

CO-APIC NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

Hello Central Ohio Chapter,

First, big shoutout to the Education Committee for organizing another successful bootcamp! It was a fun, interactive, educational day. Lots of valuable insights on construction and infection prevention was learned.

I hope to see many of you again at OhioHealth's IP Week Conference: "What's Haunting You?" on October 29th!

—Sara Griffith (Baughman), President-elect

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

Government Affairs & Communication

Don't know what to do about this year's Federal vaccination recommendations? Do Something! It is easy to take action with APIC and it gives you the chance to speak out with the full backing of APIC.

"APIC has made the difficult decision to support a joint statement with other health, medical, science, and public health organizations calling for Secretary Kennedy's resignation."

Act now! Go to the APIC page, Public Policy Menu and hit the "take action" button to send a prepared message to your Senators and Representatives.

OHIO:

- State Legislator Committee hearings started on 9/16.

Legislation for IP&C to watch this term:

- House Bill 112: Conscientious Right to Refuse Act
 - Don't think this will impact you. Read the bill and think about it.

*Topics underlined and social media icons contain hyperlinks



APIC Chapter Excellence Award

Central Ohio Chapter 53 was a 2024 recipient of the APIC Chapter Excellence Award. The Chapter Excellence Award recognizes programs either launched or updated in the last year and have made an accomplishment within the last year that supports APIC's mission and Strategic Plan. Congratulations, CO-APIC members!

Membership

Welcome new members!

• New Members:

- Christine Campbell, OhioHealth
- Daniel Dumere, Ohio Department of Health
- Rachel Saady, Ohio Department of Health
- Emily Lipp, Delaware Public Health
- Regina Lopez-Worth, Delaware Public Health
- Kaitlyn Morrissey, Delaware Public Health
- Samantha Ward, Southern Ohio Medical Center
- Richelle Workman, Hospice of Western Reserve
- Tony Mansfield, Steri-Matt
- Chloe Thompson, PDI
- Ian McDaniel

2026 Board of Directors

Thank you to those who ran for the 2026 Board of Directors open positions. Your willingness to step up and serve your IP community is commendable. Congratulations to the following on being elected to serve on the 2026 Board of Directors:

- President-elect: **Erin Mitchell**
- Treasurer: **Jo Henman**
- Secretary: **Candice Fearon**

Can't wait to see what 2026 has in store for CO-APIC!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CO-APIC Virtual Meeting

Date: 12/17/25

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Education



On behalf of the Education Committee, thank you to all the speakers and breakout booth owners for making our construction-themed bootcamp a success. Excellent information was presented on water management, QUAPI strategies, HVAC infection prevention, FGI guidance, digital ICRA organization, and more. We had an amazing turnout with 72 attendees and 6 vendors. Be on the lookout for next year's bootcamp. It will be an event you won't want to miss!

Do you have ideas on education content or recommendations for content topics? Then join the education committee to help bring more quality content to our chapter meetings. We are looking for new members for 2026. Interested? Please reach out to Jim Minnelli or Susan Singh for more information!