

# January 2025

# **An Update from APIC**

We wanted to inform you that there have been some recent staffing changes at APIC, and we sincerely apologize for the delay in communicating these updates. In December of last year, APIC restructured its member and chapter facing support infrastructure. As part of this work, we are working to centralize customer support across all APIC products and chapter support. In the past, you have may reached out to an individual staff member for support. Please direct any questions or concerns related to chapters to <a href="mailto:chapters@apic.org">chapters@apic.org</a>. We have a team who will be monitoring incoming communications and will get back with you, and you're always welcome to call and the same team can assist.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this period of transition. Your leadership is greatly valued, and we look forward to continuing to support you. Chapter Leader Zoom calls will resume in February. Please be on the lookout for calendar invites.

# Membership

## 2025 Chapter Dues

We are updating our membership application and want to ensure that we have the correct dues for each chapter. If you have changed your dues for 2025, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing <a href="mailto:chapters@apic.org">chapters@apic.org</a>.

If we do not hear from you by February 14, we will proceed with the 2024 dues.

# APIC25

## **Chapter Member Toolkit**

APIC's Annual Conference is one of the best ways to stay at the forefront of your field. It is an opportunity to discover the latest breakthroughs, research, and innovations—all in one place! The goals for APIC's Annual Conference are for participants to share and discuss research findings in the fields of infection prevention and control and healthcare epidemiology, to exchange ideas and

development. In this toolkit you will find some tools you can use to help spread the word about the opportunities for your chapter to gather and connect.

#### **Conference Website**

Add the <u>website address</u> to your emails, social media posts and chapter website!

#### Video

Share the <u>APIC25 Teaser</u> with your colleagues for a preview on what is coming!

#### **Digital Assets**

Add these eye-catching images to your chapter website and emails.





#### **Social Posts & Graphics**

Use these graphics to let your networks and colleagues know that you will be attending #APIC25 and encourage them to join you!

Download the graphics, and utilize our social media posts along with the hashtag, #APIC25, to share your excitement. Don't forget to tag us, we look forward to seeing you on socials!

#### **Convince Your Boss Templates**

Your members can get their supervisors on board with the "Convince Your Boss Letter" and Budget Worksheet that explains the value of the educational and networking opportunities available at the event.

- Download the Sample Letter Template
- Download the Budget Worksheet



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## Education

## **2025 AI Webinar Series**

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.

Aligned and Instrumental: The

How to make PPE and HH training

#### Sterile Processing

#### Wednesday, February 5 | 1 PM ET

Speakers: Garrett Hollembeak and Hank Balch

## Wednesday, April 9 | 1 PM ET

Speakers: Bassel Molaeb and Caroline Bilen

What Story Does Your NHSN Data Tell You, and How Can You Use Al (Microsoft CoPilot) to Enhance Your Analytics and Help Improve Patient Quality and Safety?

Wednesday, May 7 | 1 PM ET

Speakers: Dr. Mickey Bansal and Kyle Willey

# **APIC Consulting**

# Essential Tools & Resources for the IP Consultant

## Friday, February 21 | 12 – 1 PM ET

IP consultants can take their practice to the next level with this 60-minute virtual and interactive workshop presented by APIC Consulting. The webinar will cover the recommended resources consultants can utilize to advance and streamline their practice. Course topics include business management technology, IPC program assessment resources, and other essential tools. Registrants will receive access to the post-workshop recording for easy, on-demand viewing.

# Free! Informational Session: Certifications and IP Consulting

## Friday, April 11 | 12 PM ET

Join APIC Consulting and CBIC for a free informational session about how certification can elevate the career of an independent infection prevention consultant. Attendees will gain insights about the various credentials offered by CBIC and how certification can build credibility and expertise in the field of IPC consulting. Registration and more information!



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## **CBIC**

The Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology is excited to announce the launch of the Advanced Leadership Certification in Infection Prevention and Control (AL-CIP), a new credential designed to recognize professionals who demonstrate advanced expertise, leadership, and impact in the field of infection prevention and control.

#### **About the AL-CIP:**

The AL-CIP is a portfolio-based assessment that evaluates your knowledge, skills, and abilities in infection prevention and control. Unlike traditional examinations, this certification allows you to showcase your professional accomplishments and leadership through a comprehensive portfolio. The application period closes on February 28, 2025. The second application period will be July 10, 2025-August 15, 2025. We encourage candidates to work on their portfolios before the application opens.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

To apply for the AL-CIP, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated Positive Impact on the Profession: Active engagement and advanced practice in infection prevention and control, leadership, education, research, policy, and/or advocacy for a minimum of 5-10 years.
- 2. Active Certification: Current Certification in Infection Control (CIC®) and/or Long-Term Care Certification in Infection Prevention (LTC-CIP®).

## **Application Process:**

Applicants are required to submit a detailed portfolio that includes a written narrative and supporting evidence demonstrating their expertise and leadership in infection prevention and control. Each portfolio will be reviewed and scored by three subject matter experts to ensure a fair assessment.

Detailed application instructions and resources are available on our website.

We encourage all eligible professionals to consider applying for the AL-CIP to

and control. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at <a href="mailto:info@cbic.org">info@cbic.org</a> or attend one of the upcoming informational sessions.

# **NEW! | Chapter Leader Virtual Training**

We're excited to have you here as you take an important step in strengthening your leadership role. This training is designed to provide you with the knowledge and resources to lead your chapter effectively and confidently.

**Click** to view the trainings in your APIC Education Dashboard.

Visit the "Virtual Trainings and Knowledge Checks" tab to access the following microlessons:

- · Chapter Leaders Virtual Training: Introduction
- · APIC & Chapter Relationship
- · Chapter Organizational Structure and Governance
- · Chapter Requirements & Expectations
- · Getting to Know the Member Engagement Committee (MEC)
- · APIC Chapter Awards
- · Navigating Chapter Resources
- · How to Have Effective Meetings

Looking for additional tools? Visit the "Additional Resources" tab to access helpful guides, links, and downloadable PDFs to support your chapter leadership journey.

Have questions or want to share ideas with your peers? Head over to the "Discussion" tab to connect with fellow chapter leaders.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to advancing infection prevention! If you have any questions, comments, or other feedback, please contact <a href="mailto:chapters@apic.org">chapters@apic.org</a>.

# Chapter Leader & Chapter Excellence Awards

Each year, APIC recognizes
dedicated members who
significantly advance patient safety
and the science of infection
prevention. Celebrate outstanding
achievements by nominating
deserving individuals or chapters for
this year's **Chapter** 

Leader Awards and Chapter

## **Chapter Leader Satisfaction Survey**

We want to hear your feedback on your leadership experiences, effectiveness, and satisfaction as a chapter leader to help APIC enhance our support for you. Your input will help guide our efforts to continue to improve leadership support, resources, and overall chapter effectiveness for both current and future APIC chapter

For more information about this award, please visit <u>Chapter Leader</u>

<u>Awards - APIC</u>. Click <u>here</u> for

the Chapter Leader nomination form.

approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please click <u>here</u> to access the survey.

The Satisfaction Survey will close

on **February 7, 2025.** 

For more information please visit

<u>Chapter Excellence Awards -</u>

APIC. Click here for the Chapter

**Excellence nomination form.** 

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close on February 7, 2025.



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