

CO-APIC NEWSLETTER

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1st Quarter 2025



Message from the President

Dear Members,

Wow! The first quarter of the year is coming to a close. 2025 seems on fast forward. I am very excited to see where the chapter goes this year. I think we have a great year of education and outreach planned. CO-APIC will host a bootcamp later in the year and we have added a new topic to the meeting agenda for the membership to share stories from the field, case studies, and lessons learned. I am looking forward to learning from all of you.

Top News

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- Welcome New Members
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- Upcoming Events

Have ideas to make this the best chapter in the organization? Please reach out to any board member or committee chair with your ideas!

Board Members & Committee Chairs

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- Government Affairs - Bill Pfeifer wpfeifer@holzer.org
- Nominating Committee Chair - Sarah King sarah.burns2@nationwidechildrens.org

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Financial Overview

2024 financial review on CO-APIC chapter's activities:

- *Starting balance:* \$16,093.10
- *Chapter Conference & Events:* Total cost \$9,310.57
- *Scholarships:* Awarded \$1,747 for three members to attend 2024 Nation APIC Conference
- *Local Contributions:* \$1,000 to support Columbus Public Health Long Term Care Essentials Course
- *Dues & Renewal Fees:* Paid \$652 to APIC
- *Ending Balance:* \$15,633.44

Membership

Welcome new member, Lindsey!

- **New Member:** Lindsey Mason, Delaware PH District
- **Membership Benefits:**
 - Resources and tools for guidance in your daily role
 - Subscriptions to the American Journal of Infection Control and Prevention Strategist
 - Discounts on education courses and conferences to enhance your IPC competency
 - Networking with 15,000 of your peers through IP Talk

Government Affairs & Communication

Welcome new committee member, Kierstin!

- **New Committee Member:** Kierstin Trocha, MPH, MLS(ASCP), Nationwide Children's Hospital
- **Ohio House Bill 112 (02/26/25):**
 - To enact section 3792.09 of the Revised Code to prohibit discrimination against an individual for the refusal of certain medical interventions for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, and to name this act the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act.
 - Specifically addresses the right to refuse vaccines and provides an opportunity for litigation for perceived actions taken against such individuals.
- **Public Policy Resources:** Click the topics below from APIC and see how you can take action.

What's New Public Policy Agenda Regulatory Comments
State Issues Federal Issues Lobby Day Take Action

UPCOMING EVENTS

CO-APIC In-Person Meeting

April 23, 2025; 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM @ Makoy Center

5462 Center St., Hilliard, OH 43026

CO-APIC Members attend FREE; \$20 for Non-Members

Lunch is provided

Upcoming Education Opportunities



Webinars & Workshops:

- "True Life: I'm an Epidemiologist"
 - The CO-APIC Education Committee has launched an open forum section that allows our members to present on a unique case investigation or topic of their choice. If you have any cases you would like to present at one of our upcoming meetings, please contact Jim Minelli.
- Calling all environmental IP experts to help out with this year's CO-APIC Bootcamp in August! If you have any ideas of presenters, activities, or open discussion please reach out to the Education Committee.

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