



JANUARY 2024

Save the Date: Upcoming Chapter Events

2024 Chapter Leader Orientation & Virtual Training – January 18 @ 2 pm ET

Chapter Presidents' Call - January 25 @ 2 pm ET

Chapter Legislative Representative Call – January 29 @ 1 pm ET

Chapter Membership Chair Call - January 30 @ 2 pm ET

[View the comprehensive 2024 chapter meeting, event, and communications schedule »](#)

Leadership Highlights

2023 Chapter Survey Deadline Extended

Crystal Edwards, Associate Director, Component Relations

The Annual Chapter Leader Survey is a tool we heavily rely on to gather insights from chapter leaders on your leadership experiences, as well as your challenges and needs in the ongoing management of your local chapters. We also seek feedback regarding your satisfaction with existing leadership resources and how we can better support you and your chapters in the year(s) to come. In addition to informing APIC's development of chapter content and programming, the data is shared with chapters to provide insight into where your chapter, its experiences, and performance fall within the context of the broader chapter network. This information can be helpful in identifying your chapters' area(s) of focus for the year and ways to best serve your chapter and its needs.

The 2023 survey launched in November (2023). However, the response has been minimal. Of 108 chapters, only 44 have completed the survey. In order for the data to be statistically sound and provide the greatest value, we need at least twice as many chapters to participate.

For any chapters that have not yet submitted, the survey has been reopened through **January 26 at 11:59p ET**. Emails including the link to complete the survey have been sent directly to the leaders of those chapters.

Thank you to all chapters who have already and will complete this critical survey! If you have questions or concerns, email chapters@apic.org.

Join us for the 2024 Chapter Leader Orientation and Training!

Crystal Edwards, Associate Director, Component Relations

The 2024 Chapter Leader Orientation and Training is scheduled for next **Thursday, January 18 @ 2 pm ET**. The orientation will provide a general chapter leadership overview, as well as more role-specific training offered by Member Engagement Committee (MEC) members and chapter volunteers that have successfully served in various leadership roles.

Join the call to get the information and tools you need to set yourself and your chapter up for a successful leadership term in 2024. Calendar invitations with the registration link have been sent. You must register in advance to receive the link for the call.

Start your new term with the Chapter Leader Resource Center microsite

Crystal Edwards, Associate Director, Component Relations

January 2024 not only marked the beginning of a new year, but for many of you, a new leadership term. The [Chapter Leader Resource Center microsite](#) is a great place to start to familiarize or refresh yourself with all things chapter leadership. Whether this is your first ever leadership term, first time serving in your current role, or you're in a recurring role and have an opportunity to learn or do something new, there is something here for you.

The [Chapter Leader Resource Center microsite](#) is a one-stop-shop that provides leaders access to the information, tools, and resources they need to do their jobs better. It also provides a platform for you to connect with other chapter leaders to share ideas, tips, resources and best practices in real-time.

If you haven't already, head over to the Chapter Resource Center and browse the site today. [Download the content navigation guide](#) to help you find what you need for a strong start to your year and 2024 leadership term.

Recertification preparation tips from CBIC

Gina Cairo, Certification Program Manager, CBIC

For CIC® certificants with an expiration date of December 31, 2024, now is the time to review important dates for recertification. CBIC is now accepting CIC Recertification Applications for those due to recertify in 2024. Certificants can recertify either through Infection Prevention Units (IPUs) or through the untimed, open book recertification examination.

The recertification examination application can be accessed in your [online profile](#). The exam must be purchased on or before November 30, 2024. A passing score must be achieved, and the recertification exam must be completed by December 31, 2024 at 11:59pm Greenwich Mean Time / 6:59pm EST.

To recertify through IPUs, [sign into your profile](#) and click on the "My IPUs" header on the top of the navigation panel. This header will only appear if you are actively certified. All active certificants can track their IPUs as soon as they become certified, however, the IPU portfolio can only be submitted in the recertifying year. The recertification portfolio must be submitted by October 31 of the year you are due to recertify.

To learn more about recertification options for your or your members, please visit the [CBIC website](#).

Lastly, do you have an upcoming chapter meeting in 2024? Fill out this [short survey](#) to request representation from CBIC at a future APIC chapter meeting.

If you have questions about CBIC's certifications, please email Gina Cairo directly at gcairo@cbic.org. CBIC enjoys connecting with APIC chapters to learn how they can better assist current and prospective certificants.

Featured Chapter of the Month



Your chapters' stories and photos belong here.

This section is dedicated to telling your chapters' stories. Your chapters' wins are rarely just for you and often answer burning questions or hold the keys to a fellow chapter's success. Regularly sharing anecdotes of your chapter successes highlights all the amazing things our chapters do, as well as inspires innovation across the chapter network. From dynamic education programs, to mentoring initiatives, or custom award programs, we want to know!

We are now accepting stories to be featured in 2024. Sharing opportunities include this monthly newsletter, as well as the chapter leader calls. Have a great story to share? Send it in 250 words or less to chapters@apic.org. We want to hear about and share the successes of your chapters!

[Submit chapter story](#)

APIC Happenings to Share

Consulting Workshop Series for IPs

Consulting provides a great opportunity for infection preventionists to expand their networks and advance in their careers and the field. If you have chapter members interested in consulting or looking to build their existing consultancy, share APIC's Consulting Workshop Series and encourage them to register now!

Consulting 101 for IPs: How to Get Started Now!

Friday, January 26, 2024 @ 1pm – 3pm ET

For IPs interested in independent consulting work, but not sure where to start! This virtual and interactive course provides the foundational and practical insights necessary to explore this dynamic field. Consulting provides flexibility for those interested in part-time work, aspiring to start their own business, or preferring to join an established consulting firm. Presented by APIC Consulting, topics include the essential elements of becoming an independent contractor, assessing readiness, the types of work best suited for IPs, and formulating client estimates. Registrants receive access to the post-workshop recording for easy, on-demand viewing.

[Registration and More Information!](#)

Consulting 201 for IPs: Take Your IP Consulting to the Next Level

Friday, February 2, 2024 @ 1pm – 3pm ET

Go beyond the basics and delve into essential skills for thriving as a successful infection preventionist (IP) consultant during this virtual live workshop presented by APIC Consulting. This comprehensive session is designed to help IP consultants excel in

independent contracting roles whether they have completed a couple of client engagements or have an established infection prevention and control (IPC) consulting practice. The course will include developing contracts, managing invoices and payment processing, growing networks and prospecting for new business, client management, and interactive peer breakouts with guided client scenarios. Registrants receive access to the post-workshop recording for easy, on-demand viewing.

[Registration and More Information!](#)

Combine and save! Registration for both courses is available with the [bundle special](#).

Unveiling the new Patient Hand Hygiene Toolkit

The Practice Guidance Committee is delighted to release its latest creation – The Patient Hand Hygiene Toolkit. This comprehensive toolkit is designed to elevate patient care standards while aiding healthcare providers with tools to promote hand hygiene practices. Help arm your local members with information and tools they need to provide better care by exploring and sharing the toolkit with them today.

[Explore the toolkit today!](#)

Your perspective is crucial - join a focus group with APIC's Health Equity Committee!

The Health Equity Committee will host focus groups to explore what health equity means to APIC members and Infection Preventionists in various healthcare settings. We invite you and your members to fill out this survey to participate and share your perspectives to help guide APIC's future initiatives!

[Share with your members and participate now!](#)



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