



April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

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# APIC MN General Meeting

# Did you register for our meeting?

Reminder to register to receive IPU/CEs

- [APIC Minnesota - Meeting/Event Information](#)



# Basic Infection Prevention (BIP)

*Whether you're new to IP or need a refresher, the Basic Infection Prevention Course provides introductory knowledge consistent with practices across different healthcare settings.*

*If you, or someone you know, would be interested please contact [Education@apicmn.org](mailto:Education@apicmn.org) and indicate BIP.*



*Save the Date!*

**APIC's Basic  
Infection Prevention  
Course (BIP)**

**November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
Carpenter's Union – St. Paul, MN

The poster features a hand in a blue glove holding a magnifying glass over a petri dish with various colored bacteria. Below the text is a network of icons including a shield with a cross, a hand sanitizer bottle, a microscope, and a stethoscope, all connected by lines. The background is a blurred hospital hallway.

# SAVE THE DATE

## 49th ANNUAL APIC MN FALL CONFERENCE

### COME ON DOWN - PREVENTING INFECTIONS IS THE RIGHT PRICE

### SEPT. 23 - 24, 2026 Plymouth Community Center

# Call For Speakers!

We are seeking speakers for the APIC MN Fall Conference.  
Contact [conference@apicmn.org](mailto:conference@apicmn.org) to share your interest.

## Suggested Topics:

- LTC infection prevention
- SSI, CLABSI, CAUTI, device-related infections
- Outbreaks & emerging diseases (measles, HCIDs)
- Construction & physical environment / IFUs
- Burnout, workflow, career growth
- Partnerships (IP + public health)
- Education & staff engagement

## GREAT BENEFITS!

 **\$350 honorarium**

 **Free conference registration**  
*for APIC MN members*

# Call For Posters

Showcase your infection prevention work!  
Poster submissions now open

## Topics:

- IP Initiatives
- QI & Patient Safety
- Research & Best Practices
- Team wins

**Deadline: Aug 16, 2026**  
**Submit: [jholcombe@welia.org](mailto:jholcombe@welia.org)**

*Poster submissions are open to chapter members only. Commercial/vendor submissions are not eligible*

## Agenda:

### 12:05-12:10: Introduction and Welcome

Presenter: Asha Elgonda, APIC MN Education Chair

### 12:10-1:05: SMMC Build & Post Go-LIVE Learnings

Presenter: Laura C. Pfenninger – Essentia Health

#### Objectives:

- Describe key infection prevention considerations incorporated during new hospital construction and activation.
- Identify post-go-live challenges that impacted infection prevention workflows and how they were addressed.
- Discuss lessons learned to inform future construction or renovation projects.

IPU/CE contact hours: 1.0

### 1:05-1:35: New Distribution Center & Downstream Workflow Impacts

Presenter: Kristie Klever – Essentia Health

#### Objectives:

- Describe the infection prevention implications of centralized supply and distribution workflows.
- Identify key workflow changes associated with implementation of a new distribution center and pick system.
- Discuss downstream impacts to clinical and support areas relevant to infection prevention practice.

IPU/CE contact hours: 0.5

### 1:35-1:45: Break

### 1:45-2:15: APIC MN Board of Directors (BOD) Updates

### 2:15-2:50: APIC MN Members “I Survived It” series (2 presenters)

1. “A survey finding we didn’t expect: The washing machine problem: a small piece of equipment that became a big IP headache” (presented by Bri Despot – Essentia Health Infection Preventionist)
2. “Digital Displays: When technology, environment, and IP collide” (presented by Melissa Pappas – Essentia Health Infection Preventionist & APIC MN Education Vice Chair)

### 2:50-3:25: New CSP Selection, Design, and System Realignment

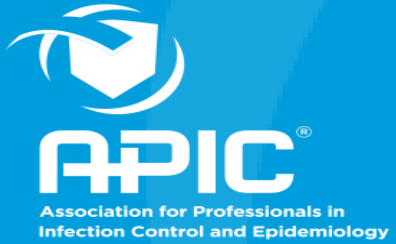
Presenter: Carly R. Mathews – Essentia Health

#### Objectives:

- Describe how sterile processing design and workflow impact infection prevention risk.
- Identify common failure points in traditional sterile processing environments (e.g., flow, steam quality, ergonomics).
- Apply AAMI standards (ST79, ST91, ST108) to real-world design and operational decisions.
- Translate lessons learned from a hospital transition into system-wide improvements.

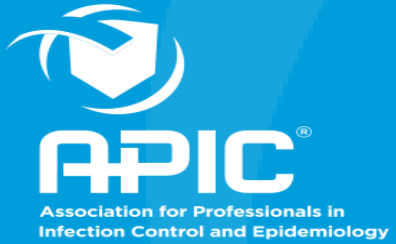
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### 3:30 onwards: Social hour for in-person attendees!



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# SMMC Build & Post Go-LIVE Learnings



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# New Distribution Center & Downstream Workflow Impacts



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# APIC MN Business Meeting

APIC MN Board of Directors and Committee Leaders

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# **Board of Directors Report Out**

# VISION

A safer world through prevention of infection

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# MISSION

To advance the science and practice of infection prevention and control

## President – Sam Saunders

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- Checking in. How are you doing?
- APIC National in Nashville. Who is joining me?
- APIC National – HICPAC Committee
- Our committees have been BUSY!



## Past President – Katherine Grimm

- **Get your APIC Minnesota Chapter 18 tee shirt today!**
  - Consider wearing to opening ceremony at APIC National
  - Design courtesy of Ellen Simonson (2018)
- Cost \$23.94, shipped directly to you in 7-14 business days.
- [APIC Minnesota Chapter 18 T-Shirt | Bonfire](#)



## Treasurer – Jodi Hogendorf

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- Checking: \$128,298.39
- Savings: \$500.01

I will be working with APIC National CFO  
for investment opportunities



## Board Liaisons and Committees

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- President (Sam Saunders) is Liaison to:
  - Legislative Rep
  - HAI Advisory Committee
  - Reprocessing Committee
- President Elect (Jessica Nerby) is Liaison to:
  - Mental/Behavioral Health & Addiction Services
  - Emerging Infections Committee
  - Pediatric Committee
- Past President (Katherine Grimm) is Liaison to:
  - Nominating Committee
  - NHSN Case Study Coordinator
  - EMR Committee
- Vice President (Elaine Stevens) is Liaison to:
  - BIP
  - Conference Committee
  - Education Committee
- Director at Large (Amy Hays) is Liaison to:
  - Long Term Care Committee
  - Ambulatory Care Committee
  - International Committee

## Nominating Committee – Chair Kelsey Wick; Vice Chair Kari Russell

Open Positions for 2026	# of Candidates
President Elect	0
Treasurer Elect	1
Nominating Committee Co-Chair	1

- Board appointed positions
  - Communications Director



Nominating  
Committee Chair



Nominating  
Committee Vice  
Chair

# Committee Leadership Report Out

Conference Committee – Chair Eric Hilsgen (MN Dept of Health); Vice Chair Derek Hill (North Memorial Health)

- Save the date for Fall Conference! Wednesday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>-Thursday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>  
@ Plymouth Community Center
- Call for speakers – contact [conference@apicmn.org](mailto:conference@apicmn.org)
- Call for poster submissions – contact [jholcombe@welia.org](mailto:jholcombe@welia.org)



## Education Committee – Chair Asha Elgonda (Allina Health); Vice Chair Melissa Pappas (Essentia Health)

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- Committee updates
  - 4 events planned for 2026: 3 General Meetings + MNSPA/APIC collab
    1. February 12<sup>th</sup> – Virtual only meeting
    2. April – Duluth meeting
    3. August – MNSPA/APIC collab
    4. October/November – Final general member meeting of the year at Ecolab!
  - BIP – save the date November 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> (please contact [education@apicmn.org](mailto:education@apicmn.org) if you are interested in participating in the workshop)
  - “I Survived It” Series
    - Looking for speakers for future meetings! Interested? Email [education@apicmn.org](mailto:education@apicmn.org)

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**QUESTIONS?**



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**“I Survived It”**



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# New CSP Selection, Design, and System Realignment



**Up Next:**

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**APIC MN/MNSPA Education Day**  
**August 2026**

**Watch for more information and registration  
details to come!**