



JUNE 2024

Save the Date: Upcoming Chapter Events

Chapter Legislative Representative Call - June 24 @ 11 am ET

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Leadership Highlights

Highlights from Chapter Leader Day 2024

Approximately 100-chapter leaders convened in San Antonio, Texas for Chapter Leader Day 2024. The primary goal of the event was to allow all participants, including the Member Engagement Committee (MEC) and APIC staff, to connect around the discovery and creation of solutions that will advance our local chapters and chapter leaders. Over the course of the event participants learned about existing leadership resources and then worked together to review and update the current job descriptions, create role-specific tips and tricks, and ideate new resources to fill any remaining leadership information or resource gaps. They also provided the MEC with real-time feedback on several key chapter programs and ideas on how to make them better.

One of the most popular activities of the day was the Chapter Leader Resource Bingo Game. The game was designed as a fun way to inform and test the leaders' knowledge while increasing awareness of the resources that APIC provides to support chapter leaders. For those unable to attend or attendees interested in playing the game with your own local or potential leaders, [the Bingo game cards and leadership resource descriptions can be accessed here](#).

The meeting also featured a few key updates from the Member Engagement Committee (MEC) and the presentation of the 2024 Chapter Awards. [Download the full Chapter Leader Day presentation, including MEC updates and information about the 2024 Chapter Award recipients, here](#).

More information and tools from the Chapter Leader Day activities will be shared in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have questions, thoughts or ideas to share, email chapters@apic.org or post on the [Chapter Leader Community discussion*](#).

*must be logged in to access

IPUs available for chapter participation and volunteerism

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It has been said by many chapter leaders that chapter leadership and local participation can be a rewarding experience providing opportunities to enhance personal, organizational and professional networks and developmental pathways. In serving as a chapter leader, you gain a depth of experience and access to information and resources that help advance your leadership journey locally, within APIC, and in the field.

One of the specific benefits attached to local chapter participation is the award of IPU's. Infection prevention units (IPUs) are unique to CBIC and can be converted from CNEs or CEUs according to CBIC's specified conversion scale (.1 CEU = 1 IPU and 1 CNE= 1 IPU.) However, in order for CNE or CEU's to be converted to IPU's, they must be attached to educational content that is IPC related and related to the content domains for CIC.

In addition to obtaining IPU's for local education, chapter members can also get IPU's by serving in local leadership positions, including elected office, director roles or on committees. IPU's can also be awarded to candidates for speaking at local meetings and conferences.

When preparing one's portfolio, it's important to note that half of the IPU's in a candidate's portfolio must be from an accredited provider. The other half must be from a credible provider, but don't necessarily have to be accredited. This means the candidates can obtain IPU's for chapter level activity, including local education, even if/when no CE is offered for it.

CBIC's [IPU Criteria chart](#), a two-page chart that details the eligible activities and criteria for IPU eligibility, is housed on the CBIC website and can be a helpful tool in understanding and sharing how members can obtain IPU's via local chapter participation.

Share this information with your members and help increase your chapter's membership engagement and volunteer leadership pools.

Strategic Partner Program

APIC Strategic Partners looking to help more chapters in 2nd half of 2024

APIC's Strategic Partners enjoyed meeting with chapter leaders onsite in San Antonio for the Chapter Leader/Strategic Partner Networking Reception. Attendees connected over tasty local bites to discuss current chapter needs and opportunities for industry partner support. Whether your chapter was represented at the event or not--or needs educational programming, mentorship, or vendor sponsorship--APIC Strategic Partners are looking forward to ongoing opportunities to build relationships and help your chapters. [Learn more about the resources the 2024 APIC Strategic Partners can offer your chapter and how you can connect with them here.](#)

APIC Happenings to Share

Be a stop on the APIC Board of Directors Speaking Tour!

The APIC Board of Directors (BOD) is embarking on a 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 one of them for an upcoming meeting, please email chapters@apic.org. They are looking forward to meeting with you and your members soon.

Register for APIC and AAPACN: "Exploring Intersections Between Post Acute Nursing

& Infection Prevention & Control” – July 8 Webinar

Tracey Moorhead, AAPACN's President and CEO will join Devin Jopp, CEO of APIC to explore the critical role of the Post Acute Nursing workforce and the intersection with infection prevention and control. The webinar will feature a dialogue between both CEOs exploring the collective challenges and opportunities to the profession. It will also explore the importance of education/certification and how it connects in an era of value-based reimbursement.

[Register today!](#)

It's Your Turn – Meet us in Boston!

Whether looking to build a strong foundation in Infection Prevention or find success with advanced certification preparation, APIC invites you to join us in Boston this August. There is still space available and waiting for you to advance your Infection Prevention career. Join other IPs in the pursuit of networking, knowledge building, and obtaining continuing education credits. [Register today!](#)

2024 IPC Collaboration Series Call for Presenters is NOW OPEN!

We are seeking teams of two (an IP and a collaborator) to share your experience as a successful case study.

[The IPC Collaboration Series](#) will demonstrate the importance of relationship building between infection prevention and other areas of expertise and highlight mechanisms for IPs to foster stronger relationships. To do so, we want to hear your story!

These relationships are essential to the IP as they offer insight into how the work of other teams impacts infection prevention. Further, your experiences will highlight how cross-functional teams are an essential component of a comprehensive infection prevention program.

Why apply? In 2023 we had over 1,700 people register for the series. This is your chance to impact many lives and share your knowledge. Speakers also earn continuing education credit for participating in this series.

In 2024, we will focus on:

- Construction and Renovation
- Eye Clinics/Optomety
- Laundry management
- Environmental cleaning
- Respiratory viruses
- Immunizations
- Instrument Reprocessing

Share the opportunity with your members and [apply today!](#)

Apply Now!

Call for Chapter Participation in IP Burn Out Study

APIC is looking for local chapters to participate in a study on burnout among Infection Preventionists. In 2023, an AJIC study highlighted the impact that COVID-19 had on Infection Preventionist's mental and physical health. The study showed a significant number of respondents that reported notable levels of depression (21.5%), anxiety (29.8%), and burnout (65.2%), and that workplaces with shorter shifts and adequate wellness support were associated with better health outcomes (Melnik et. al, 2023).

Our hypothesis is that issues such as substantial job expectations coupled with inadequate staffing can lead to higher stress levels, lower productivity, and other less than favorable mental health outcomes. The hope is that this study will allow Infection Preventionists and their employers to seek solutions that improve their quality of life at work and enhance the care that their communities receive. Interested chapters will be invited to attend a presentation that will outline the timeline of the study, study aims, and preliminary findings.

If your chapter is interested, contact Sara Reese, sreese@apic.org, for more information.



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