

DATE	01/13/26	TIME	1:00-3:00pm	LOCATION	Carpenter's Regional Council/Virtual
<u>Greater KC APIC Mission:</u> <u>National APIC Vision:</u> A safer world through the prevention of infection. <u>National APIC Mission:</u> To advance the science and practice of infection prevention and control					
Greater KC APIC Chapter Website: Home - APIC Chapter 31 - Greater Kansas City					
Next Meeting Date: February, 10th, 2026 Time: 1:00-3:00 Location: Mid-America Carpenter's Regional Council Speaker: TBA Topic: TBA					
Total Attendance: 79 Business Meeting Attendance: 67			In-Person Attendance: 22 Virtual Attendance: 52		

CALL TO ORDER

- Call to Order: 2:20 PM

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to Approve: Casey Semos
- Second: Jan Huffman
- None opposed, No corrections

OLD BUSINESS REVIEW

- Chapter Bylaws and Policies
 - Quorum was met for approval of minutes, we have not heard back from APIC yet on whether they have been approved or not.
 - Will be available on the website

QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP

- Should we put a bylaw in that states that two people are required for the ballot so members can actually vote for a position?
 - President and President-Elect will discuss
- Patient Safety Component will not go into effect until January 22nd, 2026. Are we using the 2026 manual or the 2025 manual for cases from January 1st to January 21st?
 - Hold off until the criteria have updated on NHSN, then upload the surgeries after January 22nd.
- A local area hospital decided to begin universal masking recently, the local area hospital is now scaling back masking for patient encounters only.
 - What are the parameters for making that kind of decisions?

- The local hospital started masking due to surge issue with patients waiting in the ED and with patients who were influenza A positive, now they are scaling back because we no longer have the surge issue and patients are being discharged. The local hospital is going to start doing thresholds to determine when they are going to start masking.
- From member – masking should be performed when necessary, but healthcare workers should also focus on hand hygiene to prevent the spread of germs.
- From member – there is a policy at their hospital that staff members must wear a mask when they are coming back to work after being COVID positive, but they are not required to mask if they are coming back to work after being influenza positive.
- KUDOS to a local hospital for sticking to American Academy of Pediatrics vaccination schedule.
- Do healthcare workers have to wear a gown for flu?
 - No, just droplet isolation, except in specific populations

TREASURER REPORT

- Treasurer Reports
 - Business Checking: \$34,997.38
 - Deposit: Payments of \$2693.95 for Greater KC APIC Educational Conference speaker reimbursement
 - Leadership handoff dinner: \$528.21
 - Business Savings: \$1.00
 - Business CD: \$7,191.19
 - Interest Received: \$21.62
- Budget Update
 - Please see meeting slides for budget updates

EDUCATION AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- First meeting is scheduled for this Thursday to make plans for the year and select a chairman

NOMINATING AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

- Meeting on Thursday to select a chair and update the financial awards criteria for the year, hoping to have everything ready so honorees can apply for Early Bird Registration

MEMBERSHIP

- Five new members joined the chapter!
- Please reach out if you have any questions or if you would like to become more engaged.
- Membership Committee! They will promote engagement and roster management, so if you are interested in joining a Membership Committee, please reach out to the President (mreavis@kumc.edu) or President-Elect (cseamos@kumc.edu)
 - For roles and responsibilities, please see the chapter slides.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Save the Date: AIDS Walk – Saturday, April 25th at Thies Park
 - Planning for a chapter team to raise money and participate in the walk

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

- A local hospital had a new IP join the team!
- A chapter member moved internationally!
- A chapter member moved into a new role!
- Two members will be presenting at the national APIC conference for an interactive session!

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

- No report
- If you are a new IP and want to join one of the mentorship groups, please contact the President at mreavis@kumc.edu.

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHTS

- No report

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

- Childhood Vaccination Schedule Changes
 - CDC has made vaccine schedule change recommendations, which will not support some vaccinations except for high risk groups, requiring those who do not qualify for high risk groups to pay out of pocket.
- If you are interested in being a Legislative Representative for the chapter, please contact the President or President-Elect

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS

- Public Health Liaison for KS
 - Please see the public health report update in the chapter meeting slides
- Public Health Liaison for MO
 - Please see the public health report update in the chapter meeting slides

NEW BUSINESS

- Chapter Directory Updates
 - Please go into the Chapter Directory on the chapter website to update your profile with relevant information to encourage collaboration between the chapter members
 - Remember to update if you change jobs as well
 - The chapter directory is different from the APIC.org contact info. Please go into the apic.org page to ensure you are enrolled in our local chapter so you can receive chapter communications.
- Needs Assessment Review
 - Will be shared at the next meeting

CIC REVIEW

- Questions will be shared via the slides

WRAP-UP/ADJOURN

- Meeting Adjourned: 3:30 PM
- Next Meeting: February 10th, 2026

LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS & NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Chapter Officers	President: Maggie Reavis, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC, CPHQ, FAPIC
	President-Elect: Casey Semos, MPH, CIC
	Past President: Jessica Rindels, MBA, BSN, RN, CIC, CPHQ, HACP, FAPIC
	Secretary: Annie Huber, MPH, CIC (1st year of 2-year term)
	Treasurer: Tanya McIntosh (2nd year of 2-year term)

Board of Directors	Craig Williams, MBA, BSN, RN, CIC (2nd year of 2-year term) Susannah Paschal, MBA, BSN, RN (2nd year of 2-year term) Lindsey Haefele, BSN, RN, CIC (1st year of 2-year term) Rachelle Smith, BSN, RN (1st year of 2-year term)
Education and Conference Committee	Angela Redman, MSN, RN, CIC Lisa Ray, BSN, RN, Anne-Marie Gaynier, MPH, BSN, RN Sara Lee, BSN, RN
Nominating and Awards Committee	Laura Engel, RN, BSN, CIC (2nd year of a 2-year term) LaSonya Buford, BSN, RN (2nd year of a 2-year term) Courtney Wainscott, BSN, RN, CIC (1st year of a 2-year term) Kathy Turtle, BSN, RN, CEN, CIC (1st year of a 2-year term)
National Committee Representatives	Tanya McIntosh: National APIC Professional Development Committee (2025-2027) Sylvia Ford: National APIC Annual Conference Committee (2023-2026) Tammy Cunningham: National APIC Communications Committee (2025 – 2027)
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