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GRAND CANYON

Chapter Membership Meeting January 24th, 2025

Agenda

Start	Minutes	Presenter	Topic
1:30			Call to Order
1:30	5	J. Maxwell	Introductions – APIC board 2025
1:35	15	K. Zabel	H5N1 Educational Session
1:50	5	J. Maxwell	Introductions, News, Updates
1:55	10	J. Maxwell	National APIC Updates – Jennifer Maxwell
2:05	10	R. Kozinski N. Zahedi	National APIC Volunteer Opportunities
2:15	10 5 5 30	J. Maxwell G. Enge / M. Walker J. Maxwell K. Grimes	Chapter Updates - Scholarship Opportunities - Miscellaneous updates - Treasurer Report - 2025/2026 Open Board Positions - 2025 Educational Topics
3:05	20	J. Maxwell	Round Table - Chapter Website - Upcoming events - Test your knowledge - Upcoming meetings - Questions?
3:25	5	J. Maxwell	Closing and final discussions

Welcome All!

- Introductions to the 2025 APIC Grand Canyon Board
 - Immediate Past President – Linus Nienstadt
 - Current President – Jennifer Maxwell
 - President Elect – Kristin Grimes
 - Treasurer – Gretchen Ange
 - Treasurer Elect – Milena Walker
 - Recording Secretary / Membership Secretary – Mariana Singletary
 - Members at Large – Nicholas Schweers, Rebecca Ragar, Mary Sibulsky
 - Nominating Committee – Martin Caudillo, Janet Acosta, Brianna McCombie
 - Webmaster – Rhianna Kozinski
 - Chapter Legislative Representative – Kristin Grimes
 - APIC Volunteer Committee Representatives – Rhianna Kozinski, Nika Zahedi



Educational Presentation:

- Karen Zabel, MSN, RN
- Epidemiology Nurse Manager
- Maricopa Department of Public Health
- Division of Epidemiology & Informatics



MCDPH Highly-Pathogenic Avian Influenza Situational Update

Karen Zabel : Epidemiology Nurse Manager : January 2025



Situational Update – U.S.

- Feb 2022: the Eurasian strain of H5N1 (clade 2.3.4.4b) emerged in the U.S. & initiated an epizootic that continues today.
 - Widespread in wild birds worldwide- terrestrial and marine mammals also affected.
 - Human infections are historically rare.
 - No evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission.
- March 2024: first cases of HPAI in dairy cows (TX, KS, and MI).
 - No concern about safety of commercial milk supply due to pasteurization process.
- April 2024: human case reported in TX (infected cow exposure).
 - Thought to be the first instance of likely mammal to human spread of H5N1.
- Surveillance & prevention due to concern for antigenic shift & emergence of novel flu (e.g., 2009 swine flu pandemic)
 - Added concern with human proximity to cows

CDC still considers the risk from avian influenza A(H5) viruses to the public to be low.

U.S. Human Case Counts (as of 1/21/2025)

State	Dairy Herds (Cattle)	Poultry Farms & Culling Operations	Other Animal Exposure [†]	Exposure Source Unknown [‡]	State Total
California	36	0	0	2	38
Colorado	1	9	0	0	10
Iowa	0	1	0	0	1
Louisiana	0	0	1	0	1
Michigan	2	0	0	0	2
Missouri	0	0	0	1	1
Oregon	0	1	0	0	1
Texas	1	0	0	0	1
Washington	0	11	0	0	11
Wisconsin	0	1	0	0	1
Source Total	40	23	1	3	67

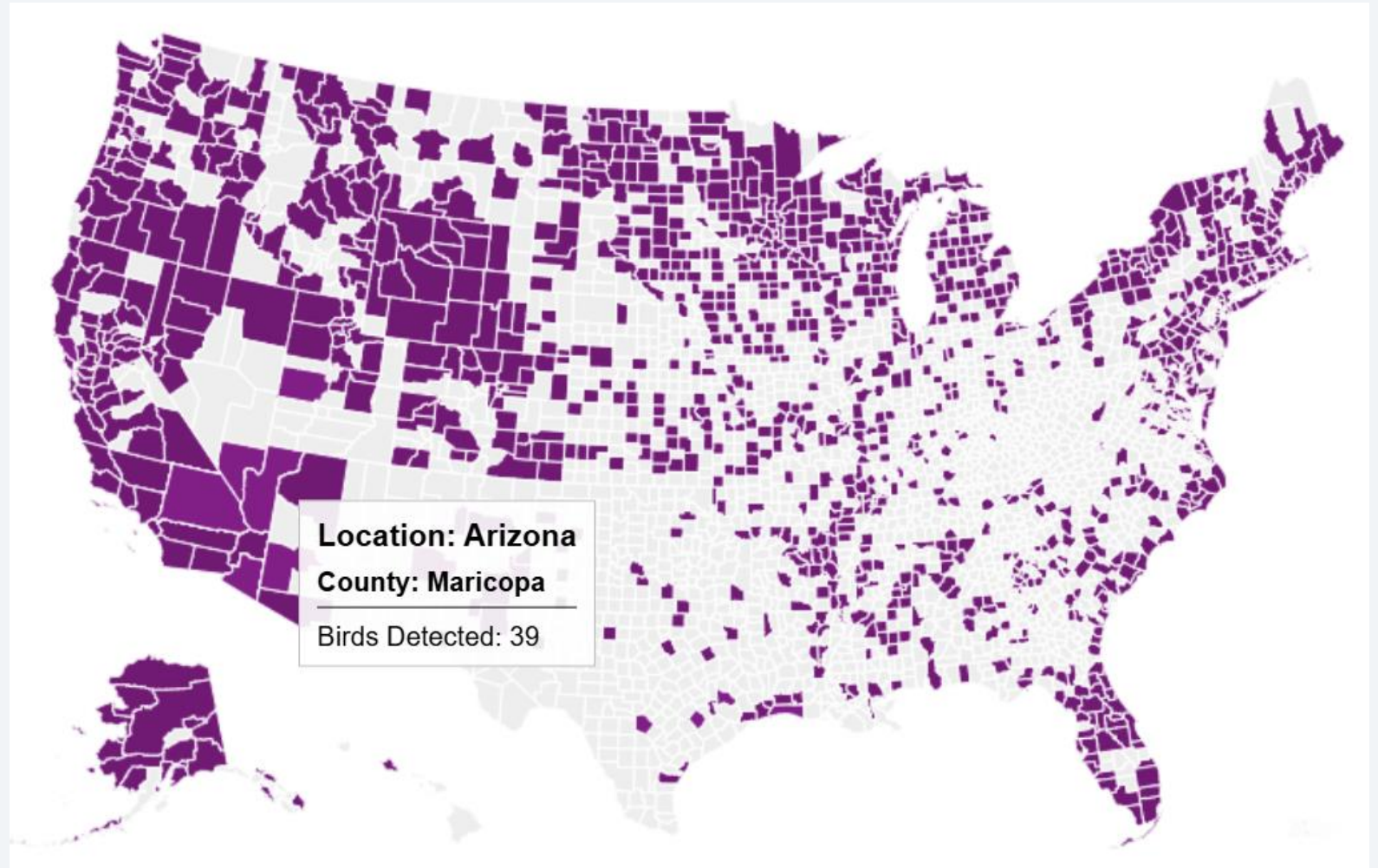
NOTE: One additional case was previously detected in a poultry worker in Colorado in 2022. Louisiana reported the [first H5 bird flu death](#) in the U.S.

[†]Exposure was related to other animals such as backyard flocks, wild birds, or other mammals

[‡]Exposure source was not able to be identified

Situational Update – Maricopa County

Total wild bird
detections in
Maricopa County
since 2022



Situational Update – Maricopa County

Recent MC Exposures

	Date	Exposure Setting	Actions
	November 2024	Backyard poultry	Risk assessment, symptom monitoring, PEP
	December 2024	Zoological park	Risk assessment, symptom monitoring, PEP, mitigation guidance, messaging
	December 2024	Park	Messaging

Situational Update – Maricopa County



There have been NO confirmed human cases in Maricopa County.

What are Considered High Risk Exposures?

Animal Exposures (within 10 days)

- Close exposure (within six feet) to a confirmed infected animal.
- Direct contact with surfaces contaminated with feces, unpasteurized milk/dairy product, or animal parts of infected animal.
- Visiting a live bird market with confirmed infection.

Human-to-Human Exposures

- Close (within six feet) unprotected (without use of respiratory and eye protection) exposure to a confirmed, probable, or symptomatic suspected case of human infection.



**Call MCDPH regarding
high suspect cases!**

(602) 506-6767

Diagnostic Testing

Specimens to Collect

- Nasopharyngeal (NP)
and
- NP combined with oropharyngeal (OP)

If the person has conjunctivitis:

- Conjunctival swab and NP

Where to Send Specimens

- LabCorp (reflex if INF A +)
- Quest (reflex if INF A +)
- Arizona State Public Health Lab
 - For high-risk exposures
 - If commercial not feasible

CDC HAN (1/16/2025)

Accelerated Subtyping of Influenza A in Hospitalized Patients

- Request to expedite subtyping of influenza A-positive specimens from hospitalized patients, particularly ICU
 - Ideally subtype within 24 hours of admission.
- May help with identifying human infections, supporting patient care, timely infection control & case investigation.

CDC still considers the risk from avian influenza A(H5) viruses to the public to be low.

 **Rapid reporting & identification is key to disease detection & timely PEP!**

What to do for HPAI Suspects?

- Report to Public Health!
- Ensure precautions are in place
 - Standard, contact, and airborne precautions are recommended.
- Perform diagnostic testing with accelerated subtyping
 - In house/commercial/ ASPHL
- Expedite treatment
 - Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) is the recommended treatment – do not await testing results if provider suspects HPAI

HCF Follow-up for Confirmed HPAI A(H5N1)

Public Health will guide next steps for follow up!

Follow up actions may include:

- Identify patient movement details & exposed staff
 - Unprotected exposure (e.g., within 2 meters of a symptomatic patient with novel influenza A virus infection without use of recommended respiratory protection & eye protection).
- Complete risk assessments for exposed staff & share a line list with PH
- Perform symptoms checks for exposed staff through their incubation period (10 days from last contact).
 - Ensure symptomatic exposed staff are excluded.
- Consider exclusion or testing/PEP of asymptomatic exposed staff.
- Report any new suspects to PH.



Thank You

Karen Zabel
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Introductions, News, Updates?

Anyone new at the meeting (on the call) that is attending for the first time?

Anyone have any exciting news to share?

New CIC certifications / recertifications

Survey news?

Job Postings

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

JUNE 16-18 PHOENIX, AZ

Registration is NOW OPEN



Where?

Phoenix Convention Center



When?

June 16th-18th

ONLY 143 More Days



How to Register

<https://www.mcievents.com/apic2025/>



Dates

Registration now open for
tickets and hotels

Early Bird 1/22 – 3/21



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO
JUNE 16-18 PHOENIX, AZ

Volunteer Program Overview

Rhianna Kozinski and Nika Zahedi

Volunteer Co-Chairs



APIC25 Overview

**Monday, June 16 –
Wednesday, June 18**

Phoenix Convention Center

Volunteer Profile

- APIC member
- Phoenix Chapter member (priority)
- Availability between June 15-18
- Friendly and with a positive attitude
- Flexibility to fill in different roles as needed during their shifts

Volunteer Jobs

- Volunteer Lounge/Check In
- Ambassadors (Wayfinders)
- General Session Greeters/Seating Assistance
- Mealtime Seating Assistance

** All jobs require some walking and standing during your shifts

** All shifts are 3-4 hrs.

Volunteer Benefits

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Volunteers who sign up for 2 or more shifts receive a **20% discount off** the Early Bird registration rate.

Early Bird Rate: January 22 – March 21

Member Early Bird rate: \$715

Volunteer discounted rate: \$572

Complimentary parking ONLY for volunteers who staff the volunteer lounge

Volunteer Options

Mealtime Seating Assistance

Ambassadors (Wayfinders)

General Session Greeters/Seating Assistance

Volunteer Lounge – Volunteer Check In

Volunteer Shifts

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VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING

We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the venue ahead of their shift by arriving early.

Team	Sunday 6/15	Monday 6/16	Tuesday 6/17	Wednesday 6/18
Volunteer Chairs	7am-2pm	6:30am-5:30pm	6:30am-5:30pm	6:30am-1:30pm
Volunteer Lounge	7-10am	6:30-10:30am	6:30-10:30am	6:30-10:30am
	10am-2pm	10:30am-2:30pm	10:30am-2:30pm	10:30am-1:30pm
	-	2:30-5:30pm	2:30-5:30pm	-
Wayfinders + General Sessions + Meal Assistance	7-10am	6:30-10:30am	6:30-10:30am	7-11am
	10am-2pm	7-11am	7-11am	10:30am-1:30pm
	-	10:30am-2:30pm	10:30am-2:30pm	-
	-	2:30-5:30pm	2:30-5:30pm	-

Becoming a Volunteer

#APIC25

Contact
Volunteer
Co-Chairs &
Confirm
Availability

You should be
available between
June 15-18

Shifts are 3-4 hrs.

Get Discount
Code &
Register

***2 or more shifts
required to receive
Early Bird discount***

You will receive your
discount code to
register when
registration opens on
January 22, 2025.

Attend
Volunteer
Training
Webinar

You will need to attend
a mandatory volunteer
training webinar (early
June 2025)

Volunteer at
APIC25!

You will receive your
schedule in advance

Plan to arrive to the
venue 15-10 mins.
before the start of your
shift

The background of the slide is a photograph of the interior of Antelope Canyon, showing smooth, undulating sand walls in shades of purple, blue, and orange, with light streaming in from the top right.

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Questions?

**Contact Nika Zahedi or Rhianna Kozinski
for more information and next steps!**

Nika.Zahedi@bannerhealth.com and Rhianna.Kozinski@bannerhealth.com

Scholarship Opportunities

2 Levels of Support

- \$600 for local members
- \$1100 for members that require hotel accommodations

Participation for support

- Volunteer at National APIC
- Join the Education Committee for 2025
- Topic presentation at a chapter meeting

Chapter Education Support Grants

\$50000....yes...\$50000!!!

Other Scholarship Opportunities

Applications are due by Friday February 21st.



Diversey 2025 APIC Conference Educational Scholarships

Expanding the knowledge of Infection Preventionists and enabling best practice sharing is critical to creating a safer environment for patients. To help facilitate learning and sharing, Diversey is pleased to offer Educational Scholarships to attend the in-person 2025 APIC Conference.

To support APIC conference participation, Diversey will once again be awarding 18 Scholarship Awards. Each recipient will receive up to \$1,000 toward travel and registration fees for the conference. Awardees will share their project amongst their IP peers at a scholarship dinner.

To be selected you must be:

- Currently working in the Infection Prevention arena.
- Demonstrate your active engagement in a project related to improving outcomes, such as reducing the risk of healthcare-associated infections, by sharing an overview of the project.
- **To apply**, please visit <https://www.sdfhc.com/apic-scholarship/>
- Application deadline: Friday, February 21, 2025
- Winners will be notified on or before: Friday, March 14
- Contact Larinda Becker (lbecker@solenis.com) or Melissa Knott (meknott@solenis.com) with any questions.



2024 Awardees



Click or scan here to apply!

Miscellaneous Updates

Ensure your membership is up to date

- Membership Dues
- Job Location
- Email Address

Contact your Infection Prevention Partners

- Invite a Friend
 - SNF
 - LTAC
 - Rehab
 - Small single facilities

APIC Grand Canyon Chapter (088)
2024 Budget vs. Actual and Proposed 2025 Budget

Treasurer's Report

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Proposed Budget
INCOME			
Chapter Dues	5,500.00	6,390.00	6,250.00
Interest/ Investment earnings	4.00	2.82	4.00
Realized gain or (loss) on investments	-	-	
Unrealized investment gain or (loss)			
Conference revenue/ registration fees			-
Vendor support/ sponsorship (Fall Conf)	18,000.00	24,562.50	-
All other contributions, gifts, grants	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	23,504.00	30,955.32	6,254.00
EXPENSES			
Education-Travel Support (Members)	12,000.00	14,345.84	50,000.00
Chapter business expenses (Telephone Conf Line)	400.00	(215.02)	200.00
Dues/ Renewal fees/Bonding/Insurance (APIC)	1,500.00		1,500.00
Investment Mgmt Expense	-	-	
Investment Mgmnt Expense (Late Fees)	-	-	
Insurance/ Bonding (Fall Conf)	90.00	90.00	-
Chapter conferences, & events (Supplies)	-	-	
Chapter conferences, & events (CEU's)	-	-	
Travel-Hotel-Meal Expenses (Fall Conf)	-	1,547.25	
Chapter conferences, & events (Honoraria)	-	-	
Chapter conferences, & events (Food)	10,000.00	8,590.56	2,500.00
Office Expense	75.00	17.55	75.00

2024 Fall Conference

APIC Grand Canyon Chapter 2024 Fall Conference

INCOME		2024	2023
Vendor & Attendee Funds rcvd from Eventbrite 10.29.24		\$24,027.12	\$26,735.96
Vendor check rcvd. 9.16.24		535.38	592.12
Refunds granted after Eventbrite closed		(299.56)	0.00
Total INCOME		\$24,262.94	\$27,328.08
(Vendor=36 paid @ \$500; Attendees=76 paid @ \$75 ea;1 addl vendor @ \$35)			
EXPENSE			
Desert Willow 2023/GCU 2024		\$6,133.53	\$17,462.45
Insurance		90.00	90.00
Hotel Rooms		1,547.25	934.57
Copies		55.34	549.18
Supplies (folders (\$39.99), badge holders (\$36.92))		76.91	79.29
Gift cards/Prizes for giveaways		104.22	104.95
Total EXPENSE		\$8,007.25	\$19,220.44
NET INCOME		\$16,255.69	\$8,107.64

Note: 2019 net income was \$9,146.83; 2021 net income was negative \$2,760.37; 2022 net income was \$10,582.72

Income Breakdown		2024	2023
Processed through EventBrite		25,863.27	28,992.57
EventBrite fees & payment processing		-1,836.15	-2,256.61
		24,027.12	26,735.96

In-person attendees (only 6 didn't show for conference)	98	
Vendors (at 43 stations)	46	
Speakers	6	
TOTAL attendees	150	

2026 Open Board Positions

- Consider becoming a part of the APIC Grand Canyon Board
 - President Elect (3-year commitment) – 1 position
 - Treasurer Elect (2-year commitment) – 1 position
 - Recording / Membership Secretary (2-year commitment) – 1 position
 - Member at Large (2-year commitment) – 1 position
 - Nominating Committee (2-year commitment) – 1 position
 - Chapter Legislative Representative (1-year commitment) – 1 position
 - Vendor liaison (1-year commitment) – 1 position
 - Education Committee (2-year commitment) – 2 positions
- Fill out a willingness to Serve!



2025 Education Topics



Education Updates



2025 Education Lineup

- **Jan:** Annual updates, Upcoming National Conference, HAN-Flu update
- **Feb:** Public Health Updates; Findings from 2024 Data Analysis
- **Mar:** Evolution of Urinary External Catheters and Foley Lifecycle & Foley Alternatives Assessments
- **April:** Diagnosis of infectious diseases through cell-free DNA metagenomic sequencing
- **May:** ANSI/AAMI ST-108 or water born pathogens
- **June:** National Conference-Phoenix, AZ and AZID Training and Tabletop Exercise
- **July:** None
- **Aug:** TBD*



Open Group Discussion

- How would you like to grow within the GC Chapter in 2025?
- What would you like to see with education/professional development/skill building to help you in your current role?
- How can your 2025 Board help you?



Thank you

Kristin Grimes, MSN, RN, CIC

2025 President-Elect APIC Grand Canyon Chapter

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Round Table

All sorts of interesting things to talk about!



Check it out

<https://community.apic.org/grandcanyon/home>

- Currently being updated
 - Upcoming meetings and events
 - Slides and information from previous meetings
 - Job opportunities
 - Looking for
 - Searching for
 - And...Much, Much More!

Mark your
Calendars

AZID



SAVE THE DATE

What: **Annual Arizona Infectious Disease (AZID) Training and Exercise**

When: **June 23rd - June 26th, 2025**
Outbreak Tabletop Exercise: June 23, 2025
AZID Conference: June 24 - 25, 2025
One Health Workshop: June 26, 2025

Where: **Desert Willow Conference Center**
Phoenix, AZ

Stay tuned for agenda and more information.
See you all there!

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— DEPARTMENT OF —
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Need to Recertify in 2025?

- Recertification by Exam
 - Recertification exam must be purchased by November 30th
 - Exam must be completed by December 31st
- Recertification by IPU's
 - Portfolios are due October 31st
 - Late fee of 25% of cost added to extend deadline to November 30th
 - Must contain 6 out of 8 domains
 - Being a board member can count as 3 IPU's PER YEAR!



Test Your Knowledge

Fun new monthly content – could you pass the exam
today?

Question 1

Which of the following organisms is most likely to contaminate a urine specimen if the collection process is not done correctly?

- a) Staph aureus
- b) Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- c) Candida albicans
- d) Klebsiella pneumonia



The Answer
is....

C

...did you get it right?

Question 1

This type of sterilizer works by forcing steam into the chamber from the top and pushing the air in the chamber out of the bottom of the chamber:

- a) Steam sterilizer
- b) Ethylene oxide sterilizer
- c) Dynamic air removal steam sterilizer
- d) Gravity displacement steam sterilizer

The Answer
is....

D

...did you get it right?

Question 1

All of the following are true and should be communicated to patients before administering influenza vaccination except:

- a) The vaccine is formulated annually to protect against influenza strains likely to circulate in the US in the upcoming winter
- b) Inactivated influenza vaccine contains noninfectious viral components and cannot cause influenza
- c) Patient who receive specific antivirals within the preceding 24 hours should not receive influenza vaccination
- d) Fever, malaise, myalgia, and other systemic symptoms can occur after vaccination

The Answer
is....

C

...did you get it right?

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

- Friday February 21st, 1-3pm
 - Topic: Public Health Updates; Findings from 2024 Data Analysis
 - John C Lincoln Cowden Center - Barb's Conference Room
 - Link for Virtual to be sent out and posted on chapter website
- Friday March 21st, 1-3pm
 - Topic: Evolution of Urinary External Catheters and Foley Lifecycle & Foley Alternative Assessments
 - John C Lincoln Cowden Center - Room 2AB
 - Link for Virtual to be sent out and posted on chapter website
- Friday April 18th, 1-3pm
 - Topic: TBD
 - John C Lincoln Cowden Center - Barb's Conference Room
 - Link for Virtual to be sent out and posted on chapter website

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