



## Semi-Annual Member Newsletter

May 1, 2023

Message from APIC SC Palmetto President, Michelle King, MT(ASCP), MPH, CIC

Please accept my deepest thanks to all the APIC South Carolina Palmetto members. The work you do daily helps to improve the lives of patients across the state of South Carolina.

What you do matters in a significant way. You are the gate keepers of safety at each of your facilities. We welcome and embrace all areas of infection prevention from Ambulatory Surgery Centers and Hospitals to Nursing homes. APIC SC Palmetto has so much to offer you all in your different walks with infection prevention.

The past three years have been difficult for us all. We hope that you are taking the time to recover and take care of yourselves. Remember you can't take care of someone else if you don't take care of yourself. An make no mistake, we are all caregivers to many people at work and at home. Life is short make sure you enjoy the ride.

We value your contributions to our state APIC chapter and welcome you to become involved in the important work taking place. We have so many opportunities to grow your knowledge and partner with a team with passion for infection prevention. Here is a list of our committees: membership/mentoring, awards, by-laws/policies, CIC certification, education, IPU coordination, communications/website, program (conference planning), Lasic/HIDA, and the nominating committee. Email me with any questions about how you can become involved at [mking@mcleodhealth.org](mailto:mking@mcleodhealth.org).

If you are planning to take the CIC certification exam this year, join our study group on Tuesdays from 12 pm – 1 pm. We would love to help you on your journey to become a Board-Certified Infection Preventionist! Be on the lookout for information about your regional meetings. I know Gwen Usry and Wanda Summers have some wonderful education opportunities planned for the rest of this year. Scott Bernshausen and the 2023 Program Committee are hard at work preparing an exceptional education experience for you at our Fall Education Conference which is scheduled for November 1 – 3, 2023 in Columbia, SC. Save the dates in your calendar and make plans to attend. It will be our first in person conference in 3 years. I can't wait to see all of you in person. Until then, I wish you all well and hope that you continue to take advantage of all that being an APIC and APIC SC Palmetto member has to offer.

With gratitude,

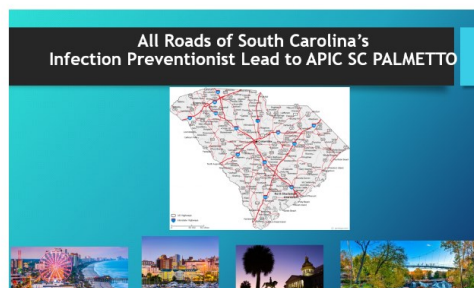
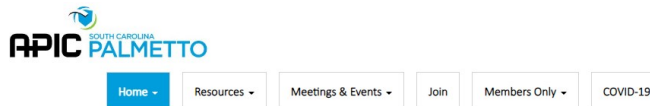
Michelle King

## 2023 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

<b>President</b>	Michelle King
<b>President Elect</b>	Scott Bernshausen
<b>Treasurer</b>	Crystal Grate
<b>Historian (past President)</b>	Matt Player
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Kim Thomas
<b>Upstate Director</b>	Gwen Usry
<b>Midlands Director</b>	Wanda Summers
<b>Low Country Director</b>	Vacant
<b>Membership/Mentoring</b>	Paige Storm (chair)
<b>Awards</b>	Beth Smith (chair)
<b>By-Laws/Policies</b>	Cathy Blanks (chair)
<b>Certification</b>	Wanda Summers (co-chair), Michelle King (co-chair)
<b>Education</b>	Rachel Stauffer
<b>IPU Coordination</b>	Wendy Young (chair)
<b>Communications/Website</b>	Tim Jones (chair)
<b>Program</b>	Scott Bernshausen (chair)
<b>Lasic/Hida</b>	Kathy Ward (chair)
<b>Nominating</b>	Shaunte Belton-Moore (chair)

Your APIC SC Palmetto Member Chapter Homepage—logon with your APIC membership information to see member only content

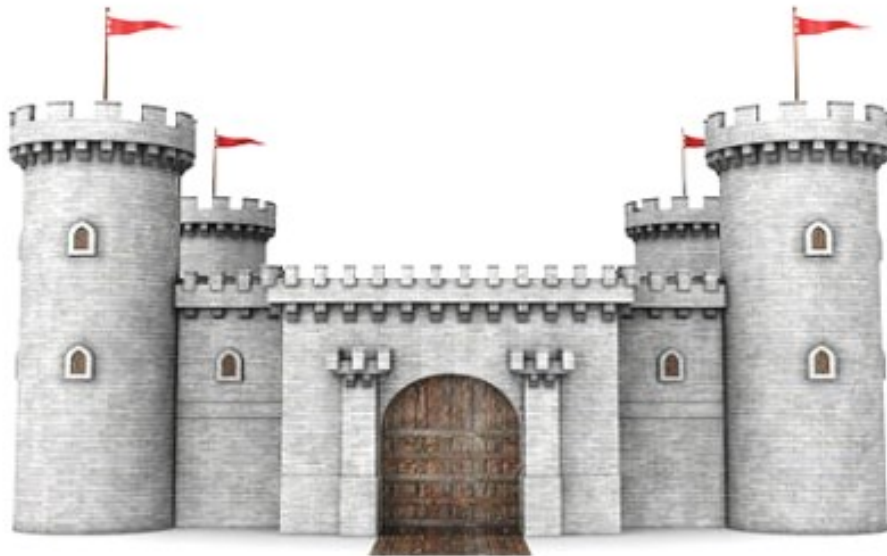
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# Knights Around the Table



**Maximizing Infection Prevention Efforts with all the right Stakeholders**

41<sup>st</sup> Annual APIC Palmetto Educational Conference

November 1-3, 2023

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Columbia, SC

# Willingness-to-Serve

APIC SC Palmetto is actively seeking members to fill volunteer positions on the APIC SC Palmetto Board and Committees for 2024. Through involvement you can play an active role in helping the chapter accomplish the organizational mission, vision, and values. To keep the chapter such a great asset, we need our members to participate. It does not matter if you have less than a year or more years than you like to admit in Infection Prevention. Every voice is valuable in the shaping of our chapter. Listed below are the officers that will be elected for 2024. If you do not want to run for an elected office, we also need members to serve on any of the committees. We need you to help in whatever capacity you can. What makes APIC SC Palmetto great are the dedicated members who volunteer their time to make it that way. For descriptions of the various positions/committees, please see the [2024 WTS form](#) located on the [APIC SC Palmetto website](#). Please return forms to [shaunte.belton-moore@prismahealth.org](mailto:shaunte.belton-moore@prismahealth.org)

## Officers Elected to start serving in 2024.

- President-Elect
- Treasurer-Elect
- Director – Midlands
- Director – Low Country
- Nominating Committee (need to elect 3)

## Appointed by President to Committee Service

**Please indicate with numbers indicating 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice, etc.)**

- Awards
- By-Laws/Policies
- Certification
- Education
- Membership/Mentoring
- Serve as a Mentor
- Communication/Website
- Infection Prevention Re-certification (IPUs)
- Program

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## APIC SC Palmetto IPU Committee

Are you Certified in Infection Prevention and Control? Is this your year for recertification?

There are two ways to recertify.

By Examination. The open-book recertification examination will be available through December 2025.

Note that after January 1, 2026, the recertification by exam will be by retaking the initial CIC proctored examination.

By Continuing Education of Infection Prevention Units (IPUs). Every 5 years, a minimum of 40 units/points from the projects or activities covering at least six of the eight domains.

For more information on recertification, please see the CBIC link: [Recertify \(cbic.org\)](#)

You can track your IPUs using the CBIC's IPU Tracking Sheet

[IPU-Portfolio-Guide---final.pdf \(cbic.org\)](#)

Free education and training for IPU's - visit the links below:

[Association for Professional in Infection Control and Epidemiology](#)

[Free webinars](#)

[Online Learning - APIC](#)

Free trainings and CEUs through the CDC

[Training and Continuing Education Online \(TCEO\)](#)

[STRIVE Infection Control Training | CDC](#)

[Training Websites | CDC Learning Connection | CDC](#)

National Center for Disaster Medicine & Public Health (NCDMPH)

[a FREE, eight-hour, online Disaster Health Core Curriculum](#)

American Nurses Association (ANA)

[The Concept of Infection Control \(Free\) \(nursingworld.org\)](#)

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

[Prevention CHKC: Course in HAI Knowledge and Control | LearningCE @ SHEA \(shea-online.org\)](#)

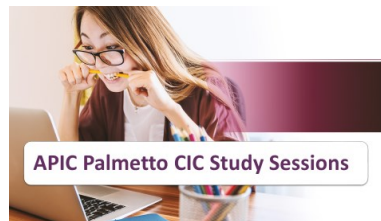
If you have any questions or would like to more information, please email me at [wendy.young3@va.gov](mailto:wendy.young3@va.gov)

Happy Learning!

Wendy W. Young, MSN, BSBA, RN, CIC

APIC SC Palmetto IPU Committee, Chair

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## [CIC Study Sessions - APIC SC Palmetto](#)

APIC South Carolina Palmetto weekly CIC study group sessions every Tuesday starting April/4/2023 until June/13/2023 30, 2022 at 12 pm.

### Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 277 636 642 897

Passcode: 7ugs2u

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

**Join with a video conferencing device**

[390630834@t.plcm.vc](tel:390630834@t.plcm.vc)

Video Conference ID: 119 277 346 1

[Alternate VTC instructions](#)

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# APIC SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO

**Presents**

## Regional APIC Meeting

(In-person (Location TBD) and Virtual Option)

Please join us for our first  
APIC South Carolina Palmetto hybrid meeting!

**May 17, 2023**

**11:00a - 1:00P**

**TOPIC:** Magnitude of the Source II: How Candida Auris and other Pathogens are Center Stage in the Fight Against Infections

Presenter: Martie Moore, DHL, MAOM, RN, CPHQ

Avadim Health (Theraworx Product Line) will be sponsoring the speaker for this meeting and will provide lunch for those in attendance at the in-person location.

We are looking for a facility within the Lowcountry or Midlands Regions to be a host for the in-person location for this meeting. If you would like to be the hosting facility (must have audio/video capability so others can join virtually) for the in-person location, please contact Wanda Summers at [summersw@musc.edu](mailto:summersw@musc.edu) by May 2, 2023.

APIC SC Palmetto is the local chapter of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc., an international association with the primary goal to direct, support and improve the practice and management of infection prevention and the application of epidemiology.

APIC SC Palmetto became a chartered chapter of national APIC on September 17, 1982. The chapter is comprised of members from all over the state of South Carolina and represents our 3 regions - Upstate, Midlands and Lowcountry. Regional meetings are held regularly throughout the year.

APIC SC Palmetto is dedicated to the education of its members, other clinicians, patients and the public. We invite you – members and non-members – to explore our website and see what we have to offer

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