

IPAC Ottawa Region

Minutes

October 15, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 and the agenda and minutes from June 2015 meeting adopted by those present. If those not present wish to make corrections to them, please send the changes to Suzanne and Angie directly.
2. **Chapter President Report**
 - a. IPAC Website
 - i. IPC Week resources, including a media release, are available on website
 - ii. Chapter Task Force recommendations for chapter engagement and advancement also on website. IPAC OR provided input. S. Rowland will send a copy by email to those who request it. IPAC OR has already made some changes (e.g., changed meeting location to one with OTN access)
 - iii. Communique regarding fee structure changes for upcoming year (e.g., reduced annual fee for new members)
3. **Upcoming Elections**
 - a. All executive positions are up for re-election except for President-elect and President. Nomination forms available.
4. **Survey**
 - a. A decision was made at the last IPAC OR Executive meeting to perform an online survey of the chapter's members to receive input on education sessions, and membership engagement.
5. **IPAC Symposium Update**
 - a. To be held on December 10, 2015 and will target non-ICPs from long-term care. It will be held at Ben Franklin Place and the topics and draft poster were circulated for information. Dr. Caroline Pym will be the keynote speaker. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.
 - b. Volunteers identified for several tasks: 1) help out with PPE and Hand Hygiene booths--Bev; 2) LTC vignettes— Caroline Meguerditchian.
 - c. -Bilingual volunteer still needed to act as MC, Nancy T.-G. will check with colleagues at OPH. Volunteers will get 50% off of conference registration fee.
 - d. Some vendors have already expressed an interest to be at the conference.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Balance of \$5090.37 in the bank—enough money to fund the costs of the symposium. Membership has declined in last couple of years—now low 80s. New members will be welcomed!
7. **Education Committee's Report**

- a. Brenda McLean is tentatively booked to present at the February 2016 meeting on the community iGAS outbreak.
- b. Always looking for topic and speaker suggestions. Note that OTN allows for speakers not based in Ottawa.
- c. Dec. 2015 meeting will be any posters or presentations that members may have presented this past year, including any at the 2015 IPAC National Education Conference.

8. Webmaster's Report

- a. All education session slides are on our chapter website as long as permitted by presenters.
- b. Instructions on how to access chapter website will be resent to the members. Username is ipacor; password is 2014. These are permanent and will only be changed if needed.

9. Interest Groups

- a. Pediatric and Neonatal: Active group with many questions sent out. This group will be asked to review a pediatrics pandemic guide.
- b. Oncology: Not very active. A survey will be sent shortly to members of the group.
- c. Education: Hoping to get a newsletter out. Joint PHAC webinar on RPAP in November. Suggestion made to tap into local chapter presentations nationally.
- d. Surveillance: C-section presentation will be put on interest group site. Angie will check if can be shared with chapter. Working with pan-Canadian group (CNISP) to standardize definitions. Plan to look at having an education session on Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR).
- e. Environmental Hygiene: First meeting held in September. Goal is to have a position statement on green products and practices; a tool to assist in decision-making for product choices.
- f. Standards and Guidelines: BSI in dialysis—approved; Healthcare Design—pending; Hand hygiene reformatted
- g. Reprocessing: Cheryl will become the representative.
- h. Long-term Care: Nil new

10. IPC Partners

- a. PHO: RICN are performing an internal IPAC review. Getting stakeholder feedback regarding contact with PHO. Deloitte has been hired to do this. M. Cividino is presenting on Oct. 20, 2015 on "5 top risk activities in the clinical setting". New best practices for IPAC surveillance of novel respiratory pathogens out last week.

11. Hot Topics

The following topics were discussed at length by the group: Flu vaccine, TB Testing, and IPC practices for management of ESBL.

Presentation: on Ebola by Dr. Melissa Langevin

<https://eronashoestring.wordpress.com/author/eronashoestring/>

Present: Donna Baker, Teresa Bandrowska, Pat Bedard, Beverley Brown, Natalie Bruce (OTN), Nancy-Ann Bush (OTN), Jacin Lapointe (OTN), Andrea Coady, Laura Cyr, Johelle Cronier, Jo Anne Cunningham,

K. Defalco, Linda Howard, Shelly Hudson, Joanne Beckstead (OTN), Sam MacFarlane, Caroline Meguerditchian, Nimo Mohamoud (OTN), Colette Ouellet, Frida Plourde, Suzanne Rowland, Josee Shymanski, Cheryl Smith, Nancy Todd-Giordano,

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