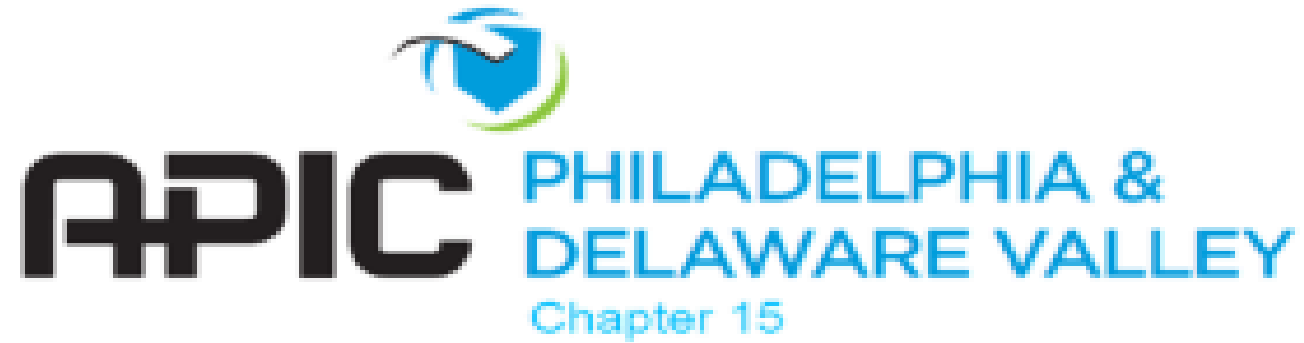




History Part II

2023 to Present

Chapter 15 Board

- Pres: Marissa McMeen
 - Pres-Elect: Meg Gilman
 - Past Pres: Kelly Romano
 - Sec: Maria Vacca
 - Treas: Mary Ehly
 - Director - Education: Megan Cook
 - Director - Awards & Nominating: Amy Karachalios
 - Steve Schweon, Ariell Gomes-Williams, Karlye Jowers
 - LTC Focus Grp Coord.: Merewyn Sheeran
 - Membership Coord: Julie Paoline
 - Director - Communications: Hillary Hei
 - Director Professional Development: Ronald Johnson
 - Chapter Legislative Rep: Kelly Zabriskie
 - Bylaws Coord.: Courtney Mitchell
 - Chapter Advisor: Jim Davis
 - Data Committee Coord: Lauren Satchell
- Virtual member meetings and educational offerings
 - April: Stronger together: A public health prevention partnership to contain Candida auris in SE PA (with PA DOH)
 - May: Recertification Tips & Tricks, CBIC
 - October: Standards & Guidelines for Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing
 - Plus many others with opportunities for IPUs
 - In-person member meeting October @ Jefferson Health, Philadelphia
 - Weekly Info Blast to members via APIC communication (member email as listed with APIC) with chapter updates and news plus CIC study questions
 - Board actions and activities:
 - Updated and approved job descriptions for elected and appointed positions to Board
 - Updated various pages on Chapter webpage
 - Supported APIC unification of chapter dues to \$25/year/member (current Chapter 15 chapter individual dues level)
 - Awards & recognition:
 - Chapter 15 awarded APIC Chapter Excellence Award for Member Support in Large Chapter category (new member orientation) submitted by Julie Paoline
 - Merewyn Sheeran – 2023 APIC Chapter Leader Award for work with LTC Focus Grp
 - Many chapter members published articles in professional journals, served on national APIC task forces and committees, and presented at national conferences.

Chapter 15 Board (Elected Positions)

- Pres: Meg Gilman
- Pres-Elect: Kelly Zabriskie
- Past Pres: Marissa McMeen
- Sec: Julia Bell
- Treas: Mary Ehly
- Education Director: Megan Cook
- Communications Dir: Hillary Hei
- Dir Professional Development: Ronald Johnson
- Dir-Awards & Nominating: Karlye Jowers
 - A&N members: Alexandra D'Armiento, Beth Schroeder, Ariell Allen

Appointed Positions to Board - 2024

- Chapter Advisor: Jim Davis
- Chapter Membership Coordinator: Julie Paoline
- Chapter Legislative Rep: Kelly Zabriskie
- Chapter Bylaws Coordinator: Courtney Mitchell
- Chapter Historian: Dottie Borton
- Volunteer positions:
 - Data Committee Coordinator: Lauren Satchell
 - LTC Focus Grp Coordinator: Merewyn Sheeran

Chapter Activities

- Continued weekly communication with relevant info to members via email and Chapter web page
 - Weekly CIC study questions
 - Legislative and regulatory updates
 - New educational opportunities & resources
- Hosted virtual chapter member orientation to demonstrate access to and use of Chapter 15 and APIC web pages, communication, and resources
- Provided variety of virtual & in-person educational sessions throughout the year with opportunities to earn IPU's and/or CEs.
- Conducted member needs assessment survey.
- Hosted two in-person chapter membership meetings
 - April 12
 - October 25 joint meeting with Ch 134 of Delaware
- At least 9 chapter members represented Chapter 15 at APIC national conference with posters & speaking sessions
- Participated with San Francisco Bay Area chapter in the IP Pulse Pilot Project to investigate effects of burnout among Infection Preventionists to identify & quantify how burnout has influenced our field
- Board updated chapter Bylaws & job descriptions to align with APIC
- Developed strategic plan for 2025

Executive Committee

- President: Kelly Zabriskie
- President-Elect: Lauren Le Goff
- Past President: Meg Gilman
- Secretary: Julia Bell
- Treasurer: Mary Ehly
- Treasurer in Training: vacant

Appointed Positions

- Advisor: Jim Davis
- Chapter Historian: Dottie Borton
- Chapter Legislative Representative: Marissa McMeen
- Chapter Bylaws Coordinator: Courtney Mitchell

Committee Directors

- Awards & Nominating: Karlye Jowers Kucenic
- Communications: Julie Paoline
- Education: Megan Cook
- Professional Development: Hillary Hei
- Long-Term Care Committee: Merry Sheeran
- Membership Committee: Lisa Gillen
- Data Committee: Vacant

Chapter Activities

- 270-280 active chapter members
- Hosted welcome dinner for chapter members.
- Continued participation in IP Pulse Project with San Francisco Bay Chapter and National APIC.
- Initiated using LinkedIn page to increase communications [APIC Chapter 015-Delaware Valley & Philadelphia:LinkedIn](#)
- LTC Focus Group started certification study group.
- Multiple virtual educational sessions.
- Effective 2025, appointed positions will serve 3 year term with annual review by Board.
- Clarified criteria for chapter member sponsorship to national APIC conference and sent two.
- In-person educational meeting scheduled:
 - 4/11/25 @ Jefferson Abington Hospital
 - 7/25/25 @ CHOP
 - 10/24/25 @ Solenis headquarters with Ch. 134
- Pilot Grant Proposal to fund one chapter member (1-year grant) for a quality improvement idea to elevate patient safety and healthcare outcomes.
- New member orientation virtual session.