



JULY 2024

Save the Date: Upcoming Chapter Events

Chapter Presidents' Call - July 25 @ 2 pm ET (*NOTE: Rescheduled from July 18)

Chapter Legislative Representative Call - July 29 @ 11 am ET

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

Leadership Highlights

More from Chapter Leader Day 2024 to bring to your chapters

During Chapter Leader Day 2024, approximately 100-chapter leaders convened to connect, discover, and create solutions to advance chapters and the chapter leadership experience. The leaders engaged in several activities including a game to test and increase awareness of existing resources, the development of role-specific leadership tips for those in various leadership positions, new resource ideation for review and future development, and speed mentoring pairing new leaders with those more experienced in chapter leadership.

While these activities were curated with the chapter leader in mind, they also lend themselves to use within your chapters and chapter meetings (both general membership and Board levels) for the benefit of your members. [Click here to review the activity descriptions and the different spins you can add to inform and add value to your members](#), as well.

Chapter functions in new member portal

APIC has recently launched a brand-new system designed to offer an enhanced online member experience and more seamless delivery of APIC member benefits. And, as you may have noticed, there have been changes to your online experience and access as a chapter leader, too.

On this new platform, chapter leaders can still access a series of current membership rosters through their member profiles. In addition, you can easily submit and update your chapter leadership rosters through the 'Chapter Positions' option, as well as share your chapter's event calendar by adding events that are accessible and visible to your chapter members through their online profiles.

Since the initial launch, access to preexisting options including the ability to schedule a Zoom call have been added and direct access to the Chapter Resource Center microsite is coming soon.

Although you'll find more available now with a more simplified process for access and submission, a detailed instruction guide for using these new chapter leader functions is forthcoming. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need further assistance with accessing and using these new chapter functions, please contact chapters@apic.org.

Call for chapter speaker listing now open-- submit your recommendations!

Chapters host local conferences and provide infection prevention education as a benefit to support local members. However, APIC continues to receive reports of chapters' difficulties finding and securing speakers to facilitate local education opportunities. To support the chapters in this area, APIC's Member Engagement Committee (MEC) is relaunching a tool that will allow chapters to both submit and identify potential local speakers for their meetings and conferences.

To build the list, we need your chapters to [submit your speaker recommendations](#). The committee is asking that your chapter recommend speakers that you have heard and found to be interesting, encouraging, and knowledgeable. Before adding your recommendations, please be sure that they agree or have otherwise provided permission for you to share their name and information. [Download a template for reaching out to your recommended speakers here](#).

As you submit your recommendations, they will be added to the list as potential resources for other chapters in need of speakers or presenters. Ultimately, this listing will be a great resource to help chapters connect with and find speakers on a variety of topics.

To contribute your speaker recommendations to the speaker listing for chapters, [click here](#).

Membership Highlights

Organizational Membership and APIC Chapters

APIC's Organizational Membership allows companies to enroll multiple IPs, non-IP healthcare professionals who have IPC responsibilities, and/or other professionals. The program provides an opportunity to ease the payment process (single invoice) and save on annual membership fees. Participating organizations have access to year-round early bird pricing for APIC's Annual Conference and can transfer membership to a new employee (if there's a staffing change). There are currently 95 Organizational Members.

Organizational Membership adds another layer to existing individual member types. The term "Organizational Member" describes the facility, system or company. Individuals covered by an Organizational Membership must still meet the current definition of the appropriate individual category (Professional, New to Profession, etc.). These individuals will receive their own unique membership ID number and account. Existing members added to an Organizational Member roster will maintain their current account credentials and history.

Pricing is based on tiers with a flat fee per tier. The smallest tier is 6-10 members. Chapter memberships are an additional fee, however, these dues can be added to the invoice. (At this time, approximately 75% of Organizational Members choose to include chapter membership.) If the Organizational Membership does not include chapter dues, individuals can purchase chapter membership via apic.org or membership@apic.org.

On your chapter rosters, members covered by Organizational Membership will be identified by the member types seen below.

- Full/Active Member / Full/Active Org Member
- New IP Member / New IP Org Member
- Associate Member / Associate Org Member

In the coming days, these member types will be replaced with APIC's new, approved member types as shown below.

- Professional Member / Professional Org Member
- New to Profession Member / New to Profession Org Member
- Associate Member / Associate Org Member
- Supporting Member / Supporting Org Member

Don't forget: The definitions and requirements are the same. The only difference is whether it is an Individual Membership or part of an Organizational Membership.

If you have any questions or if you're interested in learning more, please contact grow@apic.org.

CBIC Updates for chapters and their members

It was great to see so many chapter leaders stop by the CBIC booth and reception in San Antonio, TX last month! We received a high volume of questions on the CIC® recertification process and deadlines are fast approaching for those due to recertify in 2024. Recertification can be obtained through infection prevention units (IPUs) or through the open-book, untimed recertification examination.

Recertification IPU portfolios are due for submission on October 31, 2024. To learn more about this process, please visit the CBIC website.

The recertification examination must be purchased on or before November 30, 2024 and the examination must be completed, and a passing score achieved by December 31, 2024, at 11:59pm Greenwich Mean Time/6:59 pm EST. The recertification examination can be purchased on the CBIC website.

Additional updates for your chapters include:

- Join CBIC directors Steven J. Schweon RN, MPH, MSN, CIC, LTC-CIP, CPHQ, FSHEA, FAPIC and Gail Fraine, RN, MMHC, BSN, CIC, LTC-CIP for a webinar on recertification options on August 8, 2024, at 1pm ET. To register, please visit the APIC website.
- Do you have an upcoming chapter meeting? You can still submit your request for representation from CBIC at a future APIC chapter meeting. [Please fill out the request form here](#).

If you have questions about CBIC's certifications, please contact us at info@cbic.org. It is always a pleasure to connect with APIC chapters and to learn how CBIC can better assist current and prospective certificants.

APIC Happenings to Share

Share information about APIC's CAH Scholarship

The [APIC Critical Access Hospital \(CAH\) Scholarship](#) is now accepting applications for the 2025-26 award cycle. As an APIC Chapter leader, we are seeking your assistance in sharing this information among your contacts and colleagues in the CAH community. The CAH Scholarship program is a joint effort among APIC, APIC Consulting Services, and the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC). The deadline to apply is **September 13**.

Three (3) CAHs will be awarded with scholarships. Each hospital will receive products and services totaling more than \$50,000, including:

- Up to 150 hours of consulting services from APIC Consulting Services
- Two (2) APIC memberships + chapter memberships for two years
- Two (2) subscriptions to APIC Text Online for two years
- Two (2) a-IPC or CIC self-study prep courses
- Two (2) a-IPC or CIC certification exams
- Access to APIC's PolicyPro Library of Policies and Procedures for two years

- Membership in APIC's CAH virtual network
- Two (2) Annual Conference registrations for two years + travel (inclusive of coach airfare and three nights hotel - room and tax only)

Visit APIC's Critical Access Hospital Scholarship webpage to [learn more](#) and [apply](#). For any questions about the opportunity, contact Scholarships@apic.org directly.

APIC Board of Directors Chapter Speaking Tour Continues

The APIC Board of Directors (BOD) is enjoying the opportunity to meet with chapters on their local chapter tour and would love to connect with your members! Would you like a member of the APIC BOD to speak at one of your chapter meetings and share key updates on APIC initiatives for 2024? They are ready and available--so spread the word. If you are interested in scheduling an APIC Board Member for an upcoming meeting, please email chapters@apic.org. They are looking forward to meeting with you and your members soon.



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