

MINUTES
IPAC-Ottawa Region Meeting
December 17, 2015

1.0 Call to order at 9:00.

1.1 Minutes for October 13, 2015 approved by Angie and Nancy.

2.0 Business Arising - S. Rowland

2.1 IPAC Conference- Held December 10, 2015: *"Sharpening Your Infection Control Skills: Skate Like an Expert"* went very well. There were rave reviews. Approximately 120 people were in attendance, with eight vendors present and the afternoon skills fair was a "big hit" well received by all participants. Event rating was 4.65/5. We made ~ \$4000 dollars with about \$400 of these dollars raised from the raffle for the bicycle donated by Kunststat. Suzanne thanked the chair and the co-chair (Pat Bedard and Angie Wigmore) as well as all the committee members including Champlain RICN, and Ottawa Public Health for their support and hard work in making this a successful event.

2.2 Elections: Suzanne reminded everyone that it is time for elections and not many people have come forward. Please consider putting your name forward today as Secretary, Treasurer and Membership are all up for renewal. These positions are all one year terms. Pat Bedard has agreed to stay on as Webmaster for our chapter. Suzanne mentioned that this is her last meeting as chapter president that Sam MacFarlane will be the new president for 2016. This is a three year commitment as the president elect, president and past president.

2.3 CSAO Course- Suzanne mentioned that the one week course offered by the CASO will be coming in February 2016 cost of \$661.90 and will be held at the Riverside hospital. Registration is now being accepted. This course does not provide you with hands on experience as currently the only program offering this is the one year course offered through Algonquin College. Donna Perron mentioned that she has had conversations with Algonquin about the need for this kind of training as nothing like this is offered for the community settings that are doing reprocessing. She also mentioned that she had been to the endoscopic reprocessing training in Toronto that was offered by Olympus and stated that this was a very good course giving a very comprehensive understanding of endoscopes.

3.0 IPAC Canada

3.1 Chapter President Report – S. Rowland

3.1.1 Recent collaborations- AMMI Canada, PHAC, CPSI looking at standardizing case definitions

-Canadian Nurses Association –recognition of IPAC as a nursing specialty

-Certification Board of Infection control- offering a CIC study preparatory workshop at conference and French exam, remote testing

-College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada–development of PPE Education Tools

3.1.2 Membership fees as of January 2016 will be individual \$206, institutional \$288/\$124, student/retired \$124, new individual member /first year \$124, CIC discount of \$50 for persons writing CIC for the first time

3.1.3. There will be a half day dialysis workshop at the conference, Surveillance and applied epidemiology group to look at case definitions, Network of Networks looking at government engagement, Standards and guidelines looking at perioperative, dialysis, hand hygiene position statements with programs and projects looking at audit tools and audit tool committee

3.1.4 The Ecolab poster theme this year is ICPs The Core of Infection Prevention and Control. Send in your ideas! The deadline for submission is January 31st.

3.1.5 Funding opportunities are also available to support attending the national conference for continuing educational needs.

3.1.6 Elections at the conference this year, positions opened include Director (programs & projects), Director (standard, public representatives & guidelines)

3.1.7. Board has authorized a major revamp of IPAC website 2016-2017, new platform and software, complete overhaul, mobile friendly, better search features and administrative access for chapters to do simple upload of documents.

3.1.8. 2016 conference will be held May 15-19 abstract submission open now with deadline February 12.

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Chapter meet and greet (May 16), Gala dinner and dance May17 and Run or Walk for IFIC Monday May 16th.

Interest group meetings (May 14), Chapter presidents meeting May 15, opening ceremonies May 15, Committee meetings May 16 and 17, AGM and elections May 18

3.1.9. Future Conferences 2017-Charlottetown, 2018 Banff, 2019 Quebec City, 2020 Winnipeg

4.0 Interest Group Reports

- Community Health Care Interest Group- Catherine Richard
- Dialysis Interest Group- Colleen Weir
- Environmental Hygiene Interest Group-Natalie Bruce
- Healthcare Facility Design and Construction Interest Group-Claude Bussiere
- Long Term Care Interest Group-Johelle Cronier
- Mental Health Interest Group-Janet Evans
- Network of Networks Interest Group-Jo Anne Cunningham
- Oncology Interest Group-Nimo Mohamoud
- Paediatric & Neonatal Interest Group- Judy Dennis
- Prehospital Care Interest Group- VACANT
- Reprocessing Interest Group – Donna Perron
- Surveillance and Applied Epidemiology Interest Group- Josee Shymanski

5.0 Elections- The new executive team for 2016 is as follows

President – Sam MacFarlane

Secretary – Shelley Hudson

Treasurer – Angie Wigmore

Membership – Annie Lord -Stephens

Education Coordinator(s) – Donna Perron and Donna Baker

Webmaster – Pat Bedard

6.0 Education Session: CDI and UVC Technology - Natalie Bruce

7.0 Meeting Adjourned