

Monthly Newsletter



Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Our first chapter meeting was held on January 24th. Meeting presentations, upcoming events, important links, job opportunities, and more can be found on the [APIC Grand Canyon website](#).

- *Is there something you want to showcase on the website? Email [Rhianna Kozinski](#) with the information you want to share.*

National News:

Effective January 20, 2025, the United States is no longer joined with the WHO. The withdrawal was initiated in 2020 due to the organizations poor handling of the pandemic, systemic inefficiencies, and overpaying in dues.

The WHO, a United Nations agency founded in 1948, comprises of 194 member states. Each state has its respective amount of dues that contributes to the annual budget that the WHO has available, in addition to individual voluntary contributions from each country. Without contributions from the U.S. - whose funds went largely to WHO Africa, its headquarters, and Eastern Mediterranean regions - the WHO will need to find alternative avenues to support these countries. For what the WHO does and provides resources for across the world, the U.S. has its own infrastructure to sustain our citizens health and wellbeing.

In this newsletter you can expect:

Community Updates

February Meeting Details

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Chapter Meeting

Join us for our February chapter meeting! We are excited to welcome the Arizona Department of Health to present 2024 State of the Health data. The details are below:

- **Date:** February 28, 2025
- **Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- **Location:** 9202 N 2nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85020 (HonorHealth John C Lincoln Medical Center Cowden Center - Barb's Room)



- **Zoom Link:**

<https://apic.zoom.us/j/84441582009?pwd=KGXappUPor42EPcxSGW3LobYUY87tP.1>

- **Password:** APIC4U

Scholarships Available

In June 2025, APIC National will be held in Phoenix, AZ. Our local Grand Canyon chapter will have nearly \$50,000 worth of scholarships available for members to attend the conference.

Scholarship amount will be based on individual need for overnight accommodation - \$600 for local members (within 50 miles of the conference), or \$1,100 for traveling members (greater than 50 miles from the conference).

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

1. An active member of the APIC Grand Canyon Chapter
2. Select one of the three options to assist the chapter:
 - a. Volunteer for national (see *below*)
 - b. Support the education committee
 - c. Present at an upcoming local chapter meeting (Sept and Oct meetings)

Find out more on [our website](#).



ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO
JUNE 16-18 PHOENIX, AZ

APIC 2025

Volunteers Needed

**AVAILABLE ANY DAY(S)
BETWEEN JUNE 15-18, 2025**

Available Jobs (3-4 hr shifts)

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

Benefits

Sign up for 2 or more shifts and get a 20% discount rate off the Early Bird registration rate (\$143 discount)

Complementary parking ONLY for those staffing the volunteer lounge

Interested and want to learn more?

Reach out to Rhianna Kozinski (rhianna.kozinski@bannerhealth.com) and/or Nika Zahedi (nika.zahedi@bannerhealth.com)

**PRIORITY GIVEN TO THOSE ALREADY APIC GRAND CANYON MEMBERS*



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!

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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Certifications and Chapter Reminders

Advanced Leadership Certification in Infection Prevention and Control (AL-CIP)

[More Information](#)

Looking for a new opportunity to advance in IP? Consider applying for the new AL-CIP, a portfolio-based assessment that demonstrates your professional expertise, leadership and impact in the field of infection prevention. The application is open from Jan 21, 2025 - Feb 28, 2025 and requires an active CIC and/or LTC-CIP, and at least 5-10 years of experience.

Recertification with IPU's

[CBIC IPU Portfolio Guide](#)

Are you CIC certified and looking to use IPU's as the method to recertify? You must submit a "professional portfolio" on the CBIC website to do so. The minimum number required is 40 IPU's (60 maximum), with activities provided by a credible organization and at least 50% from an accredited organization or state licensing board sponsoring IPU's.

Your **recertification portfolio must be submitted by 6:59 pm EST on October 31** that year you are due to recertify.

Portfolio's submitted by November 30th endure a 25% late fee, and those submitted after must sit for a proctored exam.

Did you Apply to the 2025 APIC Grand Canyon Chapter?

[Log-In to your APIC Profile](#)

Don't forget to register for the local APIC GC chapter (#088) this month to continue receiving updates about news and upcoming events. Also, help us update our mailing lists by checking to ensure your current email listed is accurate.

