1 Call to order	Emily Barnard	Emily called the meeting to order and presented the agenda. Emily also reminded the members to scan the QR code to capture attendance. <u>Meeting agenda</u> • Call meeting to order • Approval of April Minutes • Michele Hom approved • Eva Ghabrial seconded • OCHCA Report • Lessons in Motion • Legislative Report • Board Report • Member at Large/Education • Treasurer • President Report • Open Board positions • APIC 26 • APIC Fellows • Call for Abstracts • Education Awardee Presentations • Vera Alfred • Emily Barnard	12:00-12:01



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2	OCHCA Report	Dr. Zimmerman	• Respiratory Season: ○ Currently low for flu and RSV (it's summer!). ○ COVID-19: ▪ Open question about what's next for COVID ▪ Last big wave was August/September of last year ▪ Slight uptick on the margin, and some states are reporting growing ED visits for COVID-like illness ▪ Wastewater levels remain low nationally ▪ Too early to say definitively, but a wave in August/September wouldn't be unexpected • Measles: ○ No new cases in the US since Orange County's case in April ○ National trend: While lower than peak outbreaks (South Carolina, Texas, Utah), current levels are still higher than pre-2025 ○ Something to continue watching closely. vigilance is key	12:05-12:20
3	Lessons in Motion	Emily Barnard	• Lessons in Motion: Bridging Gaps & Sharing Improvements ○ This segment is dedicated to sharing insights and improvements from our organizations. ○ Have you had a recent survey? What learning opportunities arose from it? ○ Do you have process improvement programs or implementations that stemmed from identified gaps? ○ We encourage you to share these experiences to help shore up gaps across all our organizations. ○ Please raise your hand or unmute yourself to share. ○ Our goal: Break down silos and foster mutual support among our organizations. ○ Prefer to share privately? Email your updates to president@OCAPIC.org, and we can report on your behalf. Your insights are valuable to all of us!	12:20-12:25
4	Legislative Updates	Claudia Skinner	• Legislative Updates: We aim to keep everyone informed. • Climate Change: ○ Administration change in climate expertise (experts fired). ○ "Climate government" is now "climate.us" and reorganizing. ○ This may lead to less new information from this sector.	12:25-12:30

			• Healthcare Guidance Change: ○ Trump disbanded CDC HICPAC. ○ HIPAG was created to fill this void, merging SHEA and APIC in December 2025. ○ This merger took place as of last month to consolidate expert knowledge. • COVID-19 Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Termination: ○ Robert F. Kennedy Jr. reportedly signed official determinants to terminate the COVID-19 EUA. ○ This impacts vaccinations, other drugs, biological products, and medical devices that initially bypassed traditional timelines for public distribution during the pandemic. ○ EUA termination for medical devices is set for December of this year. ○ Changes for vaccinations are expected in the upcoming fall (exact date unreadable). ○ Action for facilities: Review and reconsider products used under EUA, as changes related to these authorizations are coming.	
5	Board Report Out – Member at Large	Todd Bloom/Emily Barnard/Vera Alfred	• Flyer is updated on our website • Oct 9 at Cal State Fullerton • Register Early: Reduced "Early Bird" fee of \$80! • Affordable Pricing: Lowered this year for wider access. • Equitable Opportunities: ○ Reduced pricing for long-term care professionals. ○ Reduced pricing for students. ○ Spread the word to interested individuals in these groups! • Upcoming OC APIC Events (Next 6 Months): ○ Today: Dr. Zimmerman on High-Consequence Infectious Diseases. ○ August: Wound Classification. ○ September: HVAC 101 & Pressure Relationships (great speaker!). ○ October: OC APIC Annual Conference (exciting! best one ever!). ○ November: Waste Management (great speaker!). ○ December: Christmas Party (don't miss it!).	12:30-12:40
6	Treasurer	Emily Barnard	• Budget Status: Within budget, on target for revenue. • National APIC Conference: Over budget due to increased costs (APIC registration, hotel inflation).	12:40-12:45



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			Inflation Impact: Hard hit by inflation; anticipate future conference expense adjustments. New Registration System (Zephi): - Nonprofit-friendly, no additional fees for vendors or members. Fund Usage: - Provided \$7,600 in educational fees this year. - Made possible by chapter realignment and Metrics sponsorship. - Aim to offer more educational support in the future	
7	President	Emily Barnard	Educational Awards: Look for these next year. Budget Clarity: Updating budget view for clearer conference expenses; no longer part of CAC. New Certifications Needed! - If newly CIC, CLCIP, or other APIC certified, raise your hand or email president@OCAPIC.org for recognition & a pin! - Certification (especially with CBIC) is a huge accomplishment. Congratulations to 2026 APIC Fellows! (including attendee Mary Riley and speaker) - Fellowship is a major achievement; recognized for dedication in IP. National APIC Conference Recap: - Chapter Leader Day featured an artist illustrating the day. - Advocating for specific job codes for Infection Preventionists (not solely based on educational background). - Featured board photos with fun backgrounds; great networking ideas (e.g., bingo) for future chapter events. Chapter Excellence Award: - First time achieved! Can be submitted annually. - Supports Chapter (e.g., Dr. Susan Huang's MDRO grant, reinvestment funds). - Recognizes community involvement. Chapter Leader Award: - Speaker received this for amazing experience and recognition. - Goal: Multiple nominations from the chapter for national recognition this year. New Library: - Now available: Joint Commission IP Workbook, Infection Control LTC, Microbiology support, Endoscope Reprocessing certifications. - Books purchased with education funds & Chapter Excellence Award funds. National APIC Engagement (LA 2025): - Fun shirts, membership engagement (cost-free). - Will be well-represented next year! Networking & Learning Opportunities: - Escape room idea discussed for future conferences/meetings to	12:45-13:00

			- enhance engagement and varied learning. - Will be a Slido poll at next meeting. Vendor-Sponsored Education Award: - EK was awarded Metrex's \$2,500 sponsorship for qualified individuals. - Chapter celebrated her at the Metrex booth. Emerging Leader in IP Award: - APIC offers this annually for IPs with <3 years experience making significant contributions. - Chapter encourages nominations for our early IPs. Donna Law Memorial Award: - Annual award in memory of a community member. - Recognizes outstanding IP contributions from peers (plaque for winner, certificate for runner-up). Nominations open August 1st-15th (2 weeks only!). Recognition at the conference. Submit Your Work! National APIC Call for Abstracts: Expanded deadline, open July 1st - August 9th (Eastern Time). Check their specific criteria. HSPA: Call for Abstracts open, deadline August 3rd. AORN: Poster Presentations open, deadline July 19th. ID Week: Abstracts open until August 4th. All slides outlining these opportunities will be available. Sponsored Attendees: Must provide educational summaries from conferences (Vera/Emily to share from their sponsorship).	
8	President Elect	Claudia Skinner	No report	
9	Social Media	Todd Bloom	No report	
10	Secretary	Michele Hom	No report	
11	Vendor Report	Lindsay Kincaid	No report	
12	Education Award presentations	Vera Alfred	Outpatient Sterilization Success Story: - Kelly & Lynn shared a 10-year project taking over 1500+ clinics (primary care, ASCs, dental, etc.). Initial State (2015): Poor, overloading sterilizers. Key Improvements: - Construction/engineering for clean/dirty separation. - Developed policies and competencies. - Product formulary examples & standardized ordering. - Biological indicator (BI) tier risk assessment (site/cycle specific). - Vendor-led education on sterilization operations & indicators. - Cycle of cleaning, inspection, packaging, sterilization, storage, use. - Annual education & competencies.	13:00-13:10



			- Expanded education, auditing, and rounding. - Rounding Tools: Scorecards (critical/semi-critical/non-critical findings). - Compliance Target: 97%. If below 90%, extended rounding with leadership. - Follow-up: Shared plan of improvement examples & compliance email templates. - Inspiration: Showcased essential IP work on the front lines.	
13		Emily Barnard	ST58 Updates: New guidance on evidence-based practice, integration, and inclusion of ethylene oxide (EO) information. ERCP Sterilization: Strongly recommended for ERCP scopes; difficult in CA due to EO toxicity. Alignment: Language now aligns with ST108, 91, and 79. Critical Instruments: Koli Duwadan scope reclassified as critical (enters sterile body sites). Semi-Critical Devices: Strong language for sterilization of these, too. EO/Chemical Sterilants: Updated language on ventilation and EPA regulations. New Definitions: Added critical water, cycle sterilization, decontamination room space requirements. Reprocessing Areas: Stronger guidance for separated, one-directional flow spaces. Water Quality: Highlighted for reprocessing and dedicated handwashing sinks (separate from instrument sinks). Sterile Processing Personnel: Strong recommendations for certified, competent, high-quality orientation. Full Body Protection: Additional guidance based on recent research. Solution Changes: Water bath in endoscopes should be changed every time. Brushes: Remove stainless steel brushes to prevent damage/dislodgement. Rigid Containers: Must have validated manufacturer's IFUs for sterilization; no organizational assumptions. Instrument Cleaning: Follow IFUs, check water pH/hardness, proper drying with non-linting cloths. Borescope Examination: Not a requirement every time, but identify organizational rhythm. Wraps: Must be FDA-cleared, avoid damage (can necessitate full reprocessing). Compressed Air Guns: Not recommended for drying (longer drying time, potential damage, insufficient). ST108 Guidance: Proper water, chemical storage, expiration date labeling. Automated HLD: Recommended over manual due to variability; manual only if equipment damaged and unit can't manage. Documentation: Included PPE, emergency procedures, spill kits, and types of	13:10-13:20
			low-temp sterilization (e.g., EO). Main Focus: IFUs, sterilizer maintenance; surveyors are scrutinizing these areas. Call for IP Expertise: Contribute to standards-setting committees. Centralizing Sterilization Insights: Problem: Risk from varied reprocessing in clinics (cross-contamination, one sink, airflow issues). Solution: Centralize sterilization to SPD. Quality Control Lapses (Clinics): Reused brushes, non-compliant bins/sinks, skipped BIs/CIs. Identified Risk: Blood on instrument post-sterilization = patient exposure risk. Transportation: Developed safe systems for instruments from clinic to SPD (clear clean/dirty, leak-proof, labeled, standard bins). Transition: Staged over 4-6 weeks with training, competencies, audits. Lessons Learned: Instrument Tape: Caused issues; dedicated bins, removed surgical tape. Insulated/Delicate Instruments: Transport in separate, protective containers. Lumened Instruments: Pre-cleaning or disposable (often cheaper overall). Tray Variation: Partnered with specialty leaders for standard, complete tray recipes. Outcome (18-Month Transition): 168,000 clinic instruments handled by 2025. \$100,000 annual staff savings (130 hours/year). - Improved IP oversight. - Safe practice was sending to SPD. Conference Benefits: Highly recommended to attend conferences; chapter offers opportunities next year (consider Board).	
14	Open Forum		National APIC Poster Submission: - Deadline is August 9th. - Mentors available for submission support; email president@OCAPIC.org. - Requires brief title, abstract, objectives. OC APIC Library:	13:20-13:30



			- o New initiative, spot on OCAPIC.org coming soon. - o Request to check out books; requires a check for the book's value. - o Donations of books (e.g., from education awards) welcome. • Meeting Agenda: Year-at-a-glance email sent to members; will be on website. Next meeting potentially virtual. • HSPA Opportunity (Eva): - o Submitted for HSPA presentation; topic was liked but not accepted. - o Opportunity arose to record a webinar ("From Theory to Practice: HLD"). - o SPD educator also recorded a webinar ("Creative Learning in SPD"). - o Reach out for links to HSPE educators for similar opportunities. • New Hogue IP Team Members (Melissa): - o Welcome to Maysaa and Megan. - o Invited to be spotlighted in newsletter; email president@OCAPIC.org. • Open Floor: - o New certifications (outside of CBIC, CPHQ)? - o Organizational issues to discuss? (Option to start Dr. Zimmerman's presentation early). • OC APIC Instagram: - o Old account closed; new account is @OCAPIC29. Please follow! - o Use for sharing information, welcoming new members, hospital news. - o Consider joining the social media board if interested.	
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Next Meeting: 8/4/2026

Education Presentation	Presenter	Time
Dr. Zimmerman	High Consequence Infectious Disease	1:30 – 3:00pm

Board & Committee Attendance	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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President	Emily Barnard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	D	Y					
President-Elect	Claudia Skinner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y					
Treasurer	Gina Martinek	Y	Ab	Ab	Y	Ab	R	Ab					
Secretary	Michele Hom	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	K	Y					
Member at Large Yr. 2	Stacie Fujimoto	Y	Ab	Y	Y	Y	National	Ab					
Member at Large Yr. 1	Vera Alfred	Y	Y	Ab	Y	Ab	A	Y					
Webmaster Director	Todd Bloom	Y	Ab	Ab	Y	Ab	P	Y					
Vendor Liaison (OPT)	Lindsay Kincaid	Ab	Y	Y	Y	Ab	I	Y					
Committee Member	Lilian Ablir	Y	Y	Ab	Y	Ab	C	Ab					
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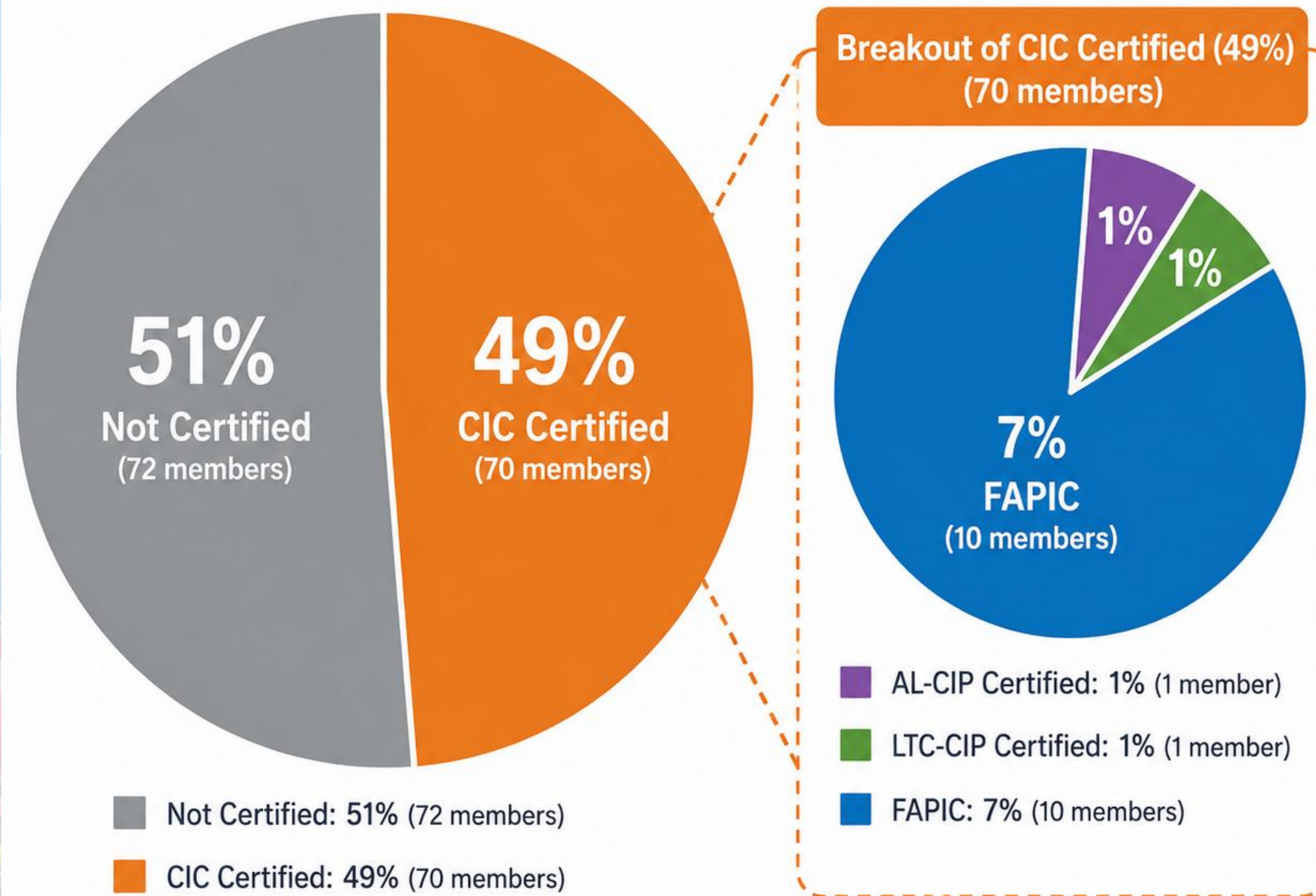


Membership Report

Megan	Hoying	Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian
Jill	Holdsworth	CS Medical, LLC
Joilyn	Simmons	Kaiser Permanente Medical Center
Andi	Wade	Precept Environmental
Bill	Hancock	Nalco Company (acquired By Ecolab)
Everett	Pitts	Medline Industries
Tony	Bowie	SC Johnson Professional

Orange County APIC

Total Members: 142



Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.



Newly CERTIFIED?

We want to celebrate *YOU!*



Your hard work.
Your dedication.



Your next chapter
in Infection
Prevention.



Let us know!
We want to
celebrate you!



Pins available,
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LESSONS IN MOTION *and* REGULATORY SHARING

LEARN. SHARE. IMPROVE. TOGETHER.



LESSONS IN MOTION

Moving forward by learning from experiences—ours and others.



REGULATORY SHARING

Staying informed. Staying compliant.
Keeping each other protected.



STAY INFORMED

Updates on guidelines, standards, and regulatory changes.



SHARE KNOWLEDGE

Sharing resources and lessons from inspections, audits, and alerts.



SUPPORT COMPLIANCE

Applying knowledge together to reduce risk and improve patient safety.



Together, we turn lessons into action and knowledge into safer care.



Collaboration



Accountability



Improvement



Legislative Updates



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

STAY INFORMED. STAY COMPLIANT. STAY AHEAD.



LOCAL

Policies and ordinances affecting your community and healthcare facilities.

- ✓ Public Health Orders
- ✓ Facility Regulations
- ✓ Local Reporting Requirements
- ✓ Community Impact



STATE

State laws and initiatives shaping healthcare practice and safety.

- ✓ Legislation & Bills
- ✓ Regulatory Changes
- ✓ Funding & Grants
- ✓ Licensure & Compliance



NATIONAL

Federal policies and programs impacting healthcare nationwide.

- ✓ Federal Legislation
- ✓ CMS & CDC Updates
- ✓ Reimbursement Policies
- ✓ National Standards



GLOBAL

International regulations and agreements influencing global health.

- ✓ Global Health Regulations
- ✓ WHO Guidance
- ✓ International Standards
- ✓ Pandemic Preparedness

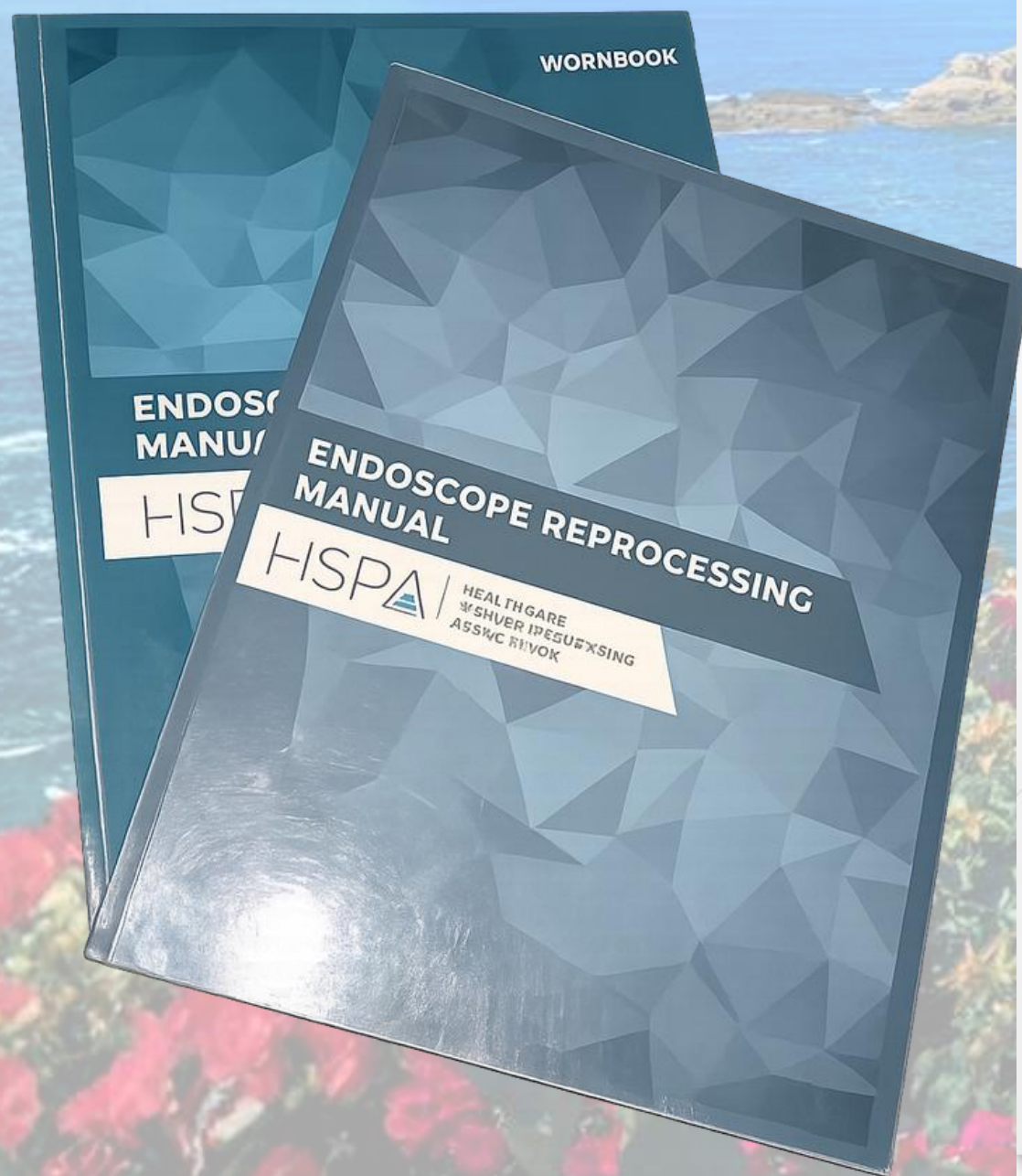


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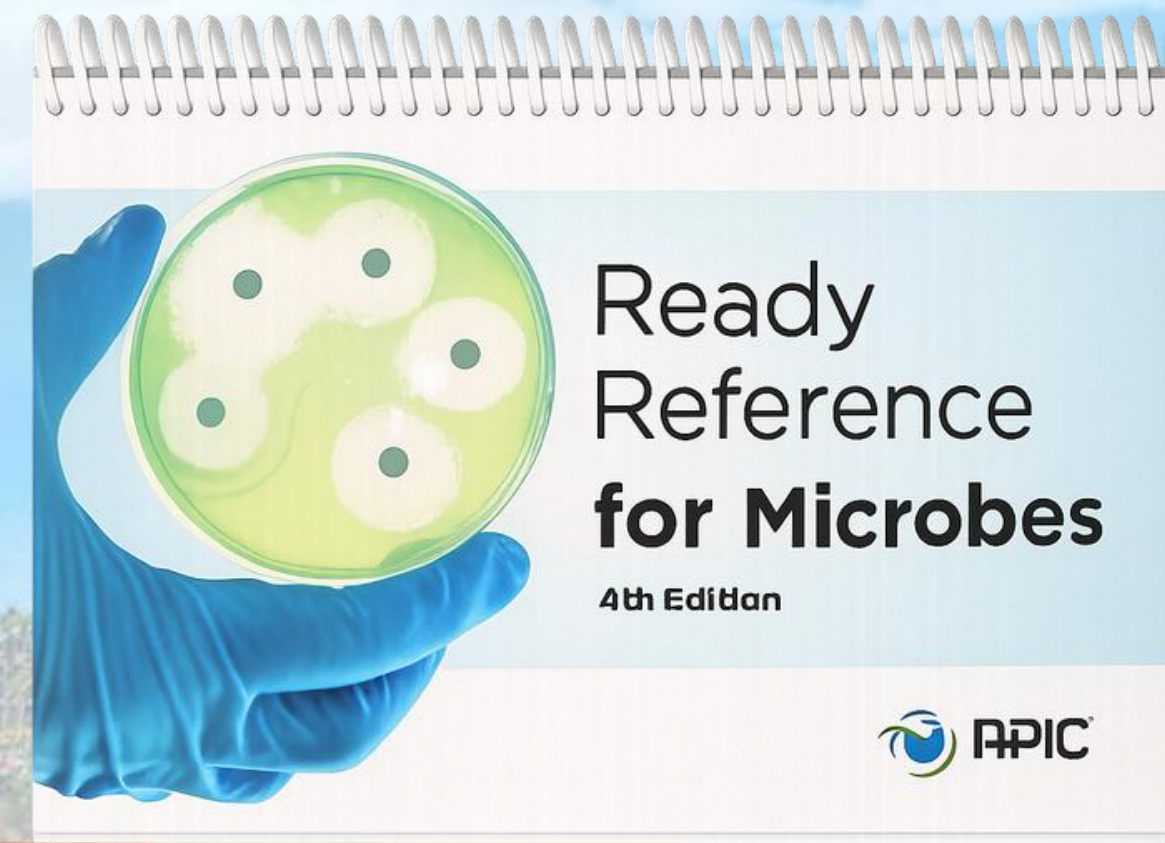


OC APIC Library Resources



The APIC/Joint Commission Infection Prevention and Control Workbook

FIFTH EDITION





Oral Abstracts Accepted Until August 16

- Antimicrobial and Diagnostic Stewardship
- Disinfection and Sterilization
- Education, Training and Competencies
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environment of Care
- Implementation Science and Research
- Information Technology and Surveillance
- Leadership Development and Program Management
- Long-term Care
- Occupational Health and Wellness
- Public Health and Health Policy
- Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement





September

Education Session

HVAC 101 & Pressure Relationships

Paul
Manesse





GROWING ROOTS AND STRENGTHENING CONNECTION



October 9th



California State University Fullerton



Chapter Excellence 2026 APIC Award



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Monica Soni CMO and Chief Deputy Executive Director, Covered California and Dr. Bruce Spurlock Executive Director of Cal Healthcare Compare



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EARLY BIRD
(thru 8/31)

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(thru 8/31)

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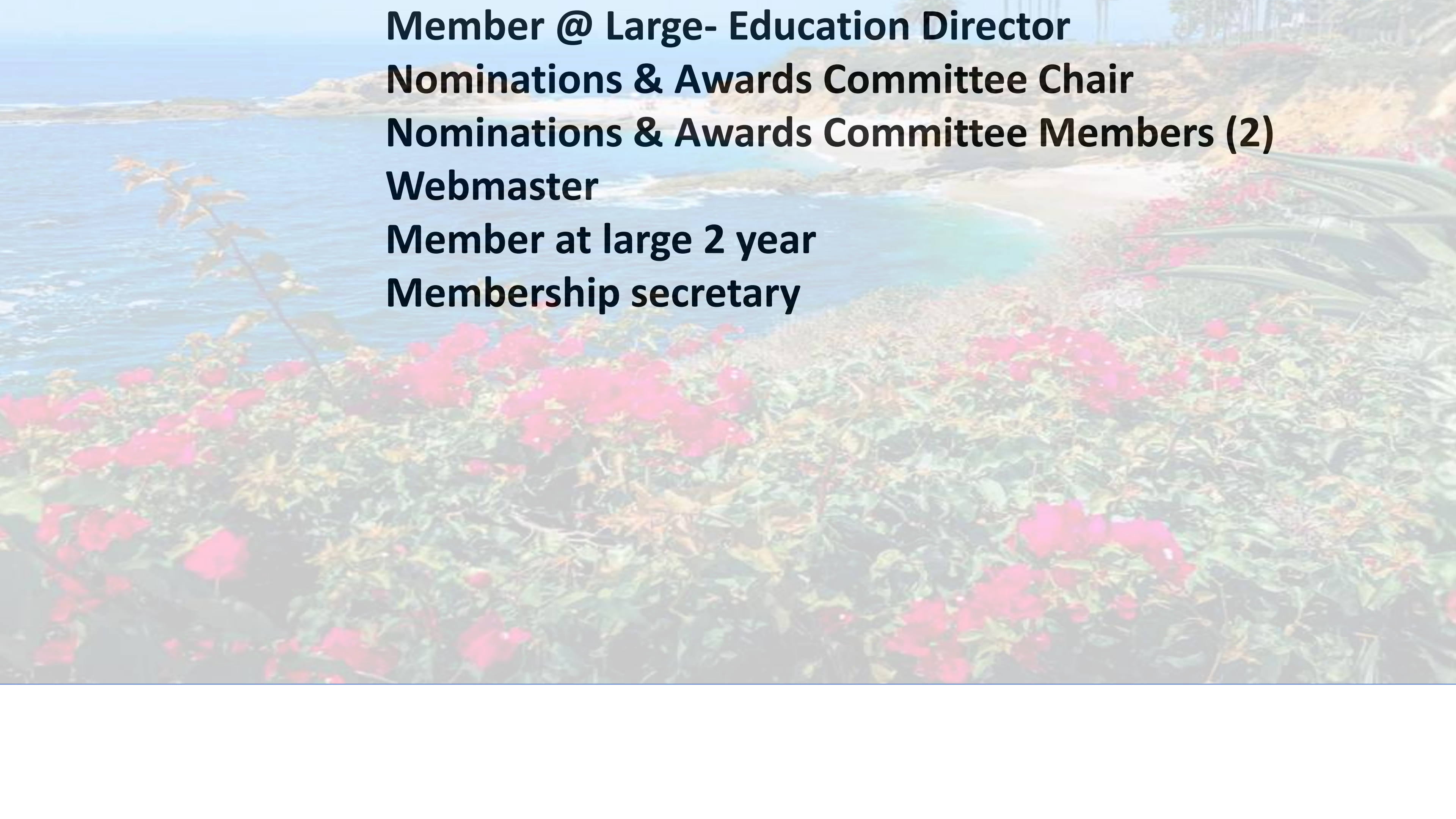


Donna Law Memorial Award

**Nominations Opening Soon:
August 15st – September 1st**

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 and her continued efforts to work, attend chapter meetings, and 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 in her memory after she died in 1987.

This award recognizes achievements in infection prevention, leadership, integrity, interest in epidemiology, and improvement in patient outcomes.



Member @ Large- Education Director
Nominations & Awards Committee Chair
Nominations & Awards Committee Members (2)
Webmaster
Member at large 2 year
Membership secretary



Treasurer Report

- ❖ Income ramping up with conference registration open.
- ❖ Zeffy platform has been working very well
- ❖ Also have been utilizing Zelle for reimbursements
- ❖ Reminder to email RECEIPTS and REIMBURSEMENT Request Form to treasurer@ocapic.org in order to get reimbursed for any conference related approved purchases.
- ❖ Educational Chapter Awards have been paid out for
 - ❖ Kim Danneberg
 - ❖ Emily Bernard
- ❖ Dr. Matthew Zahn Honorary Award paid out to
 - ❖ Michele Hom
- ❖ Unclaimed awards for Sharon Ward-Fore Award (Ekaeta Usuh) and OC APIC Chapter Award (Darcey Wilson)



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