

Monthly Newsletter

January 2025



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

We are excited to share and welcome the 2025 board and leadership members of the chapter:

- **President:** Jennifer Maxwell
- **President Elect:** Kristin Grimes
- **Treasurer:** Gretchen Ange
- **Treasurer Elect:** Milena Walker
- **Recording/Membership Secretary:** Mariana Singletary
- **Members at Large:**
 - Rebecca Ragar
 - Nicholas Schweers
 - Mary Sibulsky
- **Nominating and Awards Committee:**
 - Brianne McCombie
 - Martin Caudillo
 - Janet Acosta
- **Webmaster/Newsletter:** Rhianna Kozinski

We also want to say "Thank you" to our outgoing board and leadership members:

- Kim Horn
 - Past President
- Amber Burns
 - Board Member (President & Nominating) for 5 years
- Julie Shano
 - Webmaster/Newsletter for 7 years

In this newsletter you can expect:

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January Meeting Details

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APIC 2025 Volunteer Needed

IPU Portfolio Information for Recertification

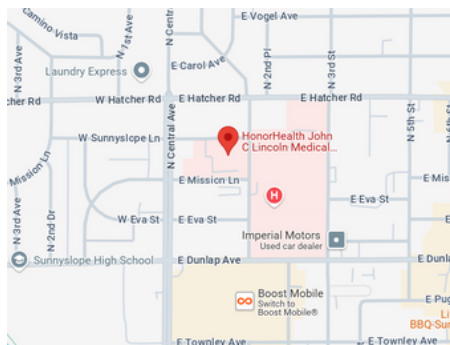
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Chapter Meeting

Join us for our January chapter meeting! Our speaker will be ... and time will also be available to meet and collaborate with other chapter members. The details are below:

- **Date:** January 24, 2025
- **Time:** 1:30 - 3:30 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/89849391138?pwd=vLpne8mta3vaWnDazzlSxTWvOrx25X.1>
 - **Password:** APIC4U

Scholarships Available

In June 2025, APIC National will be held in Phoenix, AZ. The planning committee is looking for 20-30 volunteers to help during the week. If you commit to at least 2 shifts before the early bird deadline (1/22-3/21), you will receive a 20% discount on your ticket (\$572 discounted price).

Additionally, if you commit as an APIC volunteer, you will have the opportunity to receive a \$600 or \$1100 scholarship* to assist with your attendance cost for the conference from APIC GC chapter**.

Note:

*Scholarship amount is based on individual need for overnight accommodation's due to daily travel restrictions.

**Participation as a volunteer is the only available requirement to fulfill to receive a scholarship

More information on jobs available is below.



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*

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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.

January is National Blood Donor Month

[Blood Donor Month Website](#)

Every January, we celebrate National Blood Donor Month, a time to honor the selflessness of blood donors and raise awareness about the critical need for blood donations. In the United States, nearly 7 million people selflessly give blood every year, serving as a lifeline for countless individuals in need. In fact, every two seconds, someone in our country requires blood, and on any given day, an average of 42,000 blood components are used by patients. That amounts to more than 15 million red blood cells, platelets, and plasma transfused last year alone. Despite this high demand, only three percent of all Americans choose to donate blood.

National Blood Donor Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation and to honor those who have already made a life-saving contribution. Please consider donating today to help those in your community.

Recent Job Postings Around the Area

[Director of Staff Development and Infection Control RN - Mirabella at ASU - Tempe, AZ](#)

[Infection Preventionist - Banner Desert Medical Center - Mesa, AZ](#)

[Infection Preventionist - Banner Baywood Medical Center - Mesa, AZ](#)

[Infection Preventionist - Banner Thunderbird Medical Center - Glendale, AZ](#)

[Infection Prevention RN - Sun Lakes, AZ](#)

[Infection Control Nurse - Pride Health - Yuma, AZ](#)
