

An UPDATE for the Members of APIC-NC

HAPPY SPRING!

Thought I would give you a little update on what is happening in the world of APIC-NC

It was great seeing so many of you at the Spring One Day Conference in Concord and what a great conference it was with so many interesting and knowledgeable speakers. If you were unable to attend be sure to check out the slide presentation on this web-site from Jean Fleming, Steven Martin and Roger Lovell.

Information from the March 27, 2009 Business Meeting:

- 57 attendees at the Spring One Day Conference with 6 vendor sponsors
- Treasures Report – Fourth Quarter of 2008
 - \$5,917.64 in expenses
 - \$18,883.40 ending balance
- Current membership stands at 228
 - If you participated in the Membership survey on Survey Monkey this past fall concerning Zones, you were one of 80 members responding. Overall results were that those responding were satisfied with the present zones and zone activities. You may be hearing more about this in the future, in the meantime if you have comments you would like to make please feel free to contact Polly Padgett, Membership Chair.
- Be sure to check out the application for awards and scholarships on this web-site. There are many opportunities for you to take advantage of.
- The Board and Membership recognized Marie Stelmach, Carolinas Medical Center for her years of service to APIC. Marie will be retiring on May 1, 2009. We want to wish the very best of luck to Marie!
- APIC-NC Fall Conference will be held October 5 – 7, 2009 at the Hilton in Wilmington, NC. Some of the planned sessions are on Joint Commission and the National Patient Safety Goals, *Clostridium difficile*, and Disinfection/ Sterilization. Make your plans now to attend.
- As many of you are aware a “Bill” concerning Mandatory Reporting of HAIs has been sent to the Health Sub-Committee. It is our understanding that the “Bill” was approved and sent to the Appropriation Committee for approval of monies for the setting up of the system for data collection. More information to come.
- We Need You! Let your name be entered to run for office – positions for election are – President-elect, Secretary, Board Member and Nominating Committee. Look for further information on this web-site or contact Jessica Dixon, Nominating Committee Chair.
- A letter has been sent to the NC Nurses Association to enlist their support of a mandatory influenza vaccination for healthcare workers. Board voted to renew our corporate membership in the Association.
- Letter is being drafted to CBIC with the Board’s concerns with the re-certification process (only certification that is renewed by taking exam – all others use CEUs) and the removal of the 2 year experience requirement before taking the exam.

If you have question concerning any of the information above or you have questions concerning other issues, please feel free to contact me at cjones0@co.guilford.nc.us or 336-641-6500.

Again, HAPPY SPRING! Connie